

**Japanese 3064: Topic course
Japanese Kanji and Grammar
University of North Texas --- fall 2023**

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Welcome to JAPN 3064

**Class Hour: 9:30-10:50 am on Tuesdays
and Thursdays**
Classroom: Lang 205
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Thursdays or by appointment**

Course Description & Objectives:

This course has two major goals: (a) to strengthen the knowledge of the basic Japanese grammar and be able to easily use them correctly and (b) to reinforce the knowledge of 320 basic kanji characters individually and as compounds with other characters. Besides two goals, we will practice writing and listening by using short video clips.

Learning Outcomes:

- Gain a better understanding Japanese word and sentence grammar
- Learn the use of a dictionary more effectively
- Develop a broader range of vocabulary
- Strengthen analytical skills of Japanese words and sentences
- Improve writing and listening skills

Required 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.
- *Kanji Look and Learn* by Banno, E., Ikeda, Y., Shinagawa, C., Tokashiki, K., Tajima, K. (2009). The Japan Times, ISBN: 978-4789013499.

Grading Scales:

Attendance and Participation	10%
Homework	20%
Quizzes (20 times - lowest quiz grade will be dropped)	20%
Midterms (2 times)	30%
Final Exam	20%

90 – 100% = A 80 – 89% = B 70 – 79% = C 60 – 69% = D 59% or below = F

November 10 is the last day to drop the course. If you submit your drop paperwork by this date, you will receive a W or WF on your transcript, which will not be calculated into your GPA.

Attendance & Participation (10%):

Regular attendance will be required. Repeated unexcused absences and tardiness will affect your grade significantly. Being tardy three times will count as one absence. Leaving class before the end of the period will be considered an absence. You are allowed a maximum of three (3) absences, whether excused or unexcused, without penalty. **After two absences, your final grade will suffer in percent (1 percent will be deducted from the final grade for each unexcused absence).** Excused absences are only: A.) illness with doctor's documentation, B.) official university sponsored activities, and C.) the observance of certain religious holidays (see University Class Attendance Regulations in the UNT Policy Manual <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5> for details).

Attendance Policy at UNT: *Students are expected to attend class meetings regularly and to abide by the attendance policy established for the course. It is important that you communicate with the professor and the instructional team prior to being absent, so you, the professor, and the instructional team can discuss and mitigate the impact of the absence on your attainment of course learning goals. Please inform the professor and instructional team if you are unable to attend class meetings because you are ill, in mindfulness of the health and safety of everyone in our community.*

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Team at COVID@unt.edu for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure.

Homework Assignments (20%):

Homework consists of (a) watching lecture videos and (b) assignments for preview and review. You must turn in the homework at the beginning of the class according to the due dates to receive full credit.

Quizzes (20%):

There are twelve quizzes for Kanji. Each quiz includes questions on the characters, meanings, strokes, and kanji% compounds. The lowest grade will be dropped. Detailed information will be provided in class.

Midterms (30%-2 times): will cover the grammatical topics covered during the one and second third of the semester. The exam will consist of answering multiple questions and short answers.

Final Exam (20%):

The final exam will be cumulative and cover all the grammatical topics covered in the semester. Taking the final exam is mandatory to receive a passing grade in this course.

No late submission is accepted. If you miss homework, quizzes, or exams because of an excused absence, you may make up the work, according to a schedule agreed to by you and the professor.

Weekly Schedule:

Week I	Introduction, Genki I Chs 1&2, 3&4	Quiz1
Week II	Genki I Chs 5 & 6, 7	Quizzes 2,3
Week III	Genki I Chs 8, 9	Quizzes 4,5
Week IV	Review and Midterm1	Quiz6Midterm1
Week V	Genki 1 Chs 10, 11	Quizzes 7,8
Week VI	Genki 1&2 Chs 12, 13	Quizzes 9.10
Week VII	Genki 2 Chs , 14, 15	Quizzes 11, 12
Week VIII	Review and Midterm2	Midterm2
Week IX	Genki 2 Chs 16, 17	Quizzes 13, 14
Week X	Genki 2 Ch 18, 19	Quizzes 15, 16
Week XI	Genki 2 Chs 20 &21	Quiz17, 18
Week XII	Genki 2 Chs 21 & 22	Quiz19, 20
Week XIII	Genki 2 Chs 22 & 23	
Week XIV	Genki 2 Ch23	
Week XV	Review	Quiz6
Final Exam		

Please note a more detailed weekly schedule, which includes all your home assignments and in-class activities are displayed, on Blackboard.

UNT Health alerts

Coronavirus-related updates (including vaccination and testing information) can be found at <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/>

UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions.

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!

DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS:

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You 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 deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty 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 at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.deanofstudents.unt.edu

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UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: <http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources>. Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT's Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

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