

Course Title:	Write Japanese I
Course Code:	JAPA512
Descriptor Start Date:	01/01/2025
POINTS:	15.00
LEVEL:	5
PREREQUISITE/S:	
COREQUISITE/S:	
RESTRICTION/S:	JAPA501, JAPA503

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

Write Japanese I is for complete beginners of Japanese. The emphasis is on reading and writing Japanese, including phonetic Japanese scripts (hiragana and katakana) as well as basic Chinese origin characters (kanji). Students will develop a starter level of competence in written Japanese within Japanese socio-cultural contexts.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify essential information from simple written texts in Japanese on familiar everyday topics.
2. Write, in Japanese script, simple short messages appropriate to everyday situations.
3. Understand and apply aspects of language and cultural knowledge at a basic level.

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CONTENT

Topics may include:

- Self-introduction and greetings
- Giving information about family, people and things
- Position and location
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Describing past experiences
- Making requests
- Asking and giving permission

Other content includes:

- Japanese sound system
- Alphabet based script (rōmaji)
- All hiragana and katakana characters, and some basic kanji characters
- A range of reading materials such as holiday greetings and personal information

Reference Levels

- Common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFR): A1
- Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Reading: halfway through to N5

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

Class work will be based on noticing and discovery-learning techniques to reinforce language and cultural understanding gained through the inquiry process. Students will take part in numerous starter reading and writing activities in different realistic situations.

Language learning apps and multi-media may be used for practice and assessments. Students are encouraged to develop a personal learning plan and set regular goals.

This class has a shared grammar class with the Speak 1 class. There are different streams in the same class. Stream 50 is for students who take Write Japanese I (JAPA512) and Speak Japanese 1 (JAPA511) at the same time, thus this stream will be taught in Japanese characters as they are introduced in JAPA512 to reinforce and help students learn them.

Stream 51 is for students who only take Speak Japanese I (JAPA511), thus this stream is taught in Alphabet based scripts (Roomaji). However, it is strongly recommended that students intending to take Speak Japanese II without taking Write Japanese I learn to read the hiragana, katakana and kanji characters covered in Write Japanese I before entering Speak Japanese II.

Participating in activities outside the Japanese language classroom in a Japanese language and cultural environment is strongly encouraged as it assists students to realise and utilise their learning.

Participating in activities outside the Japanese language classroom in a Japanese language and cultural environment and applying what they have learnt, is strongly encouraged as it assists students to realise and utilise their learning.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Learning Outcomes
Formative test	1, 2, 3
Summative test	1, 2, 3
Exam	1, 2, 3

Grade Map

MAP1

A+ A A- Pass with Distinction

B+ B B- Pass with Merit

C+ C C- Pass

D Fail

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Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

- Submit all assessments and meet requirements as outlined in the Assessment grid. All assessments are compulsory.
 - If any compulsory assessment is not handed in, a final grade of DNC will be awarded for the paper.
- NOTE: As per the General Academic Regulations of AUT, if you do not submit a completed compulsory assessment, you may be withdrawn from the course.

LEARNING RESOURCES

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For further information, contact: Te Ara Kete Aronui - Faculty of Culture & Society

Principal Programme: AK3704, Bachelor of Arts

Related Programme/s: AK3704

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