

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 in academic year 2024-2025

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Declercq, Tanguy	LW21	staff member
Oguma, Rie	LW21	staff member
Uhl, Christian	LW21	lecturer-in-charge
Van Haute, Luc	LW21	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

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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

English, Japanese

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, lecture, seminar, peer teaching, independent work

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.

Learning materials and price

Texts and scans (not more than 20 Euro)

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.

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

