

Course Syllabus

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| 1. Program of Study | Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Nursing Science |
| Faculty/ Institute/ College | Mahidol University International College |
| 2. Course Code ICLJ 312 | Course Title Intermediate Japanese II |
| 3. Number of Credits | 4 (4-0) |
| 4. Prerequisite (s) | ICLJ 311 |
| 5. Type of Course | Required |
| 6. Trimester/ Academic Year | Trimester 2/ Every year |
| 7. Course Description | More advanced grammar and vocabulary related to a wider variety of specialized contexts allowing the students to begin, hold and close extended conversations and discussions related to specialized topics and situation, and read and write simple argumentative texts related to such contexts. |
| 8. Course Objective (s) | At the end of each unit, the students will master the following skills: |

Unit 55

Language skills

How to ...

- invite a person by making sure of his/her opinion and schedule;
- make an appointment by checking the meeting time and place;
- decline an invitation politely so that the other person will not feel upset;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- Sentence final particle;
- Expression *tashika ... tta yo ne*;
- Expression *...n da kedo, isshoni dokana to omotte ...*;
- [Noun] + *demo isshoni do desu ka*;
- [Verb (*masu*-form)] + *tagaru/ hoshi garu*;
- Expression *sekkaku ... no ni*;
- [Verb (Potential voice)] + *ra to omotte iru*.

Unit 56

Language skills

How to ...

- exchange greetings when you visit others;
- introduce yourself and your hometown;
- write your self-introduction to find pen-friends;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- Particle *... no wa*;
- (Sentence) + *de, ...*;
- [Noun] + *tte, ... kedo, ...ne*;
- Adverbial/Verbal *... mitai ni/ ... mitai da*;
- [Verb] + *te kuru* (2);

- [Noun] + *o toshi te*.

Unit 57

Language skills

How to ...

- explain the condition of one's sickness or injury in detail;
- understand the doctor's explanation and advice;
- fill out a question sheet prior to seeing a doctor;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- *o* + [Verb (*masu*-form)] + *kudasai*;
- Expression *sono uchi ... ka to omotte ... n desu ga*;
- Mimetic word (1);
- Adverbial *nen no tame*;
- (Time) + *suru*;
- Adverbial... *zutsu*.

Unit 58

Language skills

How to ...

- explain what you want to buy;
- understand the explanation of a store clerk;
- change what you bought for another article by explaining the reason;
- get necessary information from a leaflet or a handbill;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- Honorific word of verbs: *o* + [Verb (*masu*-form)] + *desu ka*;
- [Noun] + *nan ka*;
- [Verb] + *tara*, [Verb] + *ta*;
- [Verb] + *yo ni iu*;
- [Noun] + *to shite*;
- [Verb] + *rareru* + [Noun] (passive voice);
- [Verb] + *rareru*/ [Verb] + *rarenai to* (passive voice) ...

Unit 59

Language skills

How to ...

- ask the way;
- make sure of important points while listening to the explanation of the way;
- understand information indicated on signs and direction boards in town;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- [Verb] + *ta tokoro de ...*;
- (Name) + *to iu* + [Noun];
- [Verb] + *ni wa*;
- Ending a sentence with a noun;
- Verbs converted to nouns.

Unit 60

Language skills

How to ...

- understand the explanation on the operation procedure of machines, etc;
- ask questions while listening to the explanation;
- explain the process of cooking dishes from your country;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- *hajime ni* + [Verb (*te*-form)] + *kara*, [Verb] + *reba*;
- Adjectives converted to adverbs;
- Mimetic word (2);
- [Verb] + *made*.

Unit 61

Language skills

How to ...

- have a conversation politely with Japanese people to get along well;
- find out the way of getting along with your colleagues and friends;
- learn the custom of exchanging greeting cards and gifts;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- *soro soro* + [Verb] + *yo ka*;
- [Verb (*te*-form)] + *bakari iru*;
- [Verb] + *sasete kudasai*;
- How to use *ii* and *warui*;
- [Verb] + *yo ni naru*;
- (number/ quantity) + *mo*;
- [Verb] + *baai*.

Unit 62

Language skills

How to ...

- compare things from various aspects;
- discuss the differences and changes that you found by making a comparison;
- obtain information properly from graphs and other materials;
- *Kanji* characters (5 characters).

Grammar

- (Amount of money) + *wa suru*;
- (Amount of money) + *mo suru*;
- Expression ... *ja nai desu ka*;
- Verbal ... *rashii*;
- [Verb (*te*-form)] + *te iku*;
- Verbal ... *darō*;
- Inversion;
- Compound words (2): ...*ka*, ... *saki*.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Presentation of the course. Unit 55 (Part 1).	4	Assigned section instructor.
2	Unit 55 (Part 2). Unit 56 (Part 1).	4	
3	Unit 56 (Part 2). Review.	4	
4	Unit 57.	4	Assigned section instructor.
5	Unit 58.	4	
6	Review. Mid Term Examination.	2 2	
7	Unit 59.	4	
8	Unit 60.	4	
9	Review. Unit 61 (Part 1).	4	
10	Unit 61 (Part 2). Unit 62 (Part 1).	4	
11	Unit 62 (Part 2). Review.	4	
	Total	44	

NB. The coordinator reserves the right to change topics when appropriate.

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lecture, practical exercises, activities.

11. Teaching Media

Textbook, handouts, transparencies, audio cassette tape recorder, VCR.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

MUIC standard grading criteria: 90 % and above will have grade A.

13. Course evaluation

1. Quizzes 5 %;
2. Mid Term Examination 45 %;
3. Final Examination 50 %.

14. Reference (s)

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15. Instructor (s)

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