

Japanese A1 (45a)

SJO000-SM0070C Ćwiczenia, grupa nr 1
Monday TP 13:15 - 14:45 & Wednesday 13:15 - 14:45

- Google Classroom code: **olox2e**
- online message board: <https://jp-pwr.github.io>

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Course outline:

In this course, students will be introduced to the basic elements of Japanese language and learn to interact with each other in Japanese. The priority is given to the development of oral communication skill with the use of simple grammar and constructions. Students will also learn "Hiragana," one of 2 Japanese phonetic writing systems.

Evaluation method:

- a) 5 x homework quiz (5 written & 5 listening questions /quiz) (5 x 10% = 50%)
- b) 3 x in-class test (total 25%):
 - Test 1 (10 questions) (1 x 5% = 5%)
 - Tests 2 & 3 (20 questions/test) (2 x 10% = 20%)
- c) 1 final test (60 questions) (1 x 25% = 25%)
- d) Attendance (bonus) point:
If your attendance is good (= absence without excuse is less than 3), you will receive a bonus point at the end of the semester.

The provisional schedules for the tests:

Test 1: 2025-03-31 (Monday)
Test 2: 2025-04-23 (Wednesday)
Test 3: 2025-05-21 (Wednesday)
Final test: 2025-06-11 (Wednesday)

Note: Homework quizzes do not have fixed dates and they will take place on random dates without prior notice.

Grade Scale:

5.5 = over 100%
5 = between 90% and 100%
4.5 = between 81% and 89.99%
4 = between 72% and 80.99%
3.5 = between 63% and 71.99%
3 = between 55% and 62.99%
2 = 54.99% and less

A1-level General Course Outline:

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| 1. Greetings / Copula | 9. Negation (There is not...) | 17. Also / Question (Animate Subject) |
| 2. What is...? | 10. To Go | 18. More Verbs |
| 3. Nationality | 11. To Go Back / To Come | 19. With (Instrumental) |
| 4. Where / Which / Who? | 12. Numbers | 20. What Time? |
| 5. Negation (Copula) | 13. When? | 21. Minutes |
| 6. There is... (Inanimate) | 14. To Do | 22. To Have / Verbs in Continuous |
| 7. Relative Positions | 15. Contextual "Where" | |
| 8. There is... (Animate) | 16. With / And | |

Notes:

1. Only valid excuses for absence are illness, accident, death and special circumstances from the study (conference, exam, etc.). If you are going to miss a lesson, you must inform the teacher by e-mail, in advance whenever possible, and produce a written proof, whenever applicable, at the first lesson after the period of the said excuse.
2. If you have a disability that prevents you from completing an assignment, please contact in advance with the information: (1) what your disability is, and (2) how we could arrange the assignment so that you could complete it.
3. The final mark for the course will be given according to the evaluation method and the schedule as outlined above. There will be no rescheduling or replacement work for the missed assignment.
4. When you are suspected of cheating during a *test*, 50% will be taken off immediately (i.e., 10 points if the maximum score is 20, and 30 points if the maximum score is 60) without warning. If it happens during a *quiz*, then you will get "0" for the quiz. To avoid the penalty, do not make any suspicious movements. If you'd like to have the penalty removed, you must redo the test or quiz in question, and receive a better mark than the first time. With success, you will have your initial points restored (i.e., the second mark which is better than the first time will not be on the record).
5. During the lesson, please refrain from (1) unrelated chatting and (2) eating. Failure to do so will result in losing the attendance bonus point at the end of the semester.
6. This course is for absolute beginners. If you already know some Japanese, please pretend that you know nothing. Using the knowledge from outside the course, or asking a question based on it, will be considered as "unrelated chatting" and it is subject to the penalty.