

8 . Summary of Japanese Language Courses

In this chapter, summaries of Japanese Language Courses are described. For more details on these courses and other courses and the syllabus of the Japanese Language and Culture Subjects, please refer to the “Doshisha University Syllabus” (Website <http://syllabus.doshisha.ac.jp>).

Level I (Elementary Level) Target Students: Those who begin their studies from elementary level.

Japanese 1・ 2 (Oral Expression A I)

Goal: To be able to speak in short sentences on topics familiar to students using basic sentence patterns of the elementary level.

Contents: Learning the sentence patterns necessary for speaking on topics familiar to students and practicing them in conversation.

Japanese 1・ 2 (Oral Expression B I)

Goal: To understand expressions used in everyday situations.

Contents: Introduction and conversation exercises of common expressions used in everyday situations. Pronunciation training to achieve a fluent utterance.

Japanese 1・ 2 (Grammar I)

Goal: To understand elementary level basic grammar.

Contents: Introduction to basic sentence patterns of the elementary level and short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level II (Upper Elementary Level)

Target Students: Those who have partially completed elementary level studies.

Japanese 1・ 2 (Oral Expression A II)

Goal: To be able to speak in short sentences on topics familiar to students, using basic sentence patterns of the elementary level.

Contents: Learning the sentence patterns necessary for speaking on topics familiar to students and practicing them in conversation.

Japanese 1・ 2 (Oral Expression B II)

Goal: To understand expressions used in everyday situations.

Contents: Introduction and conversation exercises of common expressions used in everyday situations. Pronunciation training to achieve a fluent utterance.

Japanese 1・ 2 (Grammar II)

Goal: To understand upper elementary level basic grammar.

Contents: Introduction to basic sentence patterns of the upper elementary level and short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level III (Pre-Intermediate Level)

Target Students: Those who have completed the elementary level studies but are advised to review the contents before proceeding to the intermediate level.

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression III)

Goal: To write coherent paragraphs on topics familiar to students, using the sentence patterns already learnt.

Contents: Exercises on writing about topics familiar to students, using relevant sentence patterns and with care to the overall paragraph structure.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B III)

Goal: To be able to use appropriate expressions in everyday situations.

Contents: Conversation exercises of everyday situations using sentence patterns and expressions already learnt.

Pronunciation training to achieve a fluent utterance.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar III)

Goal: To master elementary level grammar and understand most important intermediate sentence patterns.

Contents: Review of elementary grammar and introduction to important sentence patterns of the intermediate level. Short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level IV (Intermediate Level)

Target Students: Those who have completed and mastered elementary level studies.

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression IV)

Goal: To be able to write well-formed passages of approximately 600 characters in length.

Contents: Writing letters or simple essays on topics familiar to students.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B IV)

Goal: To acquire basic expressions for daily conversation and to develop oral expression skills for simple discussion.

Contents: Practicing oral expressions for various functions and situations to be able to express one's opinions. Discussions on topics familiar to students.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar IV)

Goal: To understand important intermediate sentence patterns.

Contents: Introduction to important intermediate sentence patterns and short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level V (Upper Intermediate Level)

Target Students: Those who have partially completed intermediate level studies.

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression V)

Goal: To be able to write well-formed passages of approximately 800 characters in length.

Contents: Writing letters and simple essays on topics familiar to students.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B V)

Goal: To acquire more advanced expressions for daily conversation and to develop oral expression skills for discussion.

Contents: Practicing oral expressions for various functions and situations to express one's opinion properly. Discussions on topics familiar to students.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar V)

Goal: To understand intermediate sentence patterns.

Contents: Introduction to intermediate sentence patterns and short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level VI (Pre-Advanced Level)

Target Students: Those who have completed intermediate level studies but are advised to review the contents at the same time with studying the advanced level.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension A VI)

Goal: To learn skimming and scanning techniques to develop reading comprehension.

Contents: Reading of pre-advanced level passages on current topics including newspaper articles to be able to read the information quickly and accurately.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension B VI)

Goal: To understand long and complex passages.

Contents: Reading of pre-advanced level passages from literature including stories, essays and poetry.

Japanese 1・2 (Vocabulary VI)

Goal: To develop vocabulary and expressions.

Contents: Understanding vocabulary in politics, economics, culture, society and other fields and practicing using them appropriately.

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression VI)

Goal: To be able to write short reports of approximately 1500 characters in length.

Contents: Learning the report writing process and expressions necessary for writing a report.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression A VI)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for monologues such as speeches or presentations.

Contents: Giving speeches and presentations on various topics.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B VI)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for dialogues such as conversations or discussions.

Contents: Having conversations, discussions, and debates on various topics.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar VI)

Goal: To master intermediate sentence patterns and understand advanced sentence patterns.

Contents: Review of intermediate sentence patterns to improve proficiency and introduction to advanced sentence patterns.

Short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level VII (Advanced Level)

Target Students: Those who have completed and mastered intermediate level studies.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension A VII)

Goal: To learn skimming and scanning techniques to develop reading comprehension.

Contents: Reading of advanced level passages on current topics including newspaper articles, editorials and descriptions, to be able to read the information quickly and accurately.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension B VII)

Goal: To understand long and complex passages.

Contents: Reading of advanced level passages from literature including stories, essays and poetry.

Japanese 1・2 (Vocabulary VII)

Goal: To develop vocabulary and expressions.

Contents: Practicing advanced expressions with appropriate usage of collocations of nouns and verbs, idioms and kango (words of Chinese origin).

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression VII)

Goal: To be able to write essays of approximately 2,000 characters in length.

Contents: Learning the research methodology and report and essay writing process.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression A VII)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for monologues such as speeches or presentations.

Contents: Giving speeches and presentations on various themes.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B VII)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for dialogues such as discussions or debates.

Contents: Having discussions and debates on various themes.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar VII)

Goal: To understand advanced sentence patterns.

Contents: Introduction to advanced sentence patterns and short sentence composition exercises using these sentence patterns.

Level VIII (Upper Advanced Level)

Target Students: Those who have studied at the advanced level but are required to further improve their proficiency.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension A VIII)

Goal: To learn skimming and scanning techniques to develop reading comprehension.

Contents: Reading of advanced level passages on current topics including newspaper articles, editorials and descriptions, to be able to read the information quickly and accurately.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension B VIII)

Goal: To understand long and complex passages.

Contents: Reading of advanced level passages from literature including stories, essays and poetry.

Japanese 1・2 (Vocabulary VIII)

Goal: To develop vocabulary and expressions.

Contents: Practicing advanced expressions with appropriate usage of collocations of nouns and verbs, idioms and kango (words of Chinese origin).

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression VIII)

Goal: To be able to write essays of approximately 2,500 characters in length.

Contents: Learning the research methodology and report and essay writing process.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression A VIII)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for monologues such as speeches or presentations.

Contents: Giving speeches and presentations on various themes.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B VIII)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for dialogues such as discussions or debates.

Contents: Having discussions and debates on various themes.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar VIII)

Goal: To master advanced sentence patterns.

Contents: Review of advanced sentence patterns to improve proficiency.

Level IX (High Advanced Level)

Target Students: Those who have mastered the 100 advanced-level sentence patterns, 10,000 basic words and 2,000 basic Chinese characters and have an advanced command of Japanese.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension A IX)

Goal: To learn skimming and scanning techniques to develop reading comprehension.

Contents: Reading of highly advanced level passages on current topics including newspaper articles, editorials and descriptions, to be able to read the information quickly and accurately.

Japanese 1・2 (Reading Comprehension B IX)

Goal: To understand texts of advanced contents.

Contents: Reading of advanced level passages from literature including modern and contemporary novels, essays and poetry.

Japanese 1・2 (Vocabulary IX)

Goal: To develop vocabulary and expressions.

Contents: Practicing advanced expressions with appropriate usage of collocations of nouns and verbs, idioms and kango (words of Chinese origin).

Japanese 1・2 (Written Expression IX)

Goal: To be able to write long essays of approximately 3,000 characters in length.

Contents: Learning the research methodology and report and essay writing process.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression A IX)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for monologues such as speeches or presentations.

Contents: Giving speeches and presentations on various themes.

Japanese 1・2 (Oral Expression B IX)

Goal: To develop oral expression skills for dialogues such as discussions or debates.

Contents: Having discussions and debates on various themes.

Japanese 1・2 (Grammar IX)

Goal: To acquire highly advanced expressions of Japanese.

Contents: Exercises of complex sentence patterns and more advanced expressions to improve proficiency.

Business Japanese

Target Students: Those who would like to improve Japanese proficiency in business.

Business Japanese A

Goal: To gain basic knowledge for a job search and a life in Japanese society.

Contents: Learning Japanese for beginners including honorifics as well as the culture and the common sense.

Business Japanese B

Goal: To learn Japanese expressions and manners useful for problem solving in Japan.

Contents: Utterance exercises and role-plays to learn honorifics. Acquiring the common sense and the basic business manners in Japan.

Business Japanese C

Goal: To acquire manners and language for business in Japan by understanding the culture.

Contents: Lectures, exercises and assignments.

Business Japanese D

Goal: To understand various issues in Japanese business and learn how to resolve them.

Contents: Learning practical business skills through role-plays and discussions.