GHENT UNIVERSITY

# Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

## Modern Japanese: Advanced Language Proficiency 2 (A005121)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0** **Study time 180 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027**

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| A (semester 2) | English, Japanese | Gent | group work |
| | | | peer teaching |
| | | | seminar |
| | | | lecture |
| | | | independent work |

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

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| Deneckere, Mick | LW21 | staff member |
| Oguma, Rie | LW21 | staff member |
| Uhl, Christian | LW21 | lecturer-in-charge |

| **Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027** | **crdts** | **offering** |
|---|---|---|
| Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Oriental Languages and Cultures) | 6 | A |
| Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Japan) | 6 | A |
| Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures | 6 | A |

**Teaching languages**

Japanese, English

**Keywords**

Modern Japanese, Japanese Language Proficiency (JLPT2), literary Japanese

**Position of the course**

On the basis of the course Modern Japanese: Advanced Language Proficiency I, the focus of the course lays in the further advancement of the students' command of Modern Japanese. The course is especially designed to prepare the participants for a successful participation in the official Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo nōryoku shiken).

**Contents**

The students are encouraged to speak Japanese as much as possible in the classroom. Teaching materials designed especially for the preparation of a successful participation in the official Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo nōryoku shiken) will broaden the students' vocabulary knowledge and command of the grammar. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in this test to obtain - in addition to their diploma - an internationally accepted certificate which significantly enhances their position on the academic as well as non-academic labor markets. The course is split up in segments taught by different teachers.

**Initial competences**

The course requires a thorough knowledge of 'Modern Japanese' (BA 3 and MA levels), and a good knowledge of the history, society, politics, culture and economy of Japan and East Asia. Moreover, an advanced command of the internet and online resources is required.

**Final competences**

1 To be able to translate, analyze and interpret texts written in Modern Japanese.
2 To be able to voice opinions and to speak about related subjects on an advanced

level of Japanese.
3 To be able to conduct research on the basis of primary sources and secondary sources.
4 To be able to use academic secondary literature.
5 To be able to discuss in writing and orally academic issues.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Group work, Seminar, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Advanced language exercises on the basis also of teaching material tailored for the preparation for the participation in the official Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo nōryoku shiken); Students also work on literary translations and texts on contemporary social issues and work on their conversation skills. Students are intensively involved, and receive guidance in guided exercises.

**Study material**

Type: Other

Name: scans, handouts, pdf-files
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : Other
Author : various authors
Alternative : none
Available on Ufora : Yes
Online Available : Yes
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : not

**References**

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- Een gevorderd woordenboek Japans-Engels (in boekvorm of digitaal). Aanbevolen: Kenkyusha's New Japanese English Dictionary (ISBN-13: 978-0785971283). Prijs hardcover: van ca. 90 euro gebruikt tot 450 euro nieuw.
- Een gevorderd woordenboek Engels-Japans (in boekvorm of digitaal). Aanbevolen: Kenkyusha's New English Japanese dictionary (ISBN-13: 978-4767410258). Prijs hardcover: van ca. 65 euro gebruikt tot 450 euro nieuw.
- Een gevorderd Japans-Japans woordenboek (in boekvorm of digitaal). Bijvoorbeeld: Kōjien (nieuwste editie, ISBN-13: 978-4000801218). Nieuw ca. 135 euro.
- Een gevorderd Japans-Japans of Japans-Engels karakter woordenboek. Aanbevolen: Nelson New Japanese English Character Dictionary (ISBN-13: 978-0804820363). Prijs hardcover: ca. 40 euro.
- Online woordenboeken en onderzoekhulpmiddelen, alsook smartphone apps (gratis)

**Course content-related study coaching**

Discussions in class provide a constant feedback.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Participation, Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

**Extra information on the examination methods**

The written examination focuses on subjects and texts studied and discussed in class, but may involve also related texts which have not been seen and analyzed in the classroom.
The use of generative artificial intelligence applications for the preparation of an individual assignment ("werkstuk") such as a presentation is not advised, since the objective of this course is language acquisition. The evaluation will focus merely on the actually acquired language skills and will happen on-campus and under controlled conditions.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

Written examination 100%. If the exam consists of several parts, the participant has to pass all parts with at the least 10 of possible 20 points. In case one does not pass one of the parts of the evaluation, one cannot pass the examination. If the average final score totals 10/20 or more, the score will be reduced to the highest non-pass score (= 9).

**Facilities for Working Students**

Facilities:

1 Student attendance during educational activities is required
2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during and after office hours

Extra information:

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and philosophy