

Update: Course will be number F100E (C is not available in Banner).

JPN F100C: Japanese Culture and Conversation  
3.0 credits  
Fall 2012

Instructor: Michiyo Nagaoka  
Office Hours: To be arranged  
Class Time: MWF 1:00-2:00  
Class Location: TBA  
Text :  
- Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese  
- workbook to Accompany Genki

Course Description This is the first semester course of sequential Japanese exploration of culture and conversation, and requires completion of JPN100B with a grade of C or better. The course will cover chapters 7 through 9 of the textbook Genki and will offer an introduction into Japanese language and culture. It will help students acquire basic skills and build a solid foundation for future development of language skills in Japanese.

This class does not meet Perspectives on the Human Condition requirements, or Foreign Language major or minor requirements.

Course Goals The course aims to

- increase comfort in reading and writing of hiragana and katakana.
- develop language competence and performance by building speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills
- foster effective communication
- explore aspects of Japanese cultures and traditions.

Learning Outcomes Students will learn hiragana, katakana and approximately 30 frequently used kanji in JPN F100C. They will be comfortable with both reading and writing of them. Students will learn to understand, recognize, and use appropriate vocabulary of approximately 500 words and expressions, and a high number of basic sentence patterns and grammatical structures. Students will be able to use the sentence structures to greet friends, describe people and surroundings, and engage in basic conversations about family members, class schedules, time, price, food, preferences, and hobbies.

Audio and video materials will be used to aid the development of listening skills. Homework will involve textbook readings, workbook assignments, and homework handouts. Homework is assigned daily. The students will also be required to write short passages and present them orally in class.

Quizzes will be given weekly except on test days. There will be three chapter tests. Make-up quizzes will only be given with prearranged approval from instructor or a note from a doctor. Prearranged approval can be obtained by contacting the instructor prior to the quiz via email or telephone.

### Course Policies

Attendance and punctuality are required. Any absence will require a note from a doctor/school or an email report. Unexcused absences will affect the course grade. Six or more absences will result in a grade of "F" for the course.

Deadlines are mandatory and apply to everyone. Late assignments will be accepted only with the approval of the instructor.

Classroom participation and attendance will be evaluated and counted as the final grade.

### Evaluation:

Participation	15%
Homework:	20%
Quizzes	15%
Chapter Tests (3 chapters – paper exam & oral exam)	30%
Final Exam/Oral Presentation:	20%

Grading percentages for the course will be as follows:

A+ 97-100 B+ 87-89(a)

No food

Unless food is brought by the teacher, it will not be allowed in class. You will be busy speaking during class!

Words of Encouragement

According to data collected by the United States Department of Defense, among the languages surveyed Japanese is classified as a Group IV language, one of five of the most difficult and time consuming languages to gain proficiency in. However, I have witnessed over the years that everyday's work and practice make a person a good speaker of Japanese as a foreign language with strong communication skills. Be prepared to study for this course and let's enjoy speaking Japanese!!

Disabilities Accommodation

UAF has a Disability Services office that operates in conjunction with the UAF Community and Technical College. Disability Services, located in room 208 of the Whitaker Building, provides academic accommodations to enrolled students who are identified as being eligible for these services.

If you believe you are eligible, please visit <http://www.uaf.edu/disability> on the web or contact CTC's student Assistance and Advising Center (2550). You can also contact Disability Services on the Fairbanks Campus at (907)3635, [uafdisabilityservices@alaska.edu](mailto:uafdisabilityservices@alaska.edu)

Course Tentative Plan– Fall 2012

Week 1 8/18-26	Review L1-L6 Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji	Review
Week 2 8/29-9/2	L7 1. Teforms for an action in progress and a past event connected with the present : 2. Stating Family Members	Family Picture
Week 3 9/6-9	L7 1. Teforms for joining sentences 2. Describing person's physical attributes :	Family Picture
Week 4 9/12-16	L7 1. Verb Stem + 2. Counting people :	Family Picture Mary's Letter(reading)
Week 5 9/19-23	L7 1. Review of the Chapter 2. Chapter Test and Oral Presentation	Family Pcture Mary's Letter(reading)
Week 6 9/26-30	L8 1. Short Forms of verbs, adjectives and noun+	Barbecue
Week 7 10/3-7		

