

Soko Gakuen Japanese Language School

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Term (Contact hours) : Spring 2006 (33 hours)

Class & Section : BEGINNING 1 WE

Instructor: Rie Tanaka (web: <http://soko.gozaru.jp> email: rietana@gmail.com)

Meeting day & Time : Wednesdays, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to: introduce yourself and others; greet and take leave; talk about yourself; give information about self; express apologies; make requests; use numbers; ask, tell, and confirm prices; attract someone's attention; make offers; express gratitude; give orders using numbers; connect two sentences; count objects; take taxis; give directions; make purchases; recommend something in Japanese. Form correctly all the characters and combinations of characters in HIRAGANA.

TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

1. Required:

a) Pegasus Language Services. (1987). **Basic Functional Japanese** (Lessons 1-8). Tokyo, Japan: The Japan Times.

b) Shimazu, Y. M. (2003). **Handy Katakana Workbook** (1st ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson Custom.

[Available at Kinokuniya Bookstore, San Francisco—Geary at Webster. Phone 415-567-7625].

2. Audio cassette tapes related to the textbook lessons—<http://sokogakuen.realm2.net/index.php?CCHK=pi>
also signed out in Room 201, office.

3. Online software programs for you to practice KANA, etc. at home.

<http://www.nihongoweb.com/Hiraganapro/index.html>, <http://members.aol.com/writejapan/hiragana/writutor.htm>

<http://www.gahoh.com/engrshutext/hiragana-e.html>, <http://www.bigtrouble.com/kana> (maybe incompatible w/ Netscape browsers)

EVALUATION

1. One final exam (2.5 hours).

2. Upon **successful completion** (80% or higher attendance rate and 80% or higher final exam score) of the course, a STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT will be written **if requested** at the time you take the final exam.

3. Your final exam score (%) and attendance (%) will be kept in a digitized form **@STUDENT GRADES AND INFORMATION REPOSITORY**.

TEACHING STYLE

The instructor will create a relaxed, low-anxiety atmosphere through which you can acquire the previously mentioned course objectives with less effort and with ease. The instructor will use an eclectic teaching method.

PROCEDURES

1. The instructor will follow the CALENDAR /Weekly Schedule printed below.
2. In class, student and teacher (and student and student) will engage in interactive language activities, a variety of exercises, using Japanese as much as possible. The instructor, however, will use some mechanical and meaningful drills, when necessary, to develop your kinetic memory for the training of the perceptual motor skills.
3. Students will reinforce and develop vocabulary, structure, listening (audio cassette tapes checked out regularly) and conversational skills through weekly assignments.
4. The class, however, may be conducted in accordance with the needs of the students in class within the course objectives.

CALENDAR / Weekly Schedule

		[Textbook]	[Hiragana]	[Workbook]
Week 1	4/12	Introduction & Lesson 1	a,i,u,e,o, ka,ki,ku,ke,ko ga,gi,gu,ge,go	pp. 1-4
Week 2	4/19	Lesson 1&2	sa,shi,su,se,so, za,ji,zu,ze,zo ta,chi,tsu,te,to, da, de,do	pp. 5-8
Week 3	4/26	Lesson 3	na,ni,nu,ne,no,ha,hi,fu,he,hoba,bi,bu,be,bo,pa,pi,pu,pe,po	pp. 9-12
Week 4	5/3	Lesson 4	ma,mi,mu,me,mo, ya,yu,yo, ra,ri,ru,re,ro, wa,wo,n	pp. 13-22
Week 5	5/10	Lesson 5	Double Consonant & Contracted Sounds	pp. 23-25&27-29
Week 6	5/17	REVIEW	Long Vowel Sounds	pp.36 ,39,40
Week 7	5/24	Lesson 6	Review	
Week 8	5/31	Lesson 7	Review	
Week 9	6/7	REVIEW	Review	
Week 10	6/14	FINAL EXAM		
Week 11	6/21	Lesson 8		

PLEASE NOTE

1. You are expected to listen to the audio cassette tapes, memorize new words, read the grammar explanation in the textbook and to complete all assignments before coming to class.
2. From time to time short Hiragana quizzes may be given in class.
3. Please be on time for class; otherwise, you interrupt the lesson for others. Regular class attendance and participation are essential for language learning.
4. Excessive absences (more than 3 class meetings) may be cause for repetition of the course.
5. When you obtain a score of 80% or higher on the final exam, you move up to a higher level class.

POLICY ON FINAL EXAM

If you are unable to take the final exam on the scheduled date due to circumstances beyond your control, the exam will be given only in a similar test-taking situation (under supervision of an instructor at Soko Gakuen). Unless the final exam is made up, NO CERTIFICATES can be issued.