

Course Title 科目名	Japanese Class - Level I	Instructor 担当者	KAWAKITA, Sonoko 川北 園子
Semester 学期	Seinan Summer Japanese Program	Total Credit Hrs	70
Course Level コースレベル	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test N5 - N4 日本語能力試験N5 - N4レベル	総単位時間	*Review/ preparation hours included
【Course Objectives: 授業の到達目標】			
This course is designed for students who have a basic understanding of Japanese and are beginning to use simple expressions in everyday communication. Unlike traditional lecture-based or grammar-focused language classes, this course emphasizes learning Japanese through real-life interaction, experiential activities, and reflection. By the end of the course, students will be able to: 1. Use basic Japanese greetings and self-introductions appropriately in social situations. 2. Ask and answer simple questions in everyday contexts. 3. Communicate in Japanese in real-life or simulated community settings. 4. Understand and respond to spoken Japanese in basic interactive situations. 5. Present simple information about cultural topics and compare them with their own culture.			
【Course Summary: 授業の概要】			
This is an experiential, activity-based Japanese course in which students develop language ability through participation, communication, and reflection rather than lecture-style grammar instruction or memorization-based learning. Students learn Japanese by engaging in real-world or simulated tasks such as community exploration, cultural observation, interviews, and interaction with Japanese speakers. Vocabulary and grammar are learned as tools for completing these tasks, not as isolated classroom content. Each activity is followed by reflection and review to reinforce learning and develop communicative confidence. Course Activity Types: 1. Self-introduction and basic interaction with new people 2. Shopping street exploration and communication tasks 3. Interaction activities with local students or community members 4. Cultural comparison and simple discussion activities 5. Short presentations based on field experiences			
【Study Required outside Class (Preparation etc.): 事前・事後学習】			
Because this is an experiential learning course, students must complete both pre-class and post-class study. Grammar explanations and practice exercises are provided on Class Moodle and must be completed before class. Without preparation, students may not be able to participate effectively in activities. After each class activity, students must: ● Submit a task sheet reflecting on the activity ● Submit a vocabulary sheet with newly learned words and expressions ● Review class materials, including PowerPoint PDF slides Group and individual presentations also require out-of-class preparation, including creating slides and planning presentation content.			
【Textbooks, Course Materials: 教科書、参考書等】			
GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Vol. 1. [3rd Edition] The Japan Times The instructor will prepare and distribute all necessary handouts and materials for each activity and task. Online materials will be provided via Class Moodle.			
【Grading Criteria: 成績評価の方法】			
Active participation in experiential activities: 20% Presentation: 20% Reflection writing and Task sheets: 20%			
【Note: 履修上の注意】			
Students are required to complete pre-class and post-class study for all experiential learning activities. Participation alone is not enough for your grade. You must complete all assignments. Students are expected to actively use Japanese during class activities. Attendance and punctuality are important because many activities cannot be repeated. Smartphones, tablets, and other devices may not be used for non-class purposes during class. If you use a device for unrelated activities, you will be marked as not participating.			