

Japanese I/Block – High School

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a beginning level course that will introduce the student to a variety of areas of language learning. In this course, the student will learn listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through activities that are based on pedagogically proven methods of foreign language instruction. Throughout the five units of material (Greetings, The date, Time, Colors and Places), students learn to express themselves using an ever increasing vocabulary, present-form verbs, particles, and adjectives. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind.

Cultural information in the course will teach the student about Japanese culture, people, society, and history. The course is aligned to the national Foreign Language standards.

In order for a student to be successful in Japanese 1, Semester 1, the student must:

- Study vocabulary at least fifteen minutes daily.
- Do all activities in the course--those for a grade as well as those that are for student enrichment only.
- Take notes that can be used to study Japanese outside of class.
- Be motivated to work independently.
- Stay in frequent, close communication with the online Japanese teacher.

The course must be worked through in order and all activities must be done. Many of the self-check activities can be done over and over again which will serve very beneficial to the student who is motivated to use this course as an effective delivery system.

It is imperative that the student read all of the information in the Course Home area of this course before getting started. There is vital information in the "Welcome!," "Standards," and "Getting Started" sections.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Talk about their families.
- Talk about the weather.
- Talk about foods and mealtimes.
- Talk about their hobbies and free time activities.
- Talk about their school day.
- Talk about and describe themselves and others.
- Ask and respond to simple questions on basic topics.

- Express meaning of possession, direction, time, means, etc
- Learn about Japanese culture and society and compare them with American culture and society.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: No required text for this course.

MATERIALS LIST:

Recommended English-Japanese Japanese-English Dictionary

Title: The Starter Oxford Japanese Dictionary (Paperback)

ISBN: 0198601972

Editors: Jonathan Bunt and Gillian Hall

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Edition/Year: 1st edition/2000

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Greetings

Unit 2: Calendar

Unit 3: Time

Unit 4: Colors

Unit 5: Places

Semester 1 Exam

Unit 6: Family

Unit 7: Weather

Unit 8: Food

Unit 9: Pastime

Unit 10: School

Semester 2 Exam