

Modern Japanese VI (A003213)

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| Course size | <i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i> | | |
| Credits 8.0 | Study time 240 h | Contact hrs | 80.0 h |

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

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| A (semester 2) | Dutch, Japanese | Gent | seminar lecture independent work |
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Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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| Declercq, Tanguy | LW21 | staff member |
| Holvoet, Marlies | LW21 | staff member |
| Horckmans, Mieke | LW21 | staff member |
| Oguma, Rie | LW21 | staff member |
| Niehaus, Andreas | LW21 | lecturer-in-charge |

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

| | crdts | offering |
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| Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan) | 8 | A |
| Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures | 8 | A |

Teaching languages

Dutch, Japanese

Keywords

Modern Japanese

Position of the course

This advanced course wants to train the students in reading authentic texts in modern Japanese and to increase the speaking and listening skills. Students are taught how to converse with a native speaker on specialised themes.

Contents

Reading non-adapted texts (literature, newspapers, specialist literature, etc.) in modern Japanese with an increasing level of difficulty. The student must prepare each text beforehand. Every student must also read a set of reading matter on his own. Studying audio-visual material. In the practical lessons the student will write short essays and give short lectures in Japanese. Students will be drilled in the various levels of the honorific language.

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course Japanese V or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 To have active knowledge of about 1400 Sino-Japanese characters, structures and specialised Japanese lexica.
- 2 To be able to interpret and translate specialised texts independently.
- 3 To be able to study a Japanese subject in a scientific manner by means of authentic modern Japanese sources.
- 4 To have a specialised vocabulary of modern Japanese (speak, read, write and understand).

- 5 To be able to have conversations with a native speaker on specialised themes.
- 6 -To be able to read, interpret and translate all forms of written modern Japanese (newspaper style, modern literature, professional literature etc) by means of different lexica.

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

Lecture, seminar, self-reliant study activities

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures: 2 hours of theory a week is provided. The teaching of the theory (vocabulary, grammar) is done by the lecturer.
- Seminars: 4 hours of class exercises a week are provided. These exercises are presented by co-lecturers and deal with practicing and applying the theory under guidance. The students are trained in speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Basic dialogues and simple conversations are trained by means of a role play.
- Independent work: the students also receive a portfolio that has to be made individually. A test on grammar and writing will be held after every chapter.

Learning materials and price

- Miura, Akira; Hanaoka McGloin, Naomi: *An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese*. Tokyo: The Japan Times 2009 (Tekstboek, Werkboek en CD)
 - Japan Times (ed.): *Nihongo wo hansou. 15 no teema de manabu nihon jijou*. Tokyo 2014.
 - Copies
- Total price approx.: 50 EUR

References

Makino, Seichi; Tsutsui, Michio: *A Dictionary of Advanced Japanese Grammar*. Tokyo: The Japan Times 2009

Course content-related study coaching

Continuous feedback in the classical exercises. The results of oral and written exercises are discussed with the students.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Written examination, portfolio

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Assessment form

There is a periodical oral examination. The oral examination stresses speaking and listening skills. Students should be able to talk about more specialised topics concerning Japan (40%). The two non-periodical exams are written and there is a portofolio assignment as well (60%)

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodical exam (40%)
Non-periodical exam (60%)

Facilities for Working Students

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 by email or during an appointment during office hours
- For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy