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General Information

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Prerequisites

JPS101 or JPNS1010

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit will improve students' understanding of Japanese grammar, vocabulary, culture, and writing so that they can accomplish a variety of practical and authentic tasks. Students will develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to a level where they can carry out a wide variety of common social interactions, and participate effectively in multiple communicative contexts. Additionally, students will gain basic proficiency in the use of the kanji script, and the ways that standard written Japanese employs kanji, hiragana, and katakana in tandem. The unit provides opportunities for interactive language learning, and a wide variety of methods for Japanese practice through the use of online resources.

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:

ULO1: Develop comprehensive elementary level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Japanese language.

ULO2: Identify, describe and evaluate some aspects of Japanese-speaking cultures and societies.

ULO3: Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Japanese at elementary level.

ULO4: Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.

ULO5: Demonstrate an awareness of some language and language use, in both Japanese and in English.

General Assessment Information

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Indicative examples of assessment tasks and regular feedback will be available on iLearn.

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, **a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted**, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) **will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic**

Please make every effort to submit your assignment by the due date. If you find you cannot submit your assignment on time, please apply for Special Consideration through AskMQ. Make sure you read Macquarie University's policy regarding Special Consideration requests before you apply: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/special-consideration>

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
<u>Reflexive Practice Diary</u>	50%	No	02/11/2026	Individual	Yes	Open
<u>Mid-Semester Test</u>	20%	No	13/09/2026	Individual	Yes	Open

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Spoken Conversation	30%	No	Week 12	Individual	No	Observed

Reflexive Practice Diary

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **02/11/2026**

Weighting: **50%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Students will complete a diary over the course of the semester, noting the tasks they engage in for practice Japanese week to week, and reflecting on what is working well and what they need to improve on. Various ungraded opportunities for effective practice (including feedback) are provided on iLearn, and can contribute to success in this task.

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Mid-Semester Test

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **13/09/2026**

Weighting: **20%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

A mid-semester written test that comprehensively evaluates students' progress on their reading, writing, and listening skills across the first half of the semester.

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- Demonstrate an awareness of some language and language use, in both Japanese and in English.

Spoken Conversation

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

A live speaking test assessing students' abilities in speaking and reading Japanese.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- [Academic Success](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

TEXTBOOK

Unit Book is provided free on iLearn. Please download and have a copy ready by Week 1. Printing off a hard copy is recommended, but not required.

Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/ilearn_unit_status/ to check when your online unit will become available.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn by the end of Week 1 and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package prior to Week 2.

Please contact your course convenor **before** the end of **Week 1** if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- For central technical support go to: http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students>

Unit Schedule

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Week 1: Introduction/Review

Week 2: Comparison & Contrast

Week 3: Plain Form

Week 4: Using Plain Form

Week 5: Transitive & Intransitive Verbs + Counting

Week 6: The ? Form

Week 7: Requests and ??? - Speaking Test/Midterm Test

Week 8: ??????, Adverbs, Advanced Uses of ?, and Negative Requests

Break

Week 9: Plain Past Tense

Week 10: Motivated Movement & Relative Clauses

Week 11: Abilities & Explanations

Week 12: Speaking Tests

Policies and Procedures

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

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

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

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

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

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
18/08/2026	Updated to match new assessments

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