# General Information

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**Unit description**

This unit is designed to develop skills in all areas of Japanese language (reading, writing, listening and speaking) to an advanced level of proficiency. Students learn to discuss a wider range of topics as well as substantially increase their knowledge of vocabulary and kanji. This unit continues to focus on further increasing students' skills in intercultural communication so that they will be able to communicate in a manner which is culturally as well as linguistically appropriate. Authentic Japanese materials are chosen from a wide range of genres for students to understand and appropriately utilise in their expression in Japanese. The unit covers socio-linguistic aspects of Japanese communication including register, pragmatics and rhetorical conventions. The use of online resources provides 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://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)
Learning Outcomes

1. Reading: Understand a variety of detailed, lengthy and complex texts on familiar and unfamiliar topics independently and strategically, in a timely manner; effectively use appropriate reference sources; acquire a wider range of kanji and vocabulary.

2. Listening: Understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in a standard dialect, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation.

3. Writing: Write clear, detailed and well-structured texts in various styles on unfamiliar and complex topics, underlining the relevant and salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples, and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion, appropriately using a wider range of expressions and kanji.

4. Spoken Interaction: Interact, using the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of topics, marking clearly the relationships between ideas; communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what needs to be said, adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.

5. Spoken Production: Give clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations with appropriate highlighting of significant points and relevant supporting detail.

General Assessment Information

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

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**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 all assignments on-time. External students are required to study independently as instructed and maintain regular communication with teaching staff.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- **Reading:** Understand a variety of detailed, lengthy and complex texts on familiar and unfamiliar topics independently and strategically, in a timely manner; effectively use appropriate reference sources; acquire a wider range of kanji and vocabulary.
- **Listening:** Understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in a standard dialect, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation.
- **Writing:** Write clear, detailed and well-structured texts in various styles on unfamiliar and complex topics, underlining the relevant and salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples, and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion, appropriately using a wider range of expressions and kanji.
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- **Spoken Production:** Give clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations with appropriate highlighting of significant points and relevant supporting detail.

**Listening Test 1**

**Due:** Week 5
Weighting: **10%**

Listening Test 1 including (but not limited to) the contents from Week 1 to Week 4. Further details will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Listening: Understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in a standard dialect, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation.
- Spoken Interaction: Interact, using the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of topics, marking clearly the relationships between ideas; communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what needs to be said, adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.

**Speaking Test 1**

Due: **Week 6**  
Weighting: **5%**

Speaking Test 1 including (but not limited to) the contents from Week 1 to Week 5. Further details will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Spoken Interaction: Interact, using the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of topics, marking clearly the relationships between ideas; communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what needs to be said, adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.
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**Reading Test 1**

Due: **Week 6**  
Weighting: **10%**

Reading Test 1 including (but not limited to) the contents from Week 1 to Week 6. Further details will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Reading: Understand a variety of detailed, lengthy and complex texts on familiar and unfamiliar topics independently and strategically, in a timely manner; effectively use appropriate reference sources; acquire a wider range of kanji and vocabulary.
Writing Assignment 1
Due: 5 pm April 15 (Fri)
Weighting: 10%

Writing Assignment 1 to assess the mastery of the contents covered in Week 1 to Week 6. Further details including the topic(s) and length will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Writing: Write clear, detailed and well-structured texts in various styles on unfamiliar and complex topics, underlining the relevant and salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples, and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion, appropriately using a wider range of expressions and kanji.

Listening Test 2
Due: Week 11
Weighting: 10%

Listening Test 2 including (but not limited to) the contents from Week 1 to Week 10. Further details will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Listening: Understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in a standard dialect, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation.
- Spoken Interaction: Interact, using the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of topics, marking clearly the relationships between ideas; communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what needs to be said, adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.

Reading Test 2
Due: Week 12
Weighting: 10%

Reading Test 2 including (but not limited to) the contents from Week 7 to Week 12. Further details will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Reading: Understand a variety of detailed, lengthy and complex texts on familiar and unfamiliar topics independently and strategically, in a timely manner; effectively use
appropriate reference sources; acquire a wider range of kanji and vocabulary.

Speaking Test 2
Due: **Week 13**
Weighting: **15%**

Speaking Test 2 including (but not limited to) the contents from Week 1 to Week 12. Further details will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Spoken Interaction: Interact, using the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of topics, marking clearly the relationships between ideas; communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what needs to be said, adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.
- Spoken Production: Give clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations with appropriate highlighting of significant points and relevant supporting detail.

Writing Assignment 2
Due: **5 pm June 17 (Fri)**
Weighting: **15%**

Writing Assignment 2 to assess the mastery of the contents covered in Week 7 to Week 12. Further details including the topic(s) and length will be provided in class and via iLearn.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Writing: Write clear, detailed and well-structured texts in various styles on unfamiliar and complex topics, underlining the relevant and salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples, and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion, appropriately using a wider range of expressions and kanji.

Delivery and Resources

Delivery:
Day, External, Online

This unit will use:
iLearn, iLecture

Times and Locations for Lectures and Tutorials:
For current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website:
Unit Schedule

Seminar 1 (S1) Tuesday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm W6B214 AND Seminar 2 (S2) Thursday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm W6A104

Required Textbook: Nihongo Dokkai Workbook

Alternatively, Chuujokyuu Gakushuusha no tame no Nihongo Dokkai Workbook (http://shop.alc.co.jp/spg/v/-/-/7009054/)

Required and recommended resources:

iLearn, iLecture, using Wimba voice board, are involved. For recording, you may be able to use PCs in Department computer rooms, W6A104, W6B207 or W6B214.

Unit Schedule

Please refer to the 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


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

Equity 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.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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.

Graduate Capabilities
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.
This graduate capability is supported by:

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- Speaking Test 1
- Reading Test 1
- Writing Assignment 1
- Listening Test 2
- Reading Test 2
- Speaking Test 2
- Writing Assignment 2

**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:

**Learning outcomes**

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**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 clear, detailed and well-structured texts in various styles on unfamiliar and complex topics, underlining the relevant and salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples, and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion, appropriately using a wider range of expressions and kanji.
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- Writing Assignment 2

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:

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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.

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• Speaking Test 2

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.

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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.

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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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• Reading: Understand a variety of detailed, lengthy and complex texts on familiar and unfamiliar topics independently and strategically, in a timely manner; effectively use appropriate reference sources; acquire a wider range of kanji and vocabulary.
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Late Submission

Assessment tasks are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, 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. A request for a supplementary test will be considered only in the case of serious illness or disruption. 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 you anticipate unavoidable difficulty in completing an assessment task (in class and/or online), contact the convener or your tutor as soon as possible.