

LANG 1210: Japanese Language and Related Culture

1. Course Information

LANG 1210 is a three-credit, one-semester elective course offered to all UG students with no previous knowledge of Japanese. Students attend three hours of class and complete up to six hours of out-of-class work, per week. The course is offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

2. Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None.

3. Aims of the course: Intended Learning Outcomes

LANG 1210 provides contexts for learners to begin to express themselves in Japanese, both oral and written, while also exploring the relationship between Japanese culture and language. In terms of language, students should cultivate their communicative competence in addition to the four skills, vocabulary and grammar, and seek opportunities to use Japanese practically.

After completing the course, students will be able to:

1. gain an introductory insight into another Asian language and culture;
2. develop a sense of confidence when dealing with Japanese-speaking people and Japanese-language materials in their daily lives;

and, *more specifically*:

3. understand conversational enquiries and simple instructions, notices and information that they might encounter on a visit to a Japanese-speaking country;
4. make and respond appropriately to everyday conversational enquiries that they might encounter, and give straightforward opinions;
5. acquire a sufficiently accurate pronunciation and intonation of Japanese to be understood by native speakers of the language;
6. understand simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
7. produce simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
8. develop basic intuitions about Japanese vocabulary and learn the fundamental principles of Japanese grammar;
9. understand and appreciate aspects of the culture of Japan.

4. Course assessment

Assessment type	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Listening comprehension	√			√		√	
Spoken interview		√	√		√	√	
Speaking quizzes		√	√		√	√	
Grammar quizzes		√	√		√	√	
Writing / vocabulary quizzes		√	√		√	√	
Reading comprehension	√			√		√	
Cultural presentation		√	√			√	√
Cultural notes		√	√			√	√
Topic report & discussion	√			√		√	√
Peer assessment	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

5. Course content

- Understanding and demonstrating a knowledge of basic Japanese phonology
- Greeting and getting to know each other
- Introducing oneself and others
- Asking for and giving personal information
- Asking for phone numbers and making phone calls
- Telling the time and date
- Talking about schedules and timetables
- Asking for prices and bargaining
- Talking about likes, dislikes, interests and hobbies
- Making appointments
- Ordering food and drinks when eating out
- Talking about travelling experiences