GSFS Japanese Language Course: Winter 2020

Course syllabus and textbooks

Class 1 (beginners)

This course centers on study of language features which support basic everyday communication (characters, vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, etc.). Target sentence patterns are chosen based on language activities. The contents are linked with those of Oral communication 1. Therefore, we strongly recommend participants' taking both courses in parallel.

Textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Starter (A1) Rikai, Coursebook for communicative language competences, Price (excluding tax): ¥1,700 978-4-384-05753-9 C0081

まるごと 日本のことばと文化 入門(A1) りかい, 定価(税別): 1,700円

Class 2a (lower elementary)

This course centers on the elements of language which support everyday communication (vocabulary, grammar, sentence patterns, etc.). The aim is to become able to talk about simple things in Japanese, such as your family, job, and your town. Learning points are chosen based on the Can-do objective model-conversations. The course covers about a half of elementary level sentence patterns. The contents are linked with those of Oral communication 2a. Therefore, we strongly recommend participants' taking both courses in parallel. Those who attended Class 1 last semester are expected to take this course.

Textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Elementary (A2) Rikai, Coursebook for communicative language competences, Price (excluding tax): ¥1,900 978-4-384-05755-3 C0081

まるごと 日本のことばと文化 初級1(A2) りかい, 定価(税別): 1,900円

Class 2b (upper elementary)

This course centers on the elements of language which support everyday communication. The participants will practice expressing their own ideas and participate in an exchange of information within a range of familiar, everyday topics. Class 2a and 2b together cover the majority of elementary level sentence patterns. The contents are linked with those of Oral communication 2b. Therefore, we strongly recommend participants' taking both courses in parallel. Those who attended Class 2 (now it is called Class 2a) last semester are expected to take this course. Those who completed Class 1 successfully last semester can also try this course.

Textbook:

Marugoto, Elementary 2 (A2) *Rikai*, Coursebook for communicative language competences. Price (excluding tax): ¥1,900, 978-4-384-05757-7 C0081 まるごと 日本のことばと文化 初級2 (A2) りかい, 定価(税別): 1,900円

Class 2/3 (pre-intermediate)

This is a course bridging between elementary and intermediate levels. The participants will review basic grammar in a wider range of communicative contexts, such as in life events

and experiences. The participants can expand vocabulary frequently used in everyday life before moving on to intermediate level. The course book is the same as that used in Oral communication 3 last semester. The course covers 44 pre-intermediate level Can-do objectives.

Textbook:

Marugoto, Pre-Intermediate (A2/B1) Price (excluding tax): ¥2,200 978-4-384-05758-4 C0081

まるごと 日本のことばと文化 初中級 A2/B1, 定価(税別): 2,200円

Class 3 (lower intermediate)

The aim of this course is for learners to become independent language users. The participants will practice carrying out coherent conversations, try to understand the main points of texts about familiar topics and thereby cope with a range of situations by themselves in Japanese. For this aim, authentic materials are used in the course book.

Textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Intermediate 1 (B1),

Price (excluding tax): ¥2,800, 978-4-384-05759-1 C0081

まるごと 日本のことばと文化 中級1, 定価(税別): 2,800円

Class 4a (upper intermediate: listening and speaking)

The aim of this course is for learners to become independent language users. The level is a little higher than that of Class 3, and the topics are different. The participants will be able to carry out coherent conversations, understand the main points of texts about familiar topics and deal with a range of situations by themselves in Japanese. For this aim, authentic materials are used in the course book.

Textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Intermediate 2(B1), Price (excluding tax): ¥3,000, 978-4-384-05760-7 C0081

まるごと 日本のことばと文化 中級2, 定価(税別): 3.000円

Class 4b (upper intermediate: reading and writing)

The course book is the same as that of Class 4a. Part 4 and part 5 of the book, which cover reading comprehension and writing, will be used in this class. Although written texts are the main targets, speaking is also practiced. Students can take Class 4a and 4b in parallel or take one after another. Those who took Class 4 in Summer semester are welcome, because we will use sections which were not studied in Summer semester.

Textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Intermediate 2(B1),

Price (excluding tax): ¥3,000, 978-4-384-05760-7 C0081

まるごと 日本のことばと文化 中級2, 定価(税別): 3.000円

Class 5 (advanced)

The participants will practice communication in a wider range of social contexts such as seminar discussion, job-hunting, or business scenes.

Textbook:

To be announced in the class.

Oral communication 1 (beginners)

This course aims to help learners be able to take part in communicative language activities. Fifty Can-do objectives in the course center on interaction in everyday conversations without using complex sentences. The contents are linked with those of Class 1 and taking both courses in parallel is strongly recommended.

Textbook:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Starter (A1) *Katsudoo*, Coursebook for communicative language activities. Price (excluding tax): ¥1,500. 978-4-384-05752-2 C0081 入門(A1)かつどう, 定価(税別): 1,500円

Oral communication 2a (lower elementary)

This course aims at helping learners become able to take part in communicative language activities. There are 53 Can-do objectives which center on interactive communication. The conversations are a little longer and more complex than those of beginners' level (Oral 1). There are also Can-dos that involve extended speaking in front of others, such as presentations and speeches at events. The contents are linked with those of Class 2a and taking both courses in parallel is strongly recommended.

Textbook:

Marugoto Elementary 1 (A2) *Katsudoo*, Coursebook for communicative language activities Price (excluding tax): ¥1,800, 978-4-384-05754-6 C0081 初級1(A2)かつどう 定価(税別): 1,800円

Oral communication 2b (upper elementary)

The participants will practice communication in simple and routine tasks on familiar topics or routine matters. They will practice describing their backgrounds, environments, and their immediate needs in everyday life. The contents are linked with those of Class 2b and taking both courses in parallel is strongly recommended.

Textbook:

Marugoto Elementary 2 (A2) *Katsudoo*, Coursebook for communicative language activities. Price (excluding tax): ¥1,800, 978-4-384-05756-0 C0081 初級2(A2)かつどう, 定価(税別): 1,800円

First Kanji N5-N4

This course aims at participants' getting acquainted with sound and writing systems of Japanese, including speech prosody, phonograms (Hiragana and Katakana) and ideograms (Kanji: Chinese characters). In face-to-face classes, we use ink brushes, which is likely to enable learners to learn letter features more easily and effectively. The participants can buy an ink brush at 100 Yen shops. We cover most N5-level Kanjis (110) and a part of N4-level Kanjis (100 - 200) in this course.

Textbook:

Nihongo Challenge Kanji (にほんごチャレンジかんじ) N4-5, アスク出版 1300円+tax, ISBN-10: 4872177576, ISBN-13: 978-4872177572

N3 vocabulary & reading

This class is for those who have studied about 300 Kanji. Participants practice reading and writing Kanji, while expanding their vocabulary. By the end of the course, students will be able to recognize about 500 Kanji, which cover the JLPT level N3.

Textbook:

『日本語総まとめ N3 漢字』アスク出版 1200円+ Tax Nihongo So-matome: Essential Practice for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level N3, Kanji, ISBN: 978-4-87217-730-5

Academic Japanese (upper intermediate and above)

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