



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Lingua Giapponese I

2425-1-E2001R058-E2001R066M

Course title

Japanese Language 1

Topics and course structure

The Japanese Language 1 course aims to provide the foundation for learning the Japanese language at the elementary level. At the end of the course, the student acquires basic skills in grammar, vocabulary, spoken language and writing through face-to-face lectures by the Italian teacher and the native speaker. He/she is able to conduct simple conversations and read and write basic texts. Attendance and active participation in class are highly recommended.

Objectives

Through this course, with constant and participatory attendance at lectures and the Laboratory connected 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

The most part of the lessons will be delivered in presence in interactive mode. Only some lessons will be delivered in the delivery mode.

Online and offline teaching materials

Textbook and materials uploaded to the e-learning platform

Programme and references

The course aims to provide the basics of elementary written and spoken Japanese. The program includes a theoretical teaching part aimed at analyzing grammatical aspects of the Japanese language (first 9 units of the textbook). Lectures by the Italian teacher are supplemented by exercises with a native speaker. At the end of the course, the student is expected to know all the vocabulary and all the kanji (in reading) that appear in the textbook units. Learning 101 kanji from the textbook in writing is also expected.

- An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese. Genki (Third Edition), vol. 1, a cura di Eri Banno et al., The Japan Times, Tokyo, 2022 (lezz. 1-9)
- Additional language materials and selection of excerpts from the book *Itaria de manabu nihongo* by Mariko Saito? uploaded to the teaching e-learning page
- M. Mastrangelo, N. Ozawa, M. Saito, *Grammatica giapponese*, Hoepli, Milano, 2016 (o edizioni successive) (facoltativo)
- Simone Guerra, *Kanji. Grande dizionario giapponese-italiano dei caratteri*, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2015 (o edizioni successive)
- Susanna Marino, *Il dizionario di giapponese*, Bologna, Zanichelli, 2019 (o edizioni successive); oppure AA.VV., *Dizionario giapponese-italiano*, Shogakukan, Tokyo, 2008 (o edizioni successive)

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 3 hours and graded in thirtieths, includes:

1. exercises in reading, recognizing and writing kanji and phonetic syllabaries (without dictionaries)
2. grammar and vocabulary exercises (without dictionaries)

3. translation from Japanese to Italian of a complex text and some sentences from Italian to Japanese (with paper dictionaries only)

Students who obtain a grade of at least 18/30 in the written test (with at least 2 out of 3 sufficient parts) will enter the oral test. The oral test includes.

1. conversation in Japanese (with the native speaker) (graded in thirtieths)
2. reading and translation of one or more passages from Mariko Saito's book *Itaria de manabu nihongo* and from the textbook; grammar questions on the passages read (with the Italian teacher) (up to 2 points more or less than the final average)

The final exam grade will be calculated from the average of the written and oral grades with the native speaker. This grade may be confirmed or increased/decreased up to a maximum of 2 points depending on the outcome of the oral with the Italian teacher.

The written and oral examinations may be taken in different months; however, both tests must be taken and passed by the February 2026, otherwise the mark obtained in the written partial test will be cancelled. The grade for the written test remains valid even if the student decides to reject the grade for the oral test. A student who decides to decline the grade of the written test must notify the professor promptly by e-mail.

Evaluation criteria: evaluation of the degree of assimilation of grammatical content, lexical correctness and richness, character knowledge; ability to apply the acquired notions, correct use of terminology

Office hours

to arrange by email

Programme validity

The programmes are valid two academic years

Course tutors and assistants

Sustainable Development Goals

QUALITY EDUCATION
