UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Japanese Language I

2021-1-E2001R058-E2001R066M

Course title

Japanese Language 1

Topics and course structure

The Japanese language 1 course is aimed at students of the Bachelor of Science in Intercultural Communication who have no knowledge of the Japanese language, and aims to provide the foundation for learning the written and spoken language. The course is supported by language conversation classes held by a Japanese professor.

Objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Students will gain a solid and systematic knowledge of the fundamentals of the Japanese language at an elementary level.

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

Students will learn to rework autonomy grammatical structures and vocabulary learned during the course of the program, as well as to recognize and read a sufficient number of kanji for the understanding of texts written in the Japanese language at an elementary level.

With regard to the independence of judgment and the strengthening of communication skills, teachers urge students to formulate their own opinion independently. The ability to learn is stimulated through active participation

in lectures and discussion of the materials provided by the teachers.

Methodologies

In the Covid-19 emergency period, lessons will tale place in a mixed mode: partial presence and asynchronous and synchroninous videotaped lessons. The asynchroninous videotaped lessons will be loaded on e-learning before the hour of the lessons, the synchroninous lessons within the next day.

Online and offline teaching materials

Online materials: exercices and articles uploaded on e-learning

Programme and references for attending students

The program includes the analysis of some aspects of grammar such as the pronunciation, the minimum sentence, conjugation of verbs and adjectives, sentence structure etc.. During the course, in addition, the student will read texts of various kinds. This will allow students to approach the elements of writing - ideograms and syllabic alphabets - as well as expressive forms and structures typical of written language. The lectures will be supplemented by classes with a native speaker teacher. For the exam, the students must know and read all the words and kanji included in the first 9 Units of the textbook. And should be able to write all the *kaku kanji* explained in the first 9 units of the textbook.

REFERENCES

--- Matilde Mastrangelo, Junichi Oue, *Impariamo il giapponese. Corso di lingua e cultura giapponese*, vol. 1, Milano, Hoepli, 2020 (don't buy previous editions)

---Susanna Marino, *Il Dizionario giapponese*, Bologna, Zanichelli, 2019 (don't buy previous editions)

--- Simone Guerra, *Kanji. Grande dizionario giapponese-italiano dei caratteri*, Bologna, Zanichelli, 2015

--- Texts uploaded in e-learning

Programme and references for non-attending students

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Assessment methods

Written and Oral tests (both compulsory)

Written test involves a translation from Japanese into Italian (with dictionaries). The students who pass the written

exam will be admitted to the oral exam, which is composed by: questions on a text included in the textbook that the student will read during the oral exam, questions on Japanese grammar, self-presentation, a brief conversation on various aspects of everyday life, translation of some sentences from Italian into Japanese and writing of *kaku kanji* of the first 9 units of the textbook. To pass the exam, the student must get a sufficient grade in the written and in oral tests. The written and oral exams must be done in the same month.

Evaluation methods

The ability of the students to use actively the elements of Japanese language of the course; the ability to read and write the kanji; the ability to comprehend written and oral texts ; the ability to communicate in Japanese; the knowledge of Japanese grammar linguistics of the books indicated in the bibliography; the ability to translate simple texts from Japanese into Italian and viceversa.

Office hours

By appointment to take by email

Programme validity

The programmes are valid 2 years

Course tutors and assistants