

Modern Japanese: Advanced language proficiency 1 (A005120)

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Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
Credits 6.0 Study time 180 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

Offering	Language	Location	Teaching Method	Hours
A (semester 1)	English, Japanese	Gent	lecture	10.0 h
			integration seminar	5.0 h
			group work	10.0 h
			guided self-study	10.0 h
			microteaching	10.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

Oguma, Rie	LW21	staff member
Niehaus, Andreas	LW21	lecturer-in-charge
Van Haute, Luc	LW21	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

Programme	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages (main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures)	6	A
Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan)	6	A
Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures	6	A

Teaching languages

English, Japanese

Keywords

Modern Japanese, literary Japanese, newspaper Japanese

Position of the course

The focus of the course is on the advancement of the students' command of Modern Japanese. Authentic texts - literature, academic texts, etc. - as well as other material such as movies, anime, news broadcasts etc., are used in order to enhance the participants' command of the Modern Japanese language. The course is divided into two segments, which are taught by two different teachers (see above).

Contents

The course is designed to enhance the students' command of the Modern Japanese language. In general, the course focuses on a variety of literary and academic texts which cover colloquial as well as modern written Japanese on an advanced level. The course furthermore aims at improving the participants' conversational and listening skills, and the students are encouraged to speak Japanese as much as possible in the classroom.

Initial competences

The course requires a thorough knowledge of 'Modern Japanese' (BA 3 level), and a good knowledge of the history, society, politics, culture and economy of Japan and East Asia. Moreover, an advanced command of the internet and online resources is required.

Final competences

- 1 To be able to translate, analyze and interpret texts written in Modern Japanese.
- 2 To be able to voice opinions and to speak about related subjects on an advanced level of Japanese.
- 3 To be able to use academic secondary literature.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, group work, lecture, integration seminar, microteaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

Advanced language exercises on the basis of selected original texts written in modern Japanese, which are interactively related to previously acquired knowledge, and are explored in guided exercises and work groups, and discussed in the class room. Students are intensively involved, and receive guidance for the interpretation of primary sources. Students receive training to enhance their vocabulary and character knowledge, their command of grammar as well as their conversation and listening skills.

Learning materials and price

Dictionaries:

- An advanced dictionary Japanese-English as a book or in digital form. Recommended: Kenkyusha's New Japanese English Dictionary (ISBN-13: 978-0785971283). Price hardcover: from ca. 90 euro used to 450 euro new.
 - An advanced dictionary English-Japanese as a book or in digital form. Recommended: Kenkyusha's New English Japanese dictionary (ISBN-13: 978-4767410258). Price hardcover: from ca. 65 euro used to 450 euro new.
 - An advanced Japanese-Japanese dictionary. As a book or in digital form, for example Kôjien (newest edition, ISBN-13: 978-4000801218). New ca. 135 euro.
 - An advanced Japanese-Japanese or Japanese-English character dictionary. Recommended: Nelson New Japanese English Character Dictionary (ISBN-13: 978-0804820363). Price hardcover: ca. 40 euro.
 - Online dictionaries and research tools, as well as smartphone apps (free).
- Texts and other material provided via Minerva. (not more than 20 euro)

References

Course content-related study coaching

Discussions in class provide a constant feedback. Interactive support via Minerva, consulting on appointment.

Evaluation methods

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination, oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination, oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The oral examination focuses on the knowledge of the texts studied in class as well as unknown texts. The written exam focuses on translation and reading abilities. Also listening skills will be tested.

Calculation of the examination mark

Oral examination (30%), written exam (40%), individual work 30%.
In case one does not participate in one or more parts of the evaluation, one cannot pass the course. If the average final score totals 10/20 or more (despite not participating in one part), the score will be reduced to the highest non-pass score (= 9).
If you pass a designated part of the exam, this part does not have to be redone in the second sit. However, you are entitled to do all parts of the examination in the re-sit, including the parts you have passed. The last obtained grades will be used to calculate the final exam score.

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

(Approved)

- 1 Student attendance during educational activities is required
- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year in case of illness, etc.
- 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during and after office hours