

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**I1WE SUMMER 2005 (06/29-09/07: 33 hours)**  
**Intermediate-1: Wednesday Evening / 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
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**CALENDAR**

- Week 1: 06/29 ..... **Lesson 1 (pp.1~11, 14~19) & "Meeting Someone for the First Time"**
- Week 2: 07/06 ..... **Lesson 1 (pp.12~13, 20~26) & "Hellos and Goodbyes"**  
 a. Homework No.1/ Kanji Quiz #1 (Lesson 1-Notes)  
 b. Composition #1 due – "Self introduction"
- Week 3: 07/13 ..... **Lesson 2 (pp.28~38, 42~45) & "What to Call People"**  
 a. Homework No.2/ Kanji Quiz #2 (Lesson 1-Drills/Map)  
 b. Composition #2 due – "My best friend"
- Week 4: 07/20 ..... **Lesson 2 (pp.39~42, 46~50) & "Apologizing"**  
 a. Homework No.3/ Kanji Quiz #3 (Lesson 1-Drills)  
 b. Composition #3 due – "My job/school"
- Week 5: 07/27 ..... **Lesson 3 (pp.51~60, 65~68) & "Expressing Gratitude"**  
 a. Homework No.4/ Kanji Quiz #4 (Lesson 2-Notes)  
 b. Composition #4 due – "My hobby"
- Week 6: 08/03 ..... **Lesson 3 (pp.60~64, 69~74) & "Nonverbal Communication"**  
 a. Homework No.5/ Kanji Quiz #5 (Lesson 2-Drills)  
 b. Composition #5 due – "Last Christmas"
- Week 7: 08/10 ..... **Lesson 4 (pp.75~88, 91) & "Going Out to Eat"**  
 a. Homework No.6/ Kanji Quiz #6 (Lesson 3-Notes)  
 b. Composition #6 due – "My schedule today"
- Week 8: 08/17 ..... **Lesson 4 (pp.89~90, 92~98) & "Inside and Outside"**  
 a. Homework No.7/ Kanji Quiz #7 (Lesson 3-Drills)  
 b. Composition #7 due – "My Weekend"
- Week 9: 08/25 ..... **Review (pp.99~112) & "Age Differences"**  
 a. Homework No.8/ Kanji Quiz #8 (Lesson 4-Notes&Drills)
- Week 10: 08/31 ..... **FINAL EXAM "Gambatte kudasai ne!"**
- Week 11: 09/07 ..... **Review of Final Exam, "Going Out Drinking" & Summary (Lesson 1-4)**

**TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS**

1. Required: The Tsukuba Group. (1991). Situational Functional Japanese Vol.1 (Notes & Drills). Tokyo: Bonjinsha.
2. Recommended: Kate Elwood. (2001). Getting along with the Japanese. Tokyo: Ask.
3. Practice Japanese on the Internet: <<http://members.aol.com/sokogakuen/extra.html>>
4. Audiocassette tapes related to the textbook lessons -- signed out in Room 201, office with \$20 deposit for two weeks or available at: <<http://sokogakuen.realm2.net/index.php?CCHK=pi>>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Students complete Lesson 1 through Lesson 4 of the textbook, “Situational Functional Japanese Vol.1.” Upon completion of this course, you should be able to: introduce him- or herself and others, start and end a conversation, buy things and send mail at the post office, order meals and pay at the restaurant, ask whereabouts of things and people, confirm information, and reproduce 80% or more Kanji introduced during the term. Various aspects of Japanese culture will be introduced and discussed in class.

**TEACHING/LEARNING STYLE**

1. The instructor will introduce basic grammar by using the textbook. However, the instructor focuses on natural spoken Japanese language, rather than on textbook style language, so that students can properly communicate with the native speakers of Japanese. Since the instructor thinks cultural understanding as well as linguistic knowledge is essential in second language acquisition, the instructor provides students with cross-cultural articles also. Students will have a better understanding of Japanese people and culture at the end of course and be cross-culturally competent.
2. In the classroom, the instructor and students maximize use of Japanese language and minimize use of English language. However, students may use English in order to understand the connotations or nuances of expressions. Incidentally, both the instructor and students only use polite forms before the break and only plain forms after the break. Please enjoy the second language environment!

**EVALUATION**

1. **Final exam:** Students take the final exam (2.5 hours) that is in the 10<sup>th</sup> week. Final exam scores (in 72 hours after the final) and final exam scores & attendance (in 72 hours after the last class) will be kept at: <http://members.aol.com/sokogakuen/grades.html>
2. **Final option:** If you are unable to take the final exam on the scheduled date due to circumstances beyond your control, you can take it at the other timeslot, Saturday Afternoon 1-4 on Sep 03. Please pay a \$10 handling fee to the proctor in that case after.
3. **Progress Report:** Upon request at the final exam, Soko Gakuen will issue Student Progress Report for students to receive reimbursement or to transfer units to another school. We do not issue the report for students' private purposes. Incidentally, students have to achieve 80% or higher attendance to obtain the report, that is, 9 attendances out of 11. Unless the student takes the final exam, no certificates can be issued.
4. **Passing Score:** Students have to obtain a score of 80% or higher on the final exam, and achieve attendance of 80% or higher through the course. Upon completion of the course, you move up to a higher-level class, Intermediate-2. Incidentally, Kanji-1 is also highly recommended to take after Intermediate-1.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

1. **Homework:** Please read the assigned pages of the textbook before the class. Please also complete weekly homework. Class activities will be conducted under the assumption that students have completed their homework beforehand.
2. **Handouts:** Please print out the next handouts from the instructor's website [soko.nobody.jp](http://soko.nobody.jp) before you come to the class. If you have any problem for the handouts, please e-mail the instructor.
3. **E-mail:** Please do not call or e-mail the school to leave a message for the instructor for being late or absent. Instead when you need to contact with the instructor, please e-mail the instructor [omiju2@hotmail.com](mailto:omiju2@hotmail.com) (**Please put the subject “Soko/I1WE,”** or the instructor might delete your mail with junk mails). Incidentally, Soko Gakuen's phone number and e-mail address are for prospective students only\*.
4. **Make up:** When you cannot come to the class, you can make it up by attending the other timeslot, Saturday Afternoon 1-4 of the same school week (Remember, school weeks start from Saturdays at Soko Gakuen). If you want to attend another class for this make up, please inform the instructor of this class and the one of the class to visit beforehand (due to church summer event and the Independence day, this quarter schedule is not straight. Please ask the instructor.). This make up policy is available only once per quarter.