

## KGU Summer School 2018

### Japanese for Daily Life

#### ◆ Course Description

This course is for Japanese beginners who have never studied Japanese before. Students will study vocabulary and basic sentence structure at an introductory level, and aim to use the acquired skills to understand the basic structure of the Japanese language, learn introductory conversation, and further understand Japanese culture. To maximize your study experience at KGU, studying the two Japanese phonetic scripts (Hiragana and Katakana) is recommended but not a requirement for this course.

#### ◆ Japanese Language Class

Students will study basic sentence structure and daily conversational skills in this course. A highly experienced Japanese language lecturer will train students through a variety of games and communicative activities. Students will also participate in interactive classes with KGU students acting as Japanese language partners (Nihongo Partners), which will provide the opportunity to use the skills acquired in classes. At the end of the course, students will be able to talk about their daily events such as introducing themselves and their classmates, and exchanging questions and answers on their personal matters.

- ✓ Teaching Materials
  - Textbook: *Genki Vol.1* ( The Japan Times), handouts
- ✓ Recommended materials for studying Japanese language prior to arrival in Japan
  - Japan Foundation Hiragana self-study App “HIRAGANA/KATAKANA Memory Hint”
  - <http://www.jfkc.jp/en/material/memoryhint.html> (Only for Smartphones)
  - Self-study Room, Genki-Online (ひらがな・カタカナ)  
[http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self\\_en](http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self_en)

※We will provide instructions for assignments to be completed prior to start of the program.

#### ◆ Cultural Exchange Sessions with Nihongo Partners

In Japanese language classes, students will participate in cultural exchange sessions with an opportunity to converse with Japanese language partners (Nihongo Partners). The conversation will focus on the following topics encouraging students to use the grammar and the vocabulary that they have acquired.

- ✓ Saying hello (Pairing up)
  - Introduce yourself and others
  - Discussing hobbies
- ✓ Talk about your day (Show & tell activity)
  - Talk about life on campus

- ✓ Touring and shopping in Japan (group presentation)
  - Explain what you want to buy and where you want to go while in Japan
- ✓ Living in Japan (poster presentation)
  - Compare your country and Japan, and discuss the different characteristics

#### ◆Japanese Cultural Experience

During the program, students will participate in the following events to deepen the knowledge they learned in class.

- ✓ Field trip to Hiroshima and Himeji

#### ◆Grading Criteria

At the end of this program, students will sit a final examination and will also be required to give a short speech in Japanese. Other assignments during the course will also be evaluated.

Evaluation = Final exam (10%) , in-class quizzes (30%) , Presentations/assignments (40%) ,  
Participation (20%)

◆ Schedule for Japanese Language Classes and Cultural Exchange Sessions

Class Number	Date	Target Grammar and Contents
Class 1	6/11	XはYです・NのNです (Expressions for greetings and self-introductions)
Class 2	6/12	～か・Nじゃないです
Class 3	6/13	Xがあります・います
Class 4	6/14	Review (Preparation for Cultural Exchange Session)
Class 5	6/14	Cultural Exchange Session: Introducing yourself and others
Class 6	6/15	Adjectives (non-past tense) (Introducing my hometown)
Class 7	6/18	Present tense verbs (～ます・～ません)
Class 8	6/19	Days of the week, times of day, Interrogatives
Class 9	6/20	Past tense verbs (～ました・～ませんでした)
Class 10	6/21	Cultural Exchange Session preparation : Worksheet, practice
Class 11	6/21	Cultural Exchange Session : Talk about your day
Class 12	6/25	Talking about what you like and don't like and why (XはYがすきです・きれいです・～から (理由))
Class 13	6/26	Talking about what you want and want to do (～たい・～がほしい)
Class 14	6/27	Preparing for an interactive class 1: Building a collage
Class 15	6/28	Preparing for an interactive class 2: Practice
Class 16	6/28	Cultural Exchange Session: Touring and shopping in Japan
Class 17	6/29	Daily exchanges
Class 18	7/2	Adjectives (past-tense)/review
Class 19	7/3	Comparing things (～のほうが (～より) です・一番～です)
Class 20	7/4	Preparing for an interactive class 1: Presentation topics
Class 21	7/5	Preparing for an interactive class 2: Making your poster and practice
Class 22	7/5	Cultural Exchange Session: Living in Japan
Class 23	7/6	Final exams/ Words and phrases for Fieldtrip
Class 24	7/7	Fieldtrip
Class 25	7/7	Fieldtrip
Class 26	7/8	Fieldtrip
Class 27	7/8	Fieldtrip
Class 28	7/9	Feedback on final exam/fieldtrips/memories in Japan
Class 29	7/10	Presentation preparation
Class 30	7/11	Presentation (memories in Japan)