

日本語 1020  
Japanese 1020: Elementary Japanese II  
University of North Texas --- Fall 2025

**Instructor & Office Hours:**

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**Sections & Times:**

*Class:*

<i>Section</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Classroom</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
001	M / W / F	10:00-10:50	LANG 301	Nami Kroska
002	M / W / F	12:00-12:50	LANG 212	Nami Kroska

*Lab:*

<i>Section</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Classroom</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
301	Thursday	10:00-10:50	LANG 109	Rin Fabian
302	Thursday	12:00-12:50	LANG 109	Townes Barlow

This is a three-credit course that meets four times a week. In class (Monday, Wednesday & Friday), your main instructor will introduce new material and give written and oral exams. In lab (Thursday), your lab instructor will take you through practice of what has been covered in class with a focus on speaking. In addition, you can expect to spend at least 6 hours per week studying outside of class.

**Course Eligibility:**

This course is for students who have completed one semester of college-level Japanese. Students who have studied Japanese informally or in high school must take the placement test as proof of prerequisite. Contact the Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures for more information.

Department of World Languages,  
Literatures & Cultures  
LANG 101, 940-565-2404  
General inquiries, placement exam,  
lost & found

**Required Materials:**

- Textbook: Genki I -- An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)  
**\*Due to the copyright issues, digital versions are not accepted in class.**

**Course Description & Objectives:**

This course introduces the four basic skills of Japanese -- speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will gain a solid foundation in Japanese grammar and develop practical written and oral communication skills.

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

- Read and write 116 new kanji characters: JAPN1010 (62) + JAPN1020 (116) = 178 total

- Talk about family and describe people's appearances
- Talk about vacation plans, past experiences, etc.
- Quote what a person said
- Give opinions
- Describe health conditions and give advice
- Use informal speech when appropriate
- Read and write basic letters, essays, etc.

### Grading Scale:

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

### Grading:

Class Participation	10%
Lab Participation	5%
Assignments	20%
Vocab Quizzes	5%
Kanji Quizzes	5%
Chapter Tests	20%
Skit/Writing	20%
Final Exam	15%

Friday, November 2025  
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/fall-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:

#### Class & Lab Participation

Both class participation and lab participation are 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. Your three (3) lowest scores in class participation and your one (1) lowest score in lab 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 three (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. Your three (3) lowest assignment scores will be dropped.

#### Quizzes

There will be three quizzes per chapter, eighteen quizzes over the course of the semester, over vocabulary and kanji. 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: Ch.7&8 and Ch.9&10. 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**, you may contact your instructor to make it up; 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.

## Skit and Writing Practice

In the first half of the semester, you will complete a writing assignment where you write about a place in Japan that you would like to travel to and what you would like to do there. In the second half, you will perform the skit with your teammates. The instructor will give you guidance in class. The skit and writing will be measured by your ability to communicate in Japanese.

## Final Exam

There will be a cumulative final exam at the end of the course covering Ch. 7-12. 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](mailto: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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Office Location: 405C

Phone Number: 940-565-2404

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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](mailto: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 [angela.harris@unt.edu](mailto:angela.harris@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](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 November 11 – December 4 to provide you with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. For the Fall 2025 semester, you will receive an email on November 11 (12:01 a.m.) from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" ([no-reply@iasystem.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Class Schedule: JAPN 1020 (Subject to change) [Date of revised on 8/11/25]

Date	Lesson Contents	Quizzes & Tests	Kanji	Homework (Due in class)
Lesson 1 8/18 月	Course introduction Ch.1-6 Review・て form			
Lesson 2 Ch.7-1 8/20 水	Ch. 7 Vocabulary ①～ている: Talking about ongoing actions		家族 父母	
Lab 1 8/21 木	て form review Ch. 7 Vocabulary ①～ている: Ongoing actions			
Lesson 3 Ch.7-2 8/22 金	①～ている: Talking about ongoing actions ②～ている: Talking about resultant states	Vocab Quiz 7A	兄弟 姉妹	□ しゅくだい 1
Lesson 4 Ch.7-3 8/25 月	④ Joining sentences with て form Extra expressions: ③ Describing specific features		男女町 長口目	□ Review sheet [Extra credit] □ しゅくだい 2
Lesson 5 Ch.7-4 8/27 水	Ch. 7 Practice ④ Joining sentences with て form	Vocab Quiz 7B	住知着 働太	□ しゅくだい 3
Lab 2 8/28 木	Ch. 7 Practice			
Lesson 6 Ch.7-5 8/29 金	Ch. 7 Review ⑤～に行く: Going somewhere for a purpose ⑥～にん: Counting people			□ しゅくだい 4
9/1 月	Labor Day - No Classes			
Lesson 7 Ch.8-1 9/3 水	Ch. 8 Vocabulary ① Short forms (present affirmative and negative)	Kanji Quiz 1	思言 話読	□ かんじのれんしゅう 1
Lab 3 9/4 木	Ch. 7 Review Ch. 8 Vocab and short forms practice			
Lesson 8 Ch.8-2 9/5 金	② Uses of short forms: informal speech	Vocab Quiz 8A	天晴 雨雪	□ しゅくだい 5
Lesson 9 Ch.8-3 9/8 月	③&④～と思います/と言っていました Uses of short forms: opinions & quotations		所有名	□ しゅくだい 6
Lesson 10 Ch.8-4 9/10 水	Ch. 8 Practice ⑥～のが好きです “I like ~ing.”		料理切 作手	□ しゅくだい 7
Lab 4 9/11 木	Ch. 8 Practice			
Lesson 11 Ch.8-5 9/12 金	Ch. 8 Practice Extra expressions: ⑤～ないてください: Negative requests ⑧ 何か、何も “Something” and “not anything”	Vocab Quiz 8B	洗濯 始入	□ しゅくだい 8

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Lesson 12 Ch.8-6 9/15 月	Ch. 7 and 8 Review	Kanji Quiz 2		□ しゅくだい 9 □ かんじのれんしゅう 2
Lesson 13 9/17 水	Test 1 for Ch. 7 and Ch. 8			
Lab 5 9/18 木	Ch. 8 Review, Chapter 9 Vocabulary			
Lesson 14 Ch.9-1 9/19 金	Ch. 9 Vocabulary ① Past tense short forms		子学生先	□ しゅくだい 10
Lesson 15 Ch.9-2 9/22 月	Ch. 9 ① Past tense short forms	Vocab Quiz 9A	語校聞出	□ しゅくだい 11
Lesson 16 Ch.9-3 9/24 水	Ch. 9 ② Use of past tense short forms in informal speech, opinions & quotations		覚終運動	□ しゅくだい 12
Lab 6 9/25 木	Ch. 9 Vocab, past tense short forms practice			
Lesson 17 9/26 金	Ch. 9 ②-④ Use of past tense short forms in informal speech, opinions & quotations			□ しゅくだい 13
Lesson 18 Ch.9-4 9/29 月	Ch. 9 ②-④ Use of past tense short forms in informal speech, opinions & quotations		音楽薬病	□ しゅくだい 14
Lesson 19 Ch.9-5 10/1 水	Ch. 9 ⑥ もう～ました/まだ～ていません “have already / haven't ~ yet”		色青赤 白黒	
Lab 7 10/2 木	Chapter 9 Practice			
Lesson 20 Ch.9-6 10/3 金	Ch. 9 ⑦～から Combining sentences with “because” Extra expressions:			□ しゅくだい 15
Lesson 21 Ch.9-7 10/6 月	Ch. 9 Extra expressions: ⑤ Qualifying nouns with verbs & adjectives	Vocab Quiz 9B		□ しゅくだい 16
Lesson 22 Ch.9-8 10/8 水	Ch. 9 Review	Kanji Quiz 3		□ かんじのれんしゅう 3
Lab 8 10/9 木	Chapter 9 Review, Chapter 10 Vocab			
Lesson 23 Ch.10-1 10/10 金	Ch.10 ① Comparisons: Two items		春夏 秋冬番	□ しゅくだい 17
Lesson 24 Ch.10-2 10/13 月	Ch.10 ② Comparisons: Three or more items	Vocab Quiz 10A	暖涼冷 短低	

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Lesson 25 Ch.10-3 10/15 水	Ch. 10 ④～つもりだ Describing plans		車電 自転	□ しゅくだい 18
Lab 9 10/16 木	Ch. 10 Vocab Chapter 10 Practice			
Lesson 26 Ch.10-4 10/17 金	Ch. 10 ⑤～になる “To become ~”		駅帰 持英	□ しゅくだい 19
Lesson 27 Ch.10-5 10/20 月	Ch. 10 ⑥ どこかに/どこにも “some~” and “not any~” expressions ⑦～で Describing means	Vocab Quiz 10B		Submit Your <b>writing assignment</b> by 11:59 p.m. on Canvas
Lesson 28 Ch.10-6 10/22 水	Ch. 10 Extra Expressions: ③～の Pronoun “one” Ch. 10 Review	Kanji Quiz 4		□ しゅくだい 20
Lab 10 10/23 木	Chapter 9 and 10 Review			
Lesson 29 Ch.10-7 10/24 金	Chapter 9 and 10 Review			□ かんじのれんしゅう 4
Lesson 30 10/27 月	Test 2 for Ch. 9 and Ch. 10			□ しゅくだい 21
Lesson 31 Ch.11-1 10/29 水	Ch. 11 ① Expressing Desire ~たい “want to ~”		買習 走休	□ しゅくだい 22
Lab 11 10/30 木	Ch. 11 Vocabulary Chapter 11 Practice			
Lesson 32 Ch.11-2 10/31 金	Ch. 11 ②～たり～たりする Listing representative activities Skit Prerparation	Vocab Quiz 11A	飯朝昼 夕晩夜	□ しゅくだい 23
Lesson 33 Ch.11-3 11/3 月	Ch. 11 ③ Describing past experiences		会社 映画	□ しゅくだい 24 <b>Skit First Draft</b> Due: 12:59 pm
Lesson 34 Ch.11-4 11/5 水	Ch. 11 Practice ④ Particle や “and so forth”	Vocab Quiz 11B	山川海 湖国	□ しゅくだい 25
Lab 12 11/6 木	Chapter 11 Practice			
Lesson 35 Ch.11-5 11/7 金	Ch. 11 Review Skit preparation	Kanji Quiz 5		□ かんじのれんしゅう 5
Lesson 36 Ch.12-1 11/10 月	Ch. 12 ①～んです Asking for and giving explanations ② ～すぎる “Too ~”		頭足 痛多	□ しゅくだい 26
Lesson 37 Ch.12-2 11/12 水	Ch. 12 ② ～すぎる “Too ~” ③～ほうがいい Making suggestions	Vocab Quiz 12A	熱暑寒 甘広	□ しゅくだい 27

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Lab 13 11/13 木	Chapter 12 Vocab Chapter 12 Practice			
Lesson 38 Ch.12-3 11/14 金	Ch. 12 ③～ほうがいい Making suggestions ④～ので Another “because” to combine sentences		心配 医者	□ しゅくだい 28
Lesson 39 Ch.12-4 11/17 月	Ch. 12 Practice ⑤～なければいけません/なきゃいけません “I have to ~.”	Vocab Quiz 12B	払物意 味同	
Lesson 40 Ch.12-5 11/19 水	Ch. 12 Practice ⑤～なければいけません/なきゃいけません “I have to ~.” ⑥～でしょうか Making a prediction	Kanji Quiz 6		□ しゅくだい 29
Lab 14 11/20 木	Ch. 12 Practice Review for Final Exam			
Lesson 41 Ch.12-6 11/21 金	<b>Skit Presentation Day</b>			□ かんじのれんしゅう 6 Skit Presentation <b>Final draft</b> due 11:59 pm
11/24 月～ 11/30 日	Thanksgiving Break - No classes			
Lesson 42 12/1 月	Review for Final Exam			□ しゅくだい 30 □ しゅくだい 31
Lesson 43 12/3 水	Review for Final Exam			□ Writing final draft
Lab 15 12/4 木	Review for Final Exam			
12/5 金	Reading Day - No Classes			
12/6 土	<b>Final Exam: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.</b> [001 MWF 10 a.m. Section] LANG 301 Kroska	A final exam may only be given during the specific block of time designated by the Office of the Registrar. <a href="https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall.html">https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall.html</a>		
12/10 水	<b>Final Exam: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> [002 MWF 12 p.m. Section] LANG 212 Kroska			