

日本語 2040

Japanese 2040: Intermediate Japanese I University of North Texas - Spring 2026

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Sections & Times:

Section	Days	Time	Classroom	Instructor
001	M / W / F	11:00-11:50	LANG 222	Nami Kroska
002	M / W / F	1:00-1:50	LANG 301	Nami Kroska

Course Description & Objectives:

Intermediate Japanese is a continuation of modern Japanese beyond the first year of study. All four language skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) will be developed. The course aims to cultivate overall language ability, including accuracy, fluency, and complexity. Cultural points will be integrated throughout the course as well.

At the end of this class you will be able to:

- Read 105 new kanji characters [283 total]
- Describe abilities and plans
- Talk about giving and receiving items or services
- Describe people and things in detail or with similes
- Make suggestions and express hopes
- Make requests at different levels of politeness
- Gossip or report what you heard
- Express regret and apologize for actions

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General inquiries, placement
exam, lost & found

Course Eligibility:

This course is designed for students who have one year of college-level Japanese credit. Students who have studied Japanese informally or in high school may test into this level and receive credit for courses skipped by taking the placement test. Contact the department for more information.

Required Materials:

- Textbook: Genki II -- An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (3rd Edition)

Grading Scale:

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

Grade Breakdown by Category:

Participation	10 %
Assignments	20 %
Conversation Practice	5 %
Vocab/Kanji Quizzes	10 %
Chapter Tests	20 %
Oral Exam (skits)	15 %
Final Exam	20 %

Friday, April 10, 2026

Last day to drop the course

If you submit your drop paperwork by this date, you will receive a W on your transcript, which will not be calculated into your GPA.

<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-academic-calendar.html>

Students should keep all graded materials until the end of the semester. In the case of a grade discrepancy, it is the student's responsibility to resubmit the graded materials.

Expectations and Grading Policies:

Participation

Class participation is mandatory and essential to your success in learning Japanese. Full participation credit (10 points per class) will be given to those who are present for the entire class period, prepared for class, and fully participating in all activities. Partial attendance or lack of participation will result in deduction of points (**1 point per 5 minutes**). **The three lowest scores in class participation will be dropped.** Absences will only be excused in the case of university-sponsored activities, religious holidays, military service, or extended illness with documentation. After 3 unexcused absences, you will lose 10 points for each absence. See the UNT attendance policy for details at <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-039>. If you miss a class, follow the schedule and use the materials on Canvas to keep up. (Note for TAMS students: If you are absent for any reason, you are required to file an absence report with Dr. Gruver of the TAMS Academic Office.)

Assignments

Assignments will consist of worksheets done before class in order to preview the material for class each day and prepare yourself to participate fully. **Don't copy! Don't use AI such as ChatGPT!** The assignments are essential practice and should show your attempts and corrections. Copying from the key, the AI, or another classmate is unethical and counterproductive to your learning. Late assignments are accepted for partial credit (**-0.5 points after chapter test**). **Your three lowest assignment scores will be dropped.**

Conversation Practice

To improve your speaking skills, you will participate in at least five sessions of conversation practice spread out in six available two-week rounds. The lowest score out of six will be dropped. For each session, you need to participate and practice a Japanese conversation for at least 40 minutes. Students who have a conflict of time with other classes will discuss with the instructor and arrange practice with a tutor. (Must have instructor's approval.) Times for the Japanese conversation groups are listed on schedule. To receive credit, you will keep a log and write a short self-evaluation and reflection at the bottom of the sheet before turning it in on the due date.

Quizzes

There will be three quizzes per chapter, 24 quizzes over the course of the semester, over vocabulary (18 quizzes) and kanji (6 quizzes). There are **no make-ups for quizzes**, but your three lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

Chapter Tests

There will be two chapter tests, which cover every two chapters: chapters 13-14 and chapters 15-16.

Chapter tests focus on the grammar of the two chapters but also include both new and review vocabulary and characters. Each chapter test will include a listening section. If you are absent on the day of the chapter test **one time**. No excuse or doctor's note is required; however, you are responsible for being the one to contact your instructor in this case. After you have missed one test, you will no longer be able to make up tests, so make sure to look at the schedule and plan in advance.

Oral Exam

There will be oral presentations (Skit). The oral exam will measure your ability to communicate in Japanese.

Final Exam

There will be a cumulative final exam at the end of the course covering Ch.13-18. Part of the exam will be multiple-choice, and part will be written, including a one-paragraph essay. Please bring a Scantron sheet (882-E), #2 pencils, and an eraser to the exam. The exam is in the usual classroom.

Extra Credit

Extra credits under the Assignment/Homework category. Instructors clearly describe on Canvas which assignments and worksheets are for extra credit [20 points max.] with due dates.

Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, & Assault:

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 (and/or someone you know) have experienced or experienced 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: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/dean-of-students/>

The UNT Survivor Advocates can be reached by emailing SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or calling 940-565-2648. The UNT Survivor Advocates connect students who have been impacted by violence to resources (counseling, health, safety, academics, legal, etc.), and act as their advocate. They can assist a student by filing protective orders, completing crime victim's compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change (if needed), and connecting students to the many other resources that are available, both on and off campus. They are here to help! For more information see <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/dean-of-students/>

Resources, Extra Help & Disability Accommodation:

UNT endeavors to offer you a high-quality education and to provide a supportive environment to help you learn and grow. And, as a faculty member, I am committed to helping you be successful as a student. To learn more about campus resources and information on how you can achieve success, go to <https://www.unt.edu/success>.

Program Information:

Major in Japanese: The major consists of the six (6) foundational courses (JAPN 1010,1020, 2040, 2050, 3020, and 3030) and seven (7) advanced courses, at least 3 of which must be at the 4000 level. All courses require a grade of C or higher.

Minor in Japanese: The minor consists of seven (7) courses (JAPN 1010,1020, 2040, 2050, 3020, 3030 and one more course at the 3000 or 4000 level). All courses require a grade of C or higher.

Certificate in Japanese: The Certificate of Achievement in Japanese consists of eight (8) courses (JAPN 1010, 1020, 2040, 2050, 3020, 3030, 4020 and 4030). All courses require a grade of C or higher. For more information about the Japanese program, including the major, minor, and certificate of achievement, contact the Japanese program coordinator:

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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. Networking during college years and in post-graduation is one of the important aspects of JNHS-College Chapter at UNT.

Certificates of Excellence and red-and-white cords to wear at graduation will be given to students who are granted membership in the society. The following is the criteria for the membership of JNHS in addition to the active participation in Japanese Scholars' Society, a student organization for activities and individual projects. For information, email: yayoi.takeuchi@unt.edu

- Completion of five Japanese language semester courses
- Japanese language course GPA: 3.5
- Overall GPA: 3.0

Study Abroad:

UNT Japanese program strongly encourages students to have an opportunity to study abroad in Japan. We have currently four direct exchanges set up in Japan: Kansai Gaidai University (Osaka), Meiji University (Tokyo), Nagasaki University of Foreign Study (Nagasaki), Nanzan University (Nagoya), and Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto).

The Study Abroad Office helps students find placements in Japan for one semester or an academic year. The beauty of these programs is that you can study in Japan at close to the same cost as studying at UNT. For more information, visit the Study Abroad Office in Marquis Hall (Room 145), check out their website (<https://studyabroad.unt.edu/index.html>) and attend one of their "Study Abroad 101" sessions. You can contact yayoi.takeuchi@unt.edu for further details. There are also several opportunities for summer study in Japan at various levels. This website maintains a good list.

Office Hours:

Office hours offer you an opportunity to ask for clarification or find support with understanding class material. I encourage you to contact your instructor for support. Your success is our goal. Visit your instructor during office hours for individual help or study suggestions. If the scheduled times don't work for you, email for an appointment.

Canvas Site:

You can download the PowerPoint from each lesson from our class site on Canvas. You will also find helpful links, activities, etc. Log in at: <https://unt.instructure.com>.

Tutors:

The Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures provides free tutoring. See Canvas for times and starting date. Tutoring goes through pre-finals week.

Also, the Learning Center has volunteer tutors that will work with you individually at no charge. Request a tutor at: <https://learningcenter.unt.edu/tutoring/index.html>.

Lab:

For student printing services, computers to use, etc.

- GAB 330 or GAB 550 (Check the website for the GAB lab hours): https://itservices.cas.unt.edu/services/lab/student-view?field_building_target_id=256&lab_type=All&macs=All
- Willis Library (Check the hours on the library website): <https://library.unt.edu/willis/>

Willis Library:

The Willis Library has quite a few resources for additional study. The “Japanese Graded Readers” are particularly recommended. Browse through the area on the third floor around PL539!

Disability Accommodation:

The University of North Texas makes reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities. Students needing a reasonable academic accommodations 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 accommodations 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](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access) website (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>). You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

Support:

UNT strives to offer you a high-quality education and a supportive environment, so you learn and grow. As a faculty member, I am committed to helping you be successful as a student. To learn more about campus resources and information on how you can be successful at UNT, go to <https://unt.edu/success> and explore <https://unt.edu/wellness>. To get all your enrollment and student financial-related questions answered, go to <https://scrappysays.unt.edu>.

Academic Honesty:

Students who use other people’s work without citations will be violating UNT’s Academic Integrity Policy. Please read and follow this important set of guidelines for your academic success (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>). If you have questions about this, or any UNT policy, please email your instructor or come discuss.

Homework assignments and tests should be true representations of your effort and learning. Plagiarism (i.e., copying another person’s work and presenting it as your own work) or cheating (i.e., providing answers for someone else or getting answers from someone else) are prohibited. In addition, we ask that no online translation tools are used when completing writing assignments. Consequences of any breach of academic integrity may include lowering of grade and/or failure of the assignment and/or the course.

Teachers Prohibiting the Use of Generative AI:

The use of generative AI is strictly prohibited in this course. For all assignments, any use of AI tools is NOT permitted.

- **Generative AI Use Is Prohibited:** The use of generative AI is strictly prohibited in this course.
- **Closed Book Exam/Quiz:** The use of AI tools is not permitted.
- **Writing Assignments:** The use of generative AI tools is not permitted on writing assignments in this course. By submitting a writing assignment, you attest that you are the only and original author.

Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT):

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The short SPOT survey will be made available **April 14 – April 30** to provide you with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. For the Fall 2025 semester, you will receive an email on **April 14** (12:01 a.m.) from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Please look for the email in your UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete your survey. Once you complete the survey, you will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the spot website at <https://vpaa.unt.edu/spot> or email spot@unt.edu. We work to continually improve our courses, so we appreciate your feedback!

Emergency Class Cancellation:

In the event of a class cancellation due to the weather, illness, or other emergency, you should follow the instructions announced on Canvas by your instructor and/or the coordinator. Since our course schedule is so packed, we will deviate as little as possible from the schedule. You should look through the PowerPoint online and complete your homework following the schedule in the syllabus. Any quiz or test would be postponed until the next class meeting unless otherwise announced. We will communicate any schedule changes on Canvas, so check for announcements there.

JAPN 2040 Class Schedule: subject to change [Date of revised on 12/30/25]

	Date	Lesson Contents	Test/Quiz	Kanji	Assignment Due
1	1/12 月	Course introduction Review			
2	1/14 水	Ch. 13 Grammar: ① Potential form		乗歌店	
3	1/16 金	Ch. 13 Grammar: ② Listing reasons with し	VQ1	供末守茶	しゅくだい 1
	1/19 月	MLK Jr. Day - No Classes			
4	1/21 水	Ch. 13 Grammar: ③ Making inferences (そうです)	VQ2	葉体悲辛	しゅくだい 2
	1/22 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 1) 1/23 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 1)		Conversation Table Round 1 --- STARTS		
5	1/23 金	Ch. 13 Grammar: ④ To try something out (~てみる)	VQ3	幸感泣悪	しゅくだい 3
6	1/26 月	Ch. 13 Grammar: ⑥ Frequency of events		々回	しゅくだい 4
7	1/28 水	Ch. 13 Synthesis	KQ 1		しゅくだい 5
	1/29 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 1) 1/30 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 1)		Conversation Table Round 1 --- ENDS		
8	1/30 金	Ch. 14 Grammar: ① I want X (ほしい)		花魚肉野菜	しゅくだい 6
9	2/2 月	Ch. 14 Grammar: ② Guessing a possibility (かもしれません)	VQ4	使相談	会話テーブルログ1 しゅくだい 7
10	2/4 水	Ch. 14 Grammar: ③ Verbs of giving and receiving (あげる/くれる/もらう)	VQ5	返送彼氏	しゅくだい 8
	2/5 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 2) 2/6 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 2)		Conversation Table Round 2 --- STARTS		
11	2/6 金	Ch. 14 Grammar: Introduction to counters	VQ6	両親主奥	しゅくだい 9
12	2/9 月	Ch. 14 Grammar: ⑤ Numbers greater or less than expected (も/しか)		台個匹	しゅくだい 10
13	2/11 水	Ch. 14 Synthesis	KQ 2		しゅくだい 11
	2/12 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 2) 2/13 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 2)		Conversation Table Round 2 --- ENDS		
14	2/13 金	Ch. 13 and 14 Test			しゅくだい 12
15	2/16 月	Ch. 15 Grammar: ① Volitional form (I): "Let's ~" ② Volitional form (II): Plans		予定約仕事	会話テーブルログ2

	Date	Lesson Contents	Test/Quiz	Kanji	Assignment Due
16	2/18 水	Ch. 15 Grammar: ③ Making preparations (～ておく)	VQ7	発表 売 調待	しゅくだい 13
2/19 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 3) 2/20 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 3)			Conversation Table Round 3 --- STARTS		
17	2/20 金	Ch. 15 Grammar: ④ Using sentences to qualify nouns [Pt.1]			
18	2/23 月	Ch. 15 Grammar: ④ Using sentences to qualify nouns [Pt.2]	VQ8	図書館 旅 地	しゅくだい 14
19	2/25 水	Ch. 15 Grammar: ④ Using sentences to qualify nouns [Pt.3]	VQ9	建付合 友	しゅくだい 15
2/26 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 3) 2/27 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 3)			Conversation Table Round 3 --- ENDS		
20	2/27 金	Ch. 15 Synthesis	KQ 3		
21	3/2 月	Ch. 16 Vocabulary & Grammar: ① Giving & receiving favors (～てくれる／あげる／もらう) [Pt.1]		文化 説 明	しゅくだい 16 会話テーブルログ3
22	3/4 水	Ch. 16 Grammar: ① Giving & receiving favors (～てくれる／あげる／もらう) [Pt.2]	VQ10	直貸 借	しゅくだい 17
3/5 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 4) 3/6 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 4)			Conversation Table Round 4 --- STARTS		
23	3/6 金	Ch. 16 Grammar: ② Three ways to make requests with different levels of politeness	VQ11	集風連 道	しゅくだい 18
	3/9 月- 3/15 日	Spring Break - No classes			
24	3/16 月	Ch. 16 Grammar: ③ Hopes (～といい)	VQ12	困汚他 遅	しゅくだい 19
25	3/18 水	Ch. 16 Grammar: ④ When (時)		速 早 笑	しゅくだい 20
3/19 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 4) 3/20 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 4)			Conversation Table Round 4 --- ENDS		
26	3/20 金	Ch. 16 Grammar: ⑤ Apologizing for your actions (～てすみませんでした)			しゅくだい 21
27	3/23 月	Ch. 16 Synthesis	KQ 4		会話テーブルログ4 しゅくだい 22
28	3/25 水	Ch. 15 and 16 Test			しゅくだい 23
3/26 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 5) 3/27 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 5)			Conversation Table Round 5 --- STARTS		
29	3/27 金	Ch. 17 Grammar: ① Hearsay (そうです) ② Informal quotations (って)		宿題 質 問	

	Date	Lesson Contents	Test/Quiz	Kanji	Assignment Due
30	3/30 月	Ch. 17 Grammar: ③ "If" or "when" (~たら)	VQ13	試験教室	しゅくだい 24 Skit Script (First Draft) Due by 11:59 p.m.
31	4/1 水	Ch. 17 Grammar: ③ "If" or "when" (~たら) Making suggestions (~たらどうですか)	VQ14	慣紙勉強	しゅくだい 25
4/2 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 5) 4/3 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 5)			Conversation Table Round 5 --- ENDS		
32	4/3 金	Ch. 17 Grammar: ④ Lack of obligation (~なくてもいいです)	VQ15	顔耳服少当	しゅくだい 26
33	4/6 月	Ch. 17 Grammar: ⑤ Resemblance or appearance (~みたいです)			しゅくだい 27 会話テーブルログ5
34	4/8 水	Ch. 17 Grammar: ⑥ Chronological order of events (~てから) ⑥ Chronological order of events (~まえに)			しゅくだい 28
4/9 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 6) 4/10 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 6)			Conversation Table Round 6 --- STARTS		
35	4/10 金	Ch. 17 Synthesis	KQ 5		しゅくだい 29
36	4/13 月	Ch. 18 Vocabulary Ch. 18 Grammar: ① Transitive and intransitive verb pairs		消落頼注	しゅくだい 30
37	4/15 水	Ch. 18 Grammar: ① Transitive and intransitive verb pairs; Intransitive + ています	VQ16	不便利無	しゅくだい 31
4/16 (木) 12:30 - 13:20 (LOG 6) 4/17 (金) 12:00 - 12:50 (LOG 6)			Conversation Table Round 6		
38	4/17 金	Ch. 18 Grammar: ④ Simultaneous actions (~ながら) ③ "Whenever" (~と) Preparation for the skit	VQ17	虫考謝押	
39	4/20 月	Ch. 18 Grammar: ③ Completion or regret (~てしまう)	VQ18	願急暗	しゅくだい 32 会話テーブルログ6
40	4/22 水	Skit Presentation Day 1			しゅくだい 33
41	4/24 金	Skit Presentation Day 2			Skit Final Draft Due by 11:59 p.m.
42	4/27 月	Review for Final Exam	KQ 6		しゅくだい 34
43	4/29 水	Review for final exam			しゅくだい 35
	5/1 金	Reading Day - No classes			
	5/2 土	Final Exam: 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. [MWF 1 p.m. Section] LANG 222	A final exam may only be given during the specific block of time designated by the Office of the Registrar. https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/spring.html		
	5/4 月	Final Exam: 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. [MWF 11 a.m. Section] LANG 301			