



**INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES
UNIVERSITY OF RAJSHAHI**

**Curriculum for
Certificate Course in Japanese
(Level 1)**

**Session: 2024-2025
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Mission:

1. To promote skills of different language in the university graduates for study and employment overseas
2. To improve the intercultural and interlinguistic communicative competence of the graduates.

Vision:

Rajshahi University graduates will have the chance to

1. develop their competence in the major foreign languages of the world which will be useful for them for study abroad, and for employment overseas.
2. They will be able to communicate in multilingual and multicultural situations.

Programme Objectives:

1. To facilitate teaching and learning of the major foreign languages of the world.
2. To promote multiculturalism and multilingualism in Rajshahi University graduates.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will have working vocabulary of foreign languages.
2. They will be able to read, write, speak and listen effectively in the offered foreign languages.

Course Description:

The certificate course in Japanese is of Six months' duration and it consists of one paper of 100 marks. Final examination will be held at the end of the semester. Results will be published in grading system.

Course Learning Objectives:

To help learners develop knowledge and skills of Japanese for study and employment in Japanese context and also to work with Japanese in home context.

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be familiar with Japanese alphabet, and sound system of Japanese language.
2. They will have working knowledge of Japanese vocabulary, and
3. They will be able to read, write, speak and listen to Japanese effectively.

Course Contents:

1. Japanese alphabet, sound system and its Romanization: Vowels, Consonants plus vowel sounds, sounds with –や, -ゆ and –よ syllabic consonants, Rendaku, etc. 1C/10
2. Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji, use of hiragana for two successive vowels, use of hiragana for particles. 2C/20
3. Sentence patterns: 1C/10
4. Greetings: Greetings: [おはよう]ございます Good morning, こんにちは Hello,こんばんは Good evening, おやすみなさい Good Night, さようなら Goodbye, どうも Thanks, ありがとうございます Thank you, どういたしまして You're welcome, すみません Excuse me, ほんとにすみません I'm very sorry, はじめまして How do you do, きよつけて Take care, おぢまします Sorry to bother you, ごめんなさい I'm terribly sorry, どうしましたか What's the matter?], おだいじに Take good care of yourself, かんぱい Cheers! etc. ½C/5

5. A. Counting (a) number from 1 to 20, (b) number- multiples of 10, (c) number from 21 to 100, (d) number- multiples of 100 up to 1000, (e) number- multiples of 1000 up to 10,000. ½C/5
- B. Counters: (Hours of the day, days of the week, months of the year, day-date, time etc.)
- (i) Count of dates: tsuitachi, futsuka, etc.; (ii) Count of pieces: hitotsu, futatsu, etc.; (iii) Count of men: hitori, futari, etc.; (iv) Count of floors: Ikkai, Nikai, etc.; (v) Count of liquid: Ippai, Nihai, etc.; (vi) Count of times: Ichido, Nido, etc.; (vii) Count of Period: Ippun, Nifun, etc.; (viii) Count of hours: Ichijikan, Nijikan, etc.; (ix) Count of weeks: Isshukan, Nishukan, etc.; (x) Count of months: Ikkagetsu, Nikagetsu, etc.; (xi) Count of years: Ichinen, Ninen, etc. ½C/5
6. Introduction to Kanji and the use of Kanji characters in Japanese. Origin and writing pattern of kanjis using pictographix and kanji and kana mnemonics. 2C/20

Reading from the text: 2C/20

7. Hours of the day, days of the week, months of the year, day-date and time. 2C/20

8. Use of いる, ある, ぐらい, ごろ, も, よく, まい and あまり. ½C/5

9. Present and past forms of verbs for both affirmative and negative forms: ½C/5

-ます, -ました, -ません, -ませんでした from the following verbs: いる, ある, くる, ようむ, よぶ, かえる, みる, でかける, する, のむ, たべる, かく, やる, かう, あう, ねむ, おきる, あそぶ, べんきょうする, きく, はなす, あるく, はしる, ふる, できる, わかる, かかる, あける, しめる, etc.

10. Use of the following: 2C/20

- (a) -na adjectives:

げんきな, しずかな, ひまな, きれいな, あんぜんな, べんりな, だいじな, だめな, ふべんな, ふしんせつな, へたな, いろいろな, ぞずな, きらいな, にぎあかな, しんせつな, しつれいな, つきな, ていねいな, ゆめいな, etc.

- (b) -i adjectives:

あぶない, あかるい, あまい, からい, くらい, きたない, かるい, せまい, しょからい, すくない, あたらしい, あたたかい, あつい, ちいさい, ちかい, ふるい, はやい, ひくい, ひろい, いい, いそがしい, いたい, みじかい, むずかしい, ながい, おおい, おいしい, おおきい, ちいさい, おもい, おもしろい, おそい, さむい, すっぱい, つずしい, ただしい, たのしい, とおい, つまらない, つめたい, わかい, わるい, やさしい, やすい, たかい, etc.

- (c) -adjectives with opposite meaning:

あたらしい- ふるい, はやい- おそい, おおきい- ちいさい, いそがしい- ひま, たいへん- かんたん, むずかしい- やさしい, うえ- した, きた- みなみ, きれい- きたない, おとこ- おんな, いい- わるい, ねむ- おきる, はじまる- わる, あまい- からい, すわる- たてる, はしる- あるく, うるさい- しずか, etc.

- (d) -te form of verbs:

- i) -u verb:

かう- かいます- かって, まつ- まちます- まって, つかう- つかいます- つかって,

あげる- あげます- あげて, きく- きます- きいて, よむ- みます- よんで,

あう- あいます- あって, すう- すいます- すって, etc. and the exception: いく- いきます- いて.

- ii) –ru verb:
 みる- みます- みいて, たべる- たべます- たべて,
 おくる- おくります- おくって, つける- つけます- つけて, etc.

- iii) Irregular verbs: する- します- しいて, くる- きます- きいて, etc.

- (e) –mashoo forms of the following verbs:
 かう- かいましょう, あう- あいましょう, かえる- かえりましょう, ようむ- ようみましょう, の
 む- のみしょう, いく- いきしょう, くる- きましょう, あける- あけしょう, しめる- しめ
 ましょう, etc.

11. Use of Hiragana for Particles, Demonstratives [こう, そう, あー, どう], Interrogative Nouns,
 Connecting two Nouns, Prenominal Demonstratives, Adjectival Predicates, Adjectival Demonstratives,
 Adverbial Demonstratives, Adverbs of Degree, Noun Conjoining Particles, Conjunctions,
 Approximation, Nominalization of a Verb, etc. 1C/10
12. Translation from English to Japanese (only simple sentence).
13. Translation from Japanese to English (only simple sentence).

Assessment:

Incourse (Class Test + Presentation + Attendance)	: 20 marks
Final Examination	: 70 marks
Viva Voce	: 10 marks

Total : **100** marks

Recommended Books:

- 1) *JAPANESE FOR TODAY* By Yoshida et al., Japan
- 2) *AN INTRODUCTION TO MODERN JAPANESE* By Osamu Mizutani and Nobuko Mizutani, 1977.
The Japan Times Ltd., Tokyo.
- 3) *MINNA NO NIHONGO* 3A Corporation Ltd., Tokyo 2004.
- 4) *SHIN NIHONGO NO KISO 1*, The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Taiwan, 1990.
- 5) Rvcvbxflvif~wgKv, wn†iv†KvKvmyBqv, evsjvGKv†Wgx, 1992|
- 6) *JAPANESE FOR BUSY PEOPLE* By the Association for Japanese-Language Teaching, 1990.
Kodansha International Ltd., Tokyo. (2 Vols)
- 7) *JAPANESE GRAMMAR* (2nd Ed.) By Nobuo Akiyama and Carol Akiyama, Barron's Educational series, Inc. New York, 2002.
- 8) *KANJI PICTOGRAPHIX* By Michael Rowley, 1992. Stone Bridge Press, California
- 9) *A GUIDE TO WRITING KANJI AND KANA* By Wolfgang Hadamitzky and Mark Spahn, 1991.
Charles E. Tuttle Company, Tokyo (2 Vols)
- 10) *かなマスター* 15 Hours To Perfect Kana,
- 11) *KODANSHA'S BASIC ENGLISH-JAPANESE DICTIONARY* By Seiichi Makino, Seiichi Nakada, Mieko Ohso and Contributing Editor Wesley M. Jacobsen, Kodansha International, Tokyo
- 12) *SANSEIDO'S DAILY CONCISE ENGLISH DICTIONARY* 5th Ed. 1990. Sanseido Company Ltd.
- 13) *RANDOM HOUSE JAPANESE-ENGLISH ENGLISH-JAPANESE DICTIONARY*, By Seigo Nakao 1996. Ballantine Books, New York.