



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Japanese Language II

2223-2-E2001R059-E2001R068M

Course title

Japanese Language 2

Topics and course structure

The Japanese Language 2 course is aimed at students on the Intercultural Communication degree course who have passed the Japanese Language 1 course and provides an in-depth study of the grammatical structures of the Japanese language. By the end of the course, students will have consolidated and broadened their basic skills in grammar, vocabulary, speaking, and writing through the lectures given by the Italian lecturer and the native speaker. They will be able to conduct more complex conversations and read and write more articulate texts. Attendance and active participation in the lessons are highly recommended.

Objectives

By means of this teaching, with constant and participative attendance of the lectures and the Laboratory connected to the course, we intend to PROMOTE the following learning, in terms of

Knowledge and understanding

Students will consolidate and extend the basic Japanese language knowledge acquired in the first year.

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

Students will learn to independently rework grammatical structures and vocabulary learned in the lessons included in the syllabus, as well as to recognise and read a sufficient number of kanji for understanding more complex and articulate Japanese texts.

Autonomy of judgement and strengthening of communication skills

The course encourages students to independently formulate their own opinion and to argue it effectively. Learning ability is stimulated through active participation in lectures and discussion of materials provided by the professor.

Methodologies

Lectures and language exercises

Online and offline teaching materials

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

Programme and references for attending students

The course aims to extend the basics of elementary written and spoken Japanese learned in the first year. The syllabus includes a theoretical part, held by the Italian teacher, aimed at analysing the grammatical aspects of the Japanese language (last three units of the book already used in the first year and first six units, i.e. from no. 13 to no. 18, of the second year book). The theoretical part will be supplemented by exercises with a native speaker. At the end of the course, the student is expected to know, in addition to the grammar rules, all the vocabulary and all the kanji (reading) that appear in the units of the textbook. He/she is also expected to learn the writing of approximately 110 kanji (a list of which will be given).

Bibliography

1. Matilde Mastrangelo, Junichi Oue, Impariamo il giapponese. Corso di lingua e cultura giapponese, vol. 1, Milano, Hoepli, 2020 (units 10-12)
2. An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese. Genki. (3rd or 2nd ed.), vol. 2, Eri Banno et al. (eds), The Japan Times, Tokyo, 2016 (units 13-18)
3. Materials uploaded on the teaching e-learning page.
4. M. Mastrangelo, N. Ozawa, M. Saito, Grammatica giapponese, Hoepli, Milano, 2016 (optional, recommended)
5. Simone Guerra, Kanji. Grande dizionario giapponese-italiano dei caratteri, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2015 (optional)
6. – AA.VV., Dizionario giapponese-italiano, Shogakukan, Tokyo, 2008 (or later edition)

International incoming students will be provided with a bibliography in English.

Programme and references for non-attending students

The same as for attending students.

Assessment methods

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

The **written test**, preparatory to the oral, lasting a total of **2 hours** and graded in thirtieths, includes:

- (a) kanji reading and recognition exercises;
- (b) grammar and vocabulary exercises (multiple choice only);
- (c) text comprehension with multiple-choice and open-ended questions;
- (d) translation of some sentences from Italian only.

To enter the oral test, one must score more than 15 thirtieths.

The **oral test** consists of:

- (a) short conversation in Japanese, writing kanji (with the native teacher)
- (b) reading and translation of a few sentences from Japanese chosen from those covered in class or in the textbook during the year, and possible questions on the grammatical structures in them (with the Italian teacher).

No dictionaries are to be used.

- The final exam grade is derived from the average of the written and oral exam grades.
- The mark for the written test remains valid if the student decides to decline the final mark.
- The written and oral tests may be taken in different dates; in any case, both tests must be taken and passed by the February 2024 call, otherwise the mark given in the written test will be cancelled.
- Assessment criteria: assessment of the degree of assimilation of grammatical contents, correctness and lexical richness, knowledge of characters; ability to apply the acquired notions, correct use of terminology.

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
