

Japanese 3064: Topic course
Japanese Kanji and Grammar
University of North Texas --- fall 2026

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Welcome to JAPN 3064!

Course Description & Objectives:

This course has two main goals:

- (a) to develop your ability to express yourself accurately and naturally in Japanese using basic Japanese grammar,
 - (b) to reinforce your knowledge of 112 basic kanji characters, both individually and in compounds.
- In addition to these goals, we will also practice writing and listening through short video clips.

The Prerequisite is: :Completion of 2050 with a grade of C or better.

Learning Outcomes:

- Develop the ability to use basic Japanese sentence grammar accurately and naturally
- Reinforce knowledge of 112 basic kanji, both individually and in compounds
- Improve writing and listening skills through short video-based practice

Required Materials:

The materials are posted on Canvas (grammar sheets and practice sheets).

Recommended Materials:

- *GENKI I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese* by Banno, E., Ikeda, Y., Ohno, Y., Shinagawa, C., Tokashiki, K. (2020). Tokyo: The Japan Times, ISBN: 978-4-7890-1730-5.
- *GENKI II: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese.* by Banno, E., Ikeda, Y., Ohno, Y., Shinagawa, C., Tokashiki, K. (2020). Tokyo: The Japan Times, ISBN: 978-4-7890-1732-9.

Grading Scales:

Daily homework assignments	50%
Quizzes (10)	20%
Presentations (2)	20%
Project	10%
	100%

A: 90–100 **B:** 80–89 **C:** 70–79 **D:** 60–69 **F:** Below 60

The last day to drop the course is November 6. If you submit your drop paperwork by this date, you will receive a **W** on your transcript. A **W** does *not* affect your GPA. **After November 7**, drops are no longer permitted.

- If you are absent **five or more times**, you will receive an F in this course.
- Please reserve your excused absences for situations in which you are actually sick or have another legitimate reason.
- **Make-up work or exams will not be provided for unauthorized/unexcused absences without official documentation.**
- If you do not complete the **final project**, you will receive an F in this course.

Attendance & Participation

Regular attendance is required. Repeated unexcused absences or tardiness will significantly affect your grade. If you are absent five or more times, you will receive an F for the course.

Homework Assignments 50%

Homework consists of three tasks:

- (a) reviewing the grammar points covered in class;
- (b) studying kanji expressions; and
- (c) watching videos for listening and writing practice.

Homework must be submitted at the beginning of class on the assigned due dates to receive full credit.

Quizzes 20%:

Each quiz will include questions on the kanji and grammar points covered in class.

Presentation 20%

Give two presentations on assigned topics during the semester. Topics will be provided in class.

Project 10%

The final project will be assigned and explained in class.

No late submissions will be accepted.

NOTE: If any changes are made during the semester (especially during the first module), I will post them in the syllabus section on Canvas and announce them in class.

Weekly Schedule:

Week I	Introduction, Genki I Chs 1,2	
Week II	Chs 3,4	Quiz 1
Week III	Ch5,6	Quiz 2
Week IV	Ch5,6	Quiz 3
Week V	Ch7	Quiz4
Week VI	Ch7	Quiz5
Week VII	Ch7	Presentation1
Week VIII	Ch8	Quiz6
Week IX	Ch8	Quiz7
Week X	Ch9	Quiz8
Week XI	Ch9	Quiz9
Week XII	Ch10	Quiz0
Week XIII	Ch10	Quiz11
Week XIV	Ch11	Quiz12
Week XV	Review	Presentation2
Final Exam week		

ADA Accommodation Statement:

The most current statement regarding disability accommodation is provided on the ODA website <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access/faculty/faculty-guide/syllabus-statement.html>

The University of North Texas makes reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities. Students needing a reasonable academic accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the student will request their letter of accommodation. ODA will provide faculty with a reasonable accommodation letter via email to begin a private discussion regarding a student's specific needs in a course. Students may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with faculty regarding their accommodation during office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website.

Guidelines on Resolving Student Concerns in the WLLC Department:

When a student has a course-related concern about their instructor (e.g., appeal a grade, disagreement about attendance record, interpretation of a class assignment, assigned grades, etc.), the following steps should be taken to resolve the issue:

1. The student should first attempt to informally resolve their concern by speaking directly with their instructor.
2. If there is no satisfactory resolution to their concern, the student should email a description of the issue to Dr. Christoph Weber, chair of the WLLC department (christoph.weber@unt.edu).
3. The department chair will contact the assistant/associate chair of the WLLC department. They will meet with the student and instructor separately to resolve the issue.
4. The department chair will inform the student about the resolution of their concern.

Guidelines on Grade Appeals in the WLLC Department:

Students should attempt to resolve the grade dispute with their instructor first. If there is no satisfactory resolution, the student can initiate a grade appeal with the instructor based on the following criteria:

1. The grade is based on unfair treatment during the regularly scheduled class period.
2. The instructor deviated from the guidelines outlined in the course syllabus without providing a valid academic reason, or
3. An error occurred in calculating the grade, including the failure to factor in an assignment, project, quiz, or examination.

UNT CARE Team:

The mission of the [CARE Team](#) is to:

- Assist in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the students and members of the UNT community.
- Support student success.
- Provide a comprehensive response to students whose behavior could be harmful to themselves or others.

Students will be notified by Eagle Alert if there is a campus closing that will impact a class. The calendar is subject to change. Additional details can be found in the Emergency Notifications and Procedures Policy.

Course Evaluation:

The Student Evaluation, SPOT, will be available at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on this class. The SPOT is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT, and responses are used by the department in evaluating the faculty. We work to continually improve our courses, so we appreciate your feedback!

Mission of the World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: Representing many world languages, literatures and cultures, our dedicated faculty promote excellence in research, teaching and professional service. Committed to cultural diversity and inclusivity, we teach our undergraduate and graduate students communication, critical thinking and research skills for competitive employment around the world.

Vision: We strive to establish a reputation both nationally and internationally in research, teaching and professional service. Seeking harmony in diversity, we foster global literacy, responsible citizenship and interdisciplinarity.

Japanese National Honor Society:

UNT has a chapter of the Japanese National Honor Society (JNHS). The mission of the society is to recognize our outstanding students and encourage their scholastic achievement and excellence in the study of Japanese language. In addition, we aim to promote ways for students to use Japanese on campus and in the community. Certificates of Excellence and red-and-white cords to wear at graduation will be given to students who are granted membership in the society.

Criteria for JNHS membership:

- Completion of 5 semester courses of Japanese language study at the college level ^[1]_[SEP]
- GPA of 3.5 in Japanese language courses
- Overall GPA of 3.0