

AP Japanese (Japanese 5)

Course Overview

Japanese 5AP is designed to prepare students for the Advanced Placement examination of the Japanese Language and Culture. It is offered in a class period with Japanese 3 and Japanese 4. In this course, students will learn how to use the four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) in real-life situations. Students will also study the language as a whole through content-based themes such as lifestyle, tradition, modern culture, history, literature, and social and global issues.

The course curriculum is built based on the National Standards for Japanese Language Learning and ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. By the end of this course, students will be expected to acquire the proficiency level of Intermediate Mid to Intermediate Low. The themes and topics covered in this course will help students deepen their understanding of the language and the Japanese perspectives towards social issues and values. Through various activities in and out of classroom, students will acquire a more solid knowledge of grammar, vocabulary and *Kanji* characters.

Prerequisites

Students must complete Japanese 4 Honors with a grade of A or B, or must pass a placement test. On UC/CSU Approved Course: “e”

Assessments

Students’ progress will be assessed with formative and summative assessments in each lesson. Formative assessments include weekly quizzes on newly learned expressions, vocabulary and/or *Kanji* characters. Summative assessments include interviews, skits, speeches, short essays, projects, etc. as well as the comprehensible exam at the end of each unit. AP-like final exam will assigned at the end of each semester. Homework and participation in class activities will be also evaluated as part of the quarter/semester grades.

Homework

Students are expected to spend 3 to 4 hours/week on average working on homework. Homework includes exercises sheets of new expressions and Chinese characters, writing journal entries, listening exercises, etc. It also includes an individual or a group project assigned at the end of each thematic-lesson. Some exercises will be assigned from AP textbooks.

Honors Japanese (Japanese 4)

Course Overview

Japanese 4 Honors is offered in a class period with Japanese 3 and Japanese 5. In this course, students will learn how to use the four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) in real-life situations. Students will also study the language as a whole through content-based themes such as lifestyle, tradition, modern culture, history, literature, and social and global issues.

The course curriculum is built based on the National Standards for Japanese Language Learning and ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. By the end of this course, students will be expected to acquire the proficiency level of Intermediate Low. The themes and topics covered in this course will help students deepen their understanding of the language and the Japanese perspectives towards social issues and values. Through various activities in and out of classroom, students will acquire a more solid knowledge of grammar, vocabulary and *Kanji* characters.

Prerequisites

Students must complete Japanese 3 with a grade of A or B recommended, or must pass a placement test. On UC/CSU Approved Course: “e”

Assessments

Students’ progress will be assessed with formative and summative assessments in each lesson. Formative assessments include weekly quizzes on newly learned expressions, vocabulary and/or *Kanji* characters. Summative assessments include interviews, skits, speeches, writing assignments, etc. as well as the comprehensible exam at the end of each unit. Homework and participation in class activities will be also evaluated as part of the quarter/semester grades.

Homework

Students are expected to spend 3 to 4 hours/week on average working on homework. Homework includes exercises sheets of new expressions and Chinese characters, writing journal entries, listening exercises, etc. It also includes an individual or a group project assigned at the end of each thematic-lesson.