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COURSE SYLLABUS

Term (Contact hours) FALL,2008 (9/20/2008-12/6/2008)
Class & Section **KANJI 3 & Reading SA**
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Meeting day & Time Saturdays, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
(Prerequisite: Kanji 1 or its equivalent)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Read and write (reproduce) approximately **370** essential KANJI characters, the ON-KUN readings/pronunciation (in addition to the previously learned characters Kanji 1) and use them appropriately in sentences.
2. Fulfill survival skill need to read and write modern Japanese (signs, memos, letters, and simple writing, etc.).
3. Guess the meaning when confronted with new Kanji characters by studying the radicals.

TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

1. Required:

Kano, C. , Shimizu, Y., & Ishi, E. (1989). Basic KANJI Book (Lessons 19-32, Vols.1&2). Tokyo, Japan: Bonjinsha.

2. Recommended:

A)Dictionaries:

Izumi, Shin. (2003) くもんの学習漢字事典 Tokyo, Japan: KUMON Syuppan.

Jack Halpern. (1999). The Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary. Tokyo, Japan: Kodansya.

Online:

<http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/jwb/wwwjdic?9T>

<http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/jwb/wwwjdic?1C>

<http://www.nnj.co.jp/P/002/index.html>

(To find Kanji) http://www.trussel.com/f_nih.htm, <http://www.rdt.monash.edu.au/~jwb/wwwjdic.html>

(To find Kanji using stroke order) <http://www.gahoh.com/home.html>

(To find Kanji using radicals) <http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/jwb/wwwjdic?1R>

B) Kanji practice on the Internet.

<http://webjapanese.com/kanji/test03/suntack.cgi>

<http://www.webjapanese.com/wj/kanji-c/300/suntack.cgi>

<http://www.webjapanese.com/photo/tbookmark.cgi>

<http://www.nuthatch.com/kanjicards>

C) Heisig, J. W. (1977). Remembering the KANJI I. Tokyo, Japan: Japan Publications Trading.

D) Hoshino, M.(1992) 3年のかん字ドリルじてん. Tokyo, Japan: Gakken

E) Hoshino, M.(1992) 4年のかん字ドリルじてん. Tokyo, Japan:Gakken

EVALUATION

1. One final exam (2.5 hours).
2. Upon **successful completion** (80% or higher attendance rate and 80% or higher final exam score) of the course, a STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT will be written **if requested** at the time you take the final exam.
3. Your final exam score (%) and attendance (%) will be kept in a digitized form @**STUDENT GRADES AND INFORMATION REPOSITORY**.

TEACHING STYLE

The instructor will create a relaxed, low-anxiety atmosphere through which you can acquire the previously mentioned course objectives with less effort and with ease. The instructor will use an eclectic teaching method.

PROCEDURES

1. The instructor will follow the CALENDAR /Weekly Schedule (see below).
 - a) For each class, the student is expected to **study Units 1, 2-1, and 2 before the class**, and Units 2-3 and 3 after the class. Please use separate notebooks instead of writing in the textbook.
 - b) To improve writing, students are expected to write short essays and sentences using those new Kanji introduced in the class as much as possible. The instructor will collect and correct them.
 - c) There may be a short quiz every week.
 - d) The Kanji radicals (BUSHU) will also be covered in this class.
2. The class, however, may be conducted in accordance with the needs of the students in class within the course objectives.

CALENDAR / Weekly Schedule

Week 1. (9/20)	Brief introduction and orientation. Lesson 33	
Week 2. (9/27)	Lessons 34, 35	Kanji Quiz #1
Week 3. (10/4)	Lessons 35, 36	Kanji Quiz #2
Week 4. (10/11)	Lessons 37, 38	Kanji Quiz #3
Week 5. (10/18)	Lessons 38, 39	Kanji Quiz #4
Week 6. (10/25)	Lessons 40, 41	Kanji Quiz #5
Week 7. (11/1)	Lesson 41, 42	Kanji Quiz #6
Week 8. (11/8)	Lessons 43, 44	Kanji Quiz #7
Week 9. (11/15)	Lesson 44 and Review	Kanji Quiz #8
Week 10. (11/22)	FINAL EXAM	Kanji Quiz #9
Week 11. (12/6)	Review and Lesson 45	

***Weekly assignments on specific dates will be available from your instructor in class.**

PLEASE NOTE

1. You are expected to complete all assignments before and after the class. Memorize Kanji characters, write short essays and sentences in Japanese before coming to class.
2. From time to time, Kanji quizzes will be given (possibly as shown in the calendar).
3. Please be on time for class; otherwise, you interrupt the lesson for others. Regular class attendance and participation are essential for language learning.
4. Excessive absences (more than 3 class meetings) may be cause for repetition of the course.
5. The results of your final exam (%) and attendance (%) will be kept in a digitized form **@STUDENT GRADES AND INFORMATION REPOSITORY**. Your PROGRESS REPORT will be kept in the Soko Gakuen Records Office, and the Office will release it only upon your request.
6. When you obtain a score of 80% or higher on the final exam, you move up to a higher level class. Soko Gakuen's exit criteria for each class/level are based on the 1987 ACTFL Japanese Language Proficiency Guidelines.

POLICY ON FINAL EXAM

There will be NO MAKE-UP FINAL for this course.