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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

JAPC11, Japanese: Beginners Course, 30 credits

Japanska: Nybörjarkurs, 30 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2019-04-09 to be valid from 2019-04-09, autumn semester 2019.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Bachelor's programme in Japanese. It is also offered as a freestanding course and can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Japanese, English and Swedish

The language of instruction is primarily Japanese and Swedish and to a lesser degree English.

Main field of studies

Japanese

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- define elementary linguistic terms and concepts and provide a general account of the structure of Japanese
- identify and account for different basic stylistic aspects of Japanese
- account for the basic linguistic background of Japanese
- describe the three writing systems and the pronunciation including the systematic structure of the kanji characters

Competence and skills

- engage in a conversation in elementary Japanese and respond in spoken and written Japanese to everyday questions on selected themes
- master the two different writing systems hiragana and katakana as well as the basic kanji characters (150 characters and 7 radicals),
- read and translate selected simple texts in Japanese,
- write simple texts such as diary entries, letters and advertisements in Japanese,
- perform a basic grammatical analysis of Japanese sentences
- perform basic information retrieval in both the physical and the virtual library

Judgement and approach

- reflect on cultural differences and similarities as manifested in source and target languages

Course content

The course mainly deals with basic language skills in Japanese, i.e. grammatical structure, vocabulary, reading of simple texts and listening comprehension, and oral and written presentations. It describes the three writing systems, including the systematic structure of approximately 150 kanji characters. The course also includes an overview of linguistics.

The course consists of the following modules

1. Sentence Patterns 1, 4.5 credits
2. Reading and Writing Skills 1, 4.5 credits
3. Grammar 1, 3 credits
4. Sentence Patterns 2, 4.5 credits
5. Reading and Writing Skills 2, 4.5 credits
6. Grammar 2, 3 credits
7. Conversation, 6 credits

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and group exercises.

Assessment

The assessment of modules 1, 2, 4 and 5 is based on invigilated written exams and on 5-7 written assignments per module.

The assessment of modules 3 and 6 is based on invigilated written exams.

The assessment of module 7 is based on an oral exam and 1-2 oral presentations.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least three of modules 4-7 and for a total of at least 15 credits of the course.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. It replaces JAPC01 (Japanese: Beginners' Course).
3. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
4. The module titles in Swedish:
 1. Module 1: Satsmönster 1
 2. Module 2: Läs- och skrivfärdighet 1
 3. Module 3: Grammatik 1
 4. Module 4: Satsmönster 2
 5. Module 5: Läs- och skrivfärdighet 2
 6. Module 6: Grammatik 2
 7. Module 7. Konversation

Subcourses in JAPC11, Japanese: Beginners Course

Applies from H19

- 1901 Sentence Patterns 1, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1902 Reading and Writing Skills 1, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1903 Grammar 1, 3,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1904 Sentence Patterns 2, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1905 Reading and Writing Skills 2, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1906 Grammar 2, 3,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1907 Conversation, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction