

Western University  
Japanese 1036: Japanese for Beginners  
Section 00  
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Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30, TC 204

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### Course Description

This course aims to 1) build the acquisition of basic Japanese language ability by developing the grammatical accuracy, comprehension, and communicative ability in the four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in Japanese and 2) encourage awareness and enhance general knowledge of Japanese culture raised both in and outside the context of language learning.

### Antirequisite(s)

Grade 12U Japanese

### Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Exchange simple conversations in real situations (expressing their background, schedule, preferences, appearance, personality, hearsay, etc.) using basic grammar patterns.
2. Convey simple questions, invitations, offers, requests, and responses respectively.
3. Comprehend authentic texts (a personal diary, postcards and letters, questionnaires, advertisements, and uncomplicated instructions, etc.).
4. Write a diary, a short essay about themselves, a postcard/letter, and a short story from the provided topics with appropriate usage of the syllabic hiragana, katakana, and kanji.
5. Appropriate usage of the basic casual and polite forms, use of particles, conjugation rules of nouns, verbs, and adjectives in the tense (present/past) and the aspect (affirmative/negative).
6. Carry out communication with cultural appropriateness by taking into account the factors such as the proper time, place, and occasions.

### Textbook

Nakama 1: Japanese Communication Culture Context, 3rd Edition.

Ö <https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/cebcodeid35828>

### Evaluation

#### Vocabulary Quiz

There will be seven vocabulary quizzes in this class. These quizzes will account for 14% of the final grade in total. Each quiz will be administered during the first 10 minutes of class. Unless appropriate documentation is provided, missing quizzes will be graded as a zero.

#### Chapter Exam

There will be eight lesson exams in this class. These exams will account for 70% of the final grade in total. Each exam will be based on the materials covered in the course. The exact format of each exam will be discussed in class. Unless appropriate documentation is provided, missing exams will be graded as a zero.

### Conversation

There will be four conversation tasks in this class. These exams will account for 16% of the final grade in total. These exams will provide students opportunities to use Japanese as a conversational tool. The exact format of each exam will be discussed in class. If appropriate documentation is provided, missing exams will be graded as a zero.

### Final Exam

**Tentative Course Schedule**