

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Japanese Conversation I

Course Number and Section: JAPANESE 3360A 550

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Course Description:

Conversation-based, group-oriented experiential approach to Japanese. Conducting theme-based tasks in Japanese, students improve their conversational proficiency, as well as expanding practical vocabulary of Japanese. Taught in Japanese.

Learning Outcomes:

- To acquire more advanced communicative skills (speech and listening) of modern Japanese, with a particular emphasis on the spoken language.
- To acquire knowledge about Japanese culture through verbal communication and its mannerisms.
- To acquire and manipulate linguistic signs for communication.
- To strengthen conversation skills for the intermediate level students (e.g. JPN3350 and 4450).

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Intermediate 1 B1
The Japan Foundation. Sanshuusha, October 2016 ISBN: 978-4-394-05759-1

- Cost: \$81.15
- Students need to purchase this edition. Older editions will not be sufficient.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Participation		15
4 small speech drafts		10
4 topic quizzes		20
2 interviews		30

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
In-class final speech		15
Video Assignment	12/09/2025	10

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