



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Japanese Language III

2223-3-E2001R060-E2001R070M

Course title

Japanese Language 3

Topics and course structure

The Japanese Language 3 course is aimed at students on the Intercultural Communication degree course who have passed Japanese Language 2. The course includes an in-depth study of intermediate-level grammatical structures of the Japanese language. It includes learning 143 characters (kanji) in writing. Knowledge of all the vocabulary and kanji (reading) that appear in the units in the textbook syllabus (including those in the exercises) is also required. The course is supported by exercises held by a native speaker. Attendance and active participation in the lessons by the Italian teacher and the native speaker are highly recommended.

Objectives

Through this teaching, with constant and participative attendance of the lectures and the Workshop associated with the course, it is intended to PROMOTE the following learning, in terms of:

Knowledge and understanding

Students will acquire solid and systematic knowledge of the fundamentals of the Japanese language at the elementary level.

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

Students will learn to independently rework the grammatical structures and vocabulary learned in the lessons covered in the syllabus, as well as to recognize and read a sufficient number of kanji for understanding texts written in Japanese at an elementary level.

With regard to *independent judgment* and the *strengthening of communication skills*, teaching urges students to

independently formulate their own opinion and argue it effectively. Learning skills are stimulated through active participation in lectures and discussion of materials provided by the lecturer.

Methodologies

Lectures and language conversation classes

Online and offline teaching materials

The manuals indicated in the bibliography and materials uploaded on the teaching e-learning page

Programme and references for attending students

The Japanese Language 3 course is intended as an enhancement of the analysis of grammatical and syntactic elements of the Japanese language at an intermediate level. The programme includes a theoretical teaching part based on comparative and contrastive analysis. During the course, the student will face the reading of texts of various kinds that will allow him to deepen the learning of writing elements as well as expressive forms and structures typical of the written language. The lessons will be supplemented by exercises with a mother-tongue teacher to enhance comprehension and oral expression skills.

REFERENCES:

- An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese. Genki, vol. 2, (lezz. 17-23), a cura di Eri Banno et al., The Japan Times, Tokyo, 2016 (in dispense)
- Japanese language materials uploaded on the teaching e-learning page

For international incoming students, an English bibliography will be provided and they will be given the opportunity to take the exam in English.

Programme and references for non-attending students

The same as the attending students

Assessment methods

The end-of-course examination consists of a written test and two oral tests.

The written test, preparatory to the oral test and lasting two hours, includes: a) exercises in writing and reading kanji and katakana; b) grammar exercises (case particles, choice of verbs, error correction, reconstructing sentences, conjugation tables for verbs and adjectives); c) translation of a short passage (7-8 lines) from Japanese

into Italian (using paper dictionaries). The test is graded in thirtieths. To be admitted to the oral test, the student must obtain a mark of at least 15/30.

The oral test consists of: a short conversation in Japanese, reading of one or more texts within each unit in the syllabus of the textbook; questions on the passages read (you have to answer without looking at the book) (with the mother tongue teacher); questions on the grammatical structures studied and oral translation of a few sentences from Italian into Japanese (with the Italian teacher).

The final exam mark is derived from the average of the marks obtained in the written test and the two oral tests. The grade for the written test remains valid if the student decides to decline the final grade. The written and oral examinations may be taken in different months; however, both examinations must be taken and passed by the February 2024, otherwise the mark given in the written test will be cancelled.

Office hours

By appointment to be taken by email

Programme validity

The programmes are valid for two academic years.

Course tutors and assistants

Sustainable Development Goals

QUALITY EDUCATION
