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General Information

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Credit points 3
Prerequisites
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit provides introductory Japanese language instruction for students with no previous knowledge of Japanese. The unit helps students acquire kana scripts and the basic elements of grammar. Students develop their skills in all four areas of speaking, writing, listening and reading, as well as develop their understanding of the cultural factors which can affect communication in Japanese. Interactive tutorials and the use of online resources provide students with opportunities to use Japanese as much as possible.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Reading: understand very short simple texts in hiragana and katakana a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.

Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.

Writing: write short, simple formulaic texts in hiragana and katakana relating to matters in

areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

Spoken Interaction: interact with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations, provided the other person helps if necessary; manage simple, routine exchanges without undue effort; ask and answer questions and exchange ideas and information on familiar topics in predictable everyday situations; communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar matters to do with work and free time; handle very short social exchanges but is rarely able to understand enough to keep conversation going on his/her own accord.

Spoken Production: give a simple presentation of people, living or working conditions, daily routines, likes/dislikes etc. as a short series of simple phrases and sentences linked into a list.

General Assessment Information

Assessment tasks are compulsory and must be submitted on time. Extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assessment task is late. No assessment tasks will be accepted after assessment tasks have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assessment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

If a student is prevented by serious and unavoidable disruption from completing unit requirements in accordance with their ability, they may apply for support under the **Disruption to Studies Policy**. To access this support, students must notify the university via ask.mq.edu.au. Students should refer to the Disruption to Studies Policy for further information (see the link provided in the 'Policies and procedures' section of this unit guide).

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Unit Participation</u>	15%	Weekly
<u>Online Quizzes</u>	10%	Weekly
<u>Test 1</u>	5%	Week 4
<u>Individual Speaking Test</u>	10%	Week 7
<u>Skit Performance</u>	10%	Week 13
<u>Test 2</u>	20%	Week 10

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Final Examination</u>	30%	Formal exam period

Unit Participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **15%**

For satisfactory completion of this unit, students are required to actively participate in all activities (both online and in-class, where applicable) and complete tasks such as the weekly Homework. Internal students are required to attend at least 80% of Seminar 1 (lectures) and Seminar 2 (tutorials). External students are required to study independently as instructed and maintain regular communication with teaching staff.

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Online Quizzes

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Each quiz comprises 10 questions and will be available from 1:00PM Wednesday to 9:00AM on the following Wednesday. You are NOT allowed to consult ANY resources during the quiz.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short simple texts in hiragana and katakana a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.
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Test 1

Due: **Week 4**

Weighting: **5%**

This is to test your ability to correctly write hiragana and use the grammar and vocabulary covered in Weeks 1-3. You are NOT allowed to consult ANY resources during the test.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short simple texts in hiragana and katakana a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.
- Writing: write short, simple formulaic texts in hiragana and katakana relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

Individual Speaking Test

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **10%**

This test requires you to read aloud a short passage and answer questions in Japanese, using the grammar, expressions and vocabulary studied during Weeks 1-6. Instructions and marking criteria will be provided in iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short simple texts in hiragana and katakana a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.
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Skit Performance

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **10%**

This task requires students to create and perform a skit, either as a pair or group of three. Each presenter should talk for approximately 2 minutes, using the grammar and expressions taught in JPS101. External students may be allowed to complete it individually. The script of the performance should be submitted via iLearn prior to the test. Instructions and marking criteria will be provided in iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly

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Test 2

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **20%**

This is to assess your reading, writing and listening skills, covering the content of Weeks 1-9. You are NOT allowed to consult ANY resources during the test.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short simple texts in hiragana and katakana a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.
- Writing: write short, simple formulaic texts in hiragana and katakana relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

Final Examination

Due: **Formal exam period**

Weighting: **30%**

The exam is to assess your ability to read and write in Japanese and will cover the content of Weeks 1-13. No dictionaries are permitted.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short simple texts in hiragana and katakana a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: write short, simple formulaic texts in hiragana and katakana relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

Delivery and Resources

Required and recommend texts and/or materials

No textbook is required for this unit. Lecture and tutorial slides, as well as the JPS101 Workbook, will be provided in iLearn. Students will be required to download and print out the Workbook Exercises and Homework.

The online unit (iLearn) can be accessed at: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au>. Students must have regular, reliable access to a computer and the internet to complete this unit. Completion of assessment tasks will also require a computer with Japanese fonts enabled. Basic computer skills (e.g., internet browsing) and skills in word processing in Japanese and English are required.

Unit Schedule

The unit schedule will be provided in iLearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Writing: write short, simple formulaic texts in hiragana and katakana relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.
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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment tasks

- Unit Participation
- Individual Speaking Test
- Skit Performance

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment tasks

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- Online Quizzes
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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.
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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Spoken Interaction: interact with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations, provided the other person helps if necessary; manage simple, routine

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