Japan 211 is the first of three quarters of second-year Japanese. (211-212-213). The purpose of the course is to continue building a solid foundation in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, with classroom and homework activities designed to help students achieve a practical command of the language. Approximately 90 Kanji will be introduced in this course. (Nakama 1 covers about 110 kanji.)

The prerequisite is Japan113 or equivalent. Students who have not taken Japan113 should (1) pass the placement test, and (2) consult with the lecturer for further placement. Passing the placement test means you are exempted from taking first-year Japanese. However, it does not tell you which level is suitable for you. Therefore, you need to visit the instructor for an interview. Students who have studied abroad in Japan, or learned Japanese through life experience do not need to take the placement test, but must meet with the lecturer to confirm appropriate placement.

In Case of H1N1 Influenza Outbreak: If there is an H1N1 influenza outbreak that causes a large number of absences, the academic policies for this course will be adjusted accordingly. By request of Provost Phyllis Wyse, in such a case requirements for documentation of illness will be waived, to avoid unnecessarily overcrowding heath care facilities. If there is a large number of absences, the professor may also arrange for a set of student notes to be posted on the web. The professor is also investigating digital recording software to see if it is feasible to post a recording of lectures, or to record lectures from home if the instructor cannot be on campus due to influenza. These policies may be updated at any time, so check back at the "syllabus" tab on the course website for updates, or contact the professor with any questions.

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Adding/Dropping:
If you realize this course is NOT appropriate for you, please drop as soon as possible. Entry codes will be issued in quiz sections on Monday of Week 2, as we find spots available.

Class Time and Locations:
Lecture A  T/TH 8:30-9:20  MGH241  Ohta
Lecture B  T/TH 10:30-11:20  SMI 211  Ohta
Lecture C  T/TH 11:30-12:20  SMI 211  Ohta

Quiz Sections:
Sec. A  MWF 8:30-9:20  CUM 228  Koyama
Sec. B  MWF 9:30-10:20  CUM 228  Koyama
Sec. C  MWF 9:30-10:20  RAI 109  Yanai
Sec. D  MWF 10:30-11:20  RAI 109  Yanai
Sec. E  MWF 10:30-11:20  DEN 212  Igarashi
Sec. F  MWF 11:30-12:20  DEN 212  Igarashi
Sec. G  MWF 11:30-12:20  MGH 295  Yamamoto
Sec. H  MWF 12:30-1:20  MGH 295  Yamamoto

Course Materials:
1. Textbook and Workbook  Nakama 2  --available at UW Bookstore
2. Course Packet (required)  --available at UW Bookstore
3. Homework Answer Key  --available on the course website
4. Audio tapes for Lab Manual  --available on-line
   LLC Online Language Resources  http://depts.washington.edu/llc/olr/index.html
   or the course website
1)  Student CD:
   This comes packaged with the textbook. It contains recordings of the dialogues and
   listening activities from the textbook. (It’s not for Lab Manual.)
2)  CDs for Lab Manual:
   You may purchase the CDs at the LLC or on-line.
   http://haole.languages.washington.edu/ordering/
3)  You can also listen to the tapes in the lab. (LLC, Denny 116)

5. Recommended materials: Makino, S and M. Tsutsui, A Dictionary of Basic Japanese
   Grammar (The Japan Times) --available at UW Bookstore

Expectations:
Students are expected to:
♦ Prepare for class each day by studying ahead.
♦ Review after class each day through doing homework and practicing.
   (This includes going over activities done that day, studying vocabulary, practicing
   with classmates, and memorizing kanji.)
♦ Use the answer key after doing the homework. Do the assigned homework and
   check your answers with the answer key. Make a note of what you don’t understand.
♦ Use office hours to get help with homework, ask questions, or learn about study
   abroad.
♦ Studying with a study partner is highly recommended.

Lectures are designed to introduce grammar and provide some practice time. They are taught in
Japanese and English. Sections are conducted entirely in Japanese. You may ask questions about
grammar, etc., in English before or after the section, during the lecture, during office hours, and by
email. Active participation is expected. Attendance is mandatory in both lecture and quiz sections.
If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain missed assignments, notes, and
announcements from a classmate. Pop quizzes cannot be made up in any circumstances.
Grade Breakdown:

- Participation: 10%
- Quizzes: 40%
  (Weekly quizzes & Kanji Quiz, Vocab quizzes, Pop quizzes)
- Chapter Exam Ch.1 & 2: 15%
- Oral Interview: 5%
- Homework: 10%
- Final Exam: 20%

Participation:
Your instructor will evaluate your daily classroom participation. Your participation and practice during section meetings are very important to learn the language. Students who are tardy will receive half credit, and students who are absent will receive no credit each hour.

Quizzes:
The quizzes will cover the materials from the lecture and sections of the week. They are given in lecture sessions (see the schedule) and will begin promptly at the beginning of class. You are NOT allowed to attend a different section to take the quiz.

Kanji Quiz:
There will be one kanji quiz after we finish Ch.1. The quiz will test reading/writing of new kanji of the chapter.

Chapter Exams:
There will be a comprehensive exam for Ch. 1 and Ch. 2. More details will be announced in lecture.

Final Exam:
**Final Exam will be given on Saturday 12/12 from 8:30-10:20,** and cover Ch.1-3. Location will be announced later. The date is different from the scheduled exam date. Please make sure that your personal schedule is adjusted, since **no make-up final will be administered before or after this date.** If you have another exam scheduled to overlap with our final, you must inform the lecturer by the end of Week 2 to make arrangements. **No exceptions will be made.**

Make-up Exam policy:
*No make-ups will be given for quizzes and exams.* The policy of dropping the lowest quiz grade (Quiz 1-6) permits flexibility and accommodates minor illnesses and personal business. The only exception is for pre-arranged make-ups due to participation in official university business (documentation will be required), not for personal travel or social engagements.

Orals:
There will be two oral tests during the quarter. For both tests, you will work in pair, meet with your instructor to answer questions, and conduct a role-play conversation in Japanese. Details for each oral test will be announced in class.

Homework:
Homework will be assigned daily and collected in quiz section (MWF). Turn in homework before each class starts. Do not forget to staple if you have more than one page, and have your name and
section on the top of the first page. Homework will receive half credit if late but turned in on the due date. Three types of homework are assigned:

- Workbook/lab manual: Answers must be checked using the answer key prior to submitting homework—this is a part of the assignment. Use your own paper to do the exercises.
- Kanji homework: Do the kanji homework whenever it’s assigned, and submit it in the following quiz section.
- Other homework: Homework may also be assigned from the textbook and course pack. Sakubun (composition) will also be assigned after each chapter.

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Study Abroad:
Study abroad opportunities in Japan are available for students with any level of proficiency, from beginning through advanced. Each year, about 50 students from UW study in Japan on various programs. Information is available at the Office of International Programs and Exchanges (Schmitz Hall 4F) and via [http://ipe.washington.edu](http://ipe.washington.edu). Application deadline for summer programs and programs beginning in Fall is sometime in December (please check with IPE), and the interviews will be conducted early January.

Student Conduct Code:
It is the expectation of the university that students are familiar with the Student Conduct Code. Violations of the Student Conduct Code result in a variety of disciplinary actions, including suspension or permanent dismissal from the University. For details, please refer to [http://www.washington.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html](http://www.washington.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html).

Concerns about your TA
If you have any concerns about your teaching assistant, please see the teaching assistant about these concerns as soon as possible. If you are not comfortable talking with your TA, or not satisfied with the response that you have received, you may contact the main course instructor. If you are still not satisfied with the response, you may also contact Prof. Mike Shapiro, the Chair of the Department of Asian Languages and Literature in Gowen 225. You may also contact the Graduate School at 200 Gerberding Hall, by phone at 543-5900, or by e-mail at elf@u.washington.edu

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J-Info Announcement List
You are welcome to subscribe to the “J-info” list, where announcements are posted for students who are studying Japanese. Typical postings include Japan-related lectures, job announcements, study abroad information, Japan-related events, etc. Students cannot send postings themselves, but may send information to an instructor for posting.

To subscribe to J-info:

1) Compose a message to listproc@u.washington.edu
2) The text of the message should say: subscribe j-info<student’s own name>
   The portion of the above command in brackets should be replaced with your own name. The brackets should not be included in the command.