

# BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

## LAJA 101: Elementary Japanese I (Summer 2021)

LAJA 101-001 Course meets online - MW 9:00-10:15

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### Weekly Schedule – subject to change

- Any changes to the schedule will be announced in advance.
- Visit the “Syllabus/Schedule” section on Blackboard to view the weekly schedule.
- LAJA 101-001 virtual class sessions are scheduled in Zoom **every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:15 AM**.
- Click the “Check Your Grades” tab regularly to check due dates and your grades.
- Start early and don’t wait until the due date to avoid missing tests/assignments due to unforeseen issues.

### Tests/Assignments:

- To submit tests and assignments, visit the “Assessments” section on Blackboard.
- It is your responsibility to submit your test/writing assignments online on time without being reminded.
- All tests/assignments must be submitted by the due date stated in the instructions for each test/assignment on Blackboard unless otherwise specified.
- Online tests cannot be started past the due date.
- Any assignment submitted after the due date will receive a penalty of 10% per day. Late assignments will NOT be accepted after one week.
- Be sure to check the “Study Guides” section to complete assigned worksheets before taking tests or submitting writing assignments.
- Worksheets are designed to help you assess your current level of understanding after completing the assigned materials.

### Discussion Board Writing Assignments:

- Visit the “Discussion Board” section on Blackboard, read the instructions, and submit your answers in Japanese via the “Discussion Board” section by the due date.
- Your discussion board assignments will be graded for effort/completion, NOT for accuracy.

### Textbook Reading Assignments:

- Read and familiarize yourself with the “Grammar” section of the textbook prior to participating in listening/speaking activities (synchronous) during web-conferencing meetings and reading/writing activities (asynchronous) via the “Discussion Board” section on Blackboard. To earn full participation points, you are expected to communicate with me and your classmates by asking questions on the assigned materials in English, answering the questions that I ask in Japanese, or engaging in activities in Japanese.

### Audio Assignments:

- Study assigned materials and practice relevant drills using audio files that are included in the “Listening Materials” and “Genki Lessons” sections on Blackboard in preparation for listening/speaking activities during weekly web-conferencing meetings.

### Workbook Study Guides:

- Click the following link to go to the Genki web page. The Self-Study Room offers a variety of online materials to support your learning with Genki textbooks: <http://Genki.japantimes.co.jp/self/self.en.html>
- There are also many other resources available to help you in your self-study on Blackboard. Visit the “Digital Learning Tools” section and click the “Hiragana,” “Katakana,” “Kanji,” “Vocabulary,” and “Grammar” tabs to check out various learning tools.
- After completing workbook assignments check your answers using the answer keys, which can be found in the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard.

**WEEK 1 (6/1-6/4)****Tests/Assignments:****Hiragana Test 1 (Due by Thursday, 6/3)**

- Review Genki Workbook pp. 117-120 and check the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard to complete assigned worksheets before taking tests or submitting writing assignments. Worksheets are designed to help you assess your current level of understanding after completing the assigned materials.

**Hiragana Test 2 (Due by Friday, 6/4)**

- Review Genki Workbook pp. 121-123, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the test.

**L1 Vocabulary Test (Due by Monday, 6/7)**

- Identify the words in hiragana on page 40, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the online test.

**L1 Listening Comprehension Test (Due by Tuesday, 6/8)**

- Visit the “Assessments” section on Blackboard to listen to assigned audio files and complete L1 workbook listening comprehension test (WB 1-5 Listening on pp. 17-18) by the due date.

**L1 Writing Assignment (Due by Wednesday, 6/9)**

- Review Lesson 1 Grammar and Vocabulary, including a list of college majors in Japanese which is available in the “Genki Lesson 1” section on Blackboard, before submitting the writing assignment online.

**Textbook Reading Assignments:**

Introduction (pp. 18-23)

Japanese Writing System (pp. 24-31)

Expression Notes 1 (p. 36) and 2 (pp. 46-47)

Useful Expressions: In the Classroom (p. 83)

Lesson 1 (L1) Grammar 1 [G1] X は Y です。

L1 [G2] Questions

L1 [G3] X の Y

Time & Age (p. 57)

L1 Reading and Writing Practices (pp. 292-293)

**Audio Assignments:**

Greetings (pp. 34-35)

L1 Dialogues (pp. 38-39)

L1 Vocabulary (pp. 40-41)

Practice (pp. 48-56)

**Workbook Study Guides:**

Workbook (WB) Greetings (pp. 11-12)

WB 1-2 Time and Telephone Numbers (p. 14)

WB 1-3 X は Y です / Noun<sup>1</sup> の Noun<sup>2</sup> (p. 15)

WB Hiragana 1-7 (pp. 117-123)

**Skit Practice:**

- Create your own skits based on the dialogues of the first two chapters and perform these skits with your skit team members.
- To review rubrics for skit performances, visit the “Skit Performance” section on Blackboard.
- Submit a handwritten copy of your lines (Final Draft) via the “Discussion Board” section **by 9 am on Monday, 6/14.**
- Your skit performance is scheduled **in class on Monday, 6/14.**

**Discussion Board Writing Assignments**

**WEEK2 (6/7-6/11)****Tests/Assignments:****Katakana Test 1 (Due by Thursday, 6/10)**

- Review Genki Workbook pp. 124-125, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the test.

**Katakana Test 2 (Due by Friday, 6/11)**

- Review Genki Workbook pp. 126-128, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the test.

**L2 Vocabulary Test (Due by Monday, 6/14)**

- Identify the words in hiragana and katakana on pages 60-61, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the test.

**L2 Listening Comprehension Test (Due by Tuesday, 6/15)**

- Visit the “Assessments” section on Blackboard to listen to assigned audio files and complete L2 workbook listening comprehension test (WB 2-5 Listening on p. 25) by the Due by date.

**L2 Writing Assignment (Due by Wednesday, 6/16)**

- Review Lesson 2 Vocabulary and Grammar before submitting the writing assignment online.

**Textbook Reading Assignments:**

Expression Notes 3 (p. 67) and Useful Expressions: In the Classroom (p. 83)

Culture Note: Food in Japan (p. 207)

L2 [G1] これ/それ/あれ/どれ

L2 [G2] この/その/あの/どの

L2 [G3] ここ/そこ/あそこ/どこ

L2 [G4] だれの

L2 [G5] ～も

L2 [G6] ～じゃないです/～じゃありません

L2 [G7] ～ね/～よ

L2 Reading Practice (pp. 294-297)

Lessons 1-2 Review for Midterm Exam

**Audio Assignments:**

L2 Dialogues (pp. 58-59)

L2 Vocabulary (pp. 60-61)

Numbers (p. 69) and Practice (pp. 71-80)

**Workbook Study Guides:**

WB 2-1 Numbers III (p. 20)

WB 2-2 II これ/それ/あれ (p. 21)

WB 2-3 この/その/あの (p. 22)

WB 2-4 ここ/そこ/あそこ/だれの (p. 23)

WB 2-5 ～も/～じゃないです (p. 24)

WB Katakana 1 - 5 (pp. 124-128)

- Complete Workbook Assignments up to Lesson 2 before Midterm Exam.

**Discussion Board Writing Assignments****Skit Practice:**

- Create your own skits based on the dialogues of the first two chapters and perform these skits with your skit team members.
- To review rubrics for skit performances, visit the “Skit Performance” section on Blackboard.
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- Your skit performance is scheduled in class **on Monday, 6/14.**

**WEEK3 (6/14-6/18)****Skit Performance**

- Submit a handwritten copy of your lines (Final Draft) via the “Discussion Board” section **by 9 am on Monday, 6/14.**
- Your skit performance is scheduled **in class on Monday, 6/14**

**Midterm Exam (Due by Tuesday, 6/15/21):**

The midterm exam will be conducted to assess what you have learned thus far and point out areas for improvement before the final. It will contain reading and writing components and involve the vocabulary and grammar concepts you have learned in the first half of the course.

- To complete exams, visit the “Assessments” sections on Blackboard.

**Tests/Assignments:****L3 Vocabulary Test (Due by Wednesday, 6/16)**

- Identify the words in hiragana and katakana on pages 86-87, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the test.

**L3 Kanji Test (Due by Thursday, 6/17)**

- Review Genki Textbook L3 Kanji (pp. 298-299) and Workbook L5 Kanji (pp. 129-130), before submitting the test online.

**L3 Listening Comprehension Test (Due by Friday, 6/18)**

- Visit the “Assessments” section on Blackboard to listen to assigned audio files and complete L3 workbook listening comprehension test (WB 3-7 Listening on pp. 33-34) by the Due by date.

**L3 Writing Assignment (Due by Monday, 6/21)**

- Review L3 Reading (p. 301), go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before submitting the writing assignment.

**Textbook Reading Assignments:**

Expression Notes 4 (p. 94)  
 L3 [G1] Verb conjugation  
 L3 [G2] Verb types  
 L3 [G3] Particles を で に へ  
 L3 [G4] Time reference  
 L3 [G6] Word Order  
 L3 [G7] Frequency Adverbs  
 L3 [G5] ～ませんか  
 L3 [G8] Topic particle は  
 L3 Reading and Writing Practices (pp. 298-301)

**Audio Assignments:**

L3 Dialogues (pp. 84-85)  
 L3 Vocabulary (pp. 86-87)  
 Practice (pp. 95-101)

**Workbook Study Guides:**

WB 3-1 Verb conjugation (p. 27)  
 WB 3-2 Noun を Verb (p. 28)  
 WB 3-3 Verbs with Places (p. 29)  
 WB 3-4 Time references (p. 30)  
 WB 3-5 ～ませんか (p. 31)  
 WB 3-6 Frequency Adverbs (p. 32)  
 WB Kanji (pp. 129-130)

**Discussion Board Writing Assignments**

**Skit Practice:**

- Create your own skits based on the assigned dialogues and perform these skits with your skit team members.
- To review rubrics for skit performances, visit the “Skit Performance” section on Blackboard.
- Submit a handwritten copy of your lines (Final Draft) via the “Discussion Board” section **by 9 am on Monday, 6/28.**
- Your skit performance is scheduled **in class on Monday, 6/28.**

**Discussion Board Writing Assignments****WEEK 4 (6/21-6/25)****Tests/Assignments:****L4 Vocabulary Test (Due by Tuesday, 6/22)**

- Identify the words in hiragana and katakana on pages 104-106, go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before taking the test.

**L4 Kanji Test (Due by Wednesday, 6/23)**

- Review Genki Textbook L4 Kanji (pp. 302-303) and Workbook L4 Kanji (pp. 131-132), before submitting the test online.

**L4 Listening Comprehension Test (Due by Thursday, 6/24)**

- Visit the “Assessments” section on Blackboard to listen to assigned audio files and complete L4 workbook listening comprehension test (WB 4-8 Listening on p. 43) by the due date.

**L4 Writing Assignment (Due by Friday, 6/25)**

- Review L4 Reading (p. 305), go to the “Study Guides” section on Blackboard, and complete the assigned worksheet before submitting the writing assignment.

**Textbook Reading Assignments:**

Expression Notes 5 への前; えっ／あっ (p. 113)

Days/Weeks/Months/Years (p. 127)

L4 [G1] X があります／います。

L4 [G2] Describing Where Things Are

L4 [G3] Past Tense of です

L4 [G4] Past Tense of Verbs

L4 [G5] も

L4 [G6] 一時間

L4 [G7] たくさん

L4 [G8] と

L4 Reading (pp. 302-305)

**Audio Assignments:**

L4 Dialogues (pp. 102-103)

L4 Vocabulary (pp. 104-106)

Practice (pp. 115-125)

**Workbook Study Guides:**

WB 4-1 X があります／います (p. 36)

WB 4-2 Describing Where Things Are (p. 37)

WB 4-3 Past Tense-Nouns (p. 38)

WB 4-4 Verb Conjugation-Past Tense (p. 39)

WB 4-5 Past Tense-Verbs (p. 40)

WB 4-6 も (p. 41)

WB 4-7 ~ 時間 (p. 42)

WB Kanji (pp. 131-132)

- Complete Workbook Assignments up to Lesson 4 before Final Exam.

### **Skit Practice:**

- Create your own skits based on the assigned dialogues and perform these skits with your skit team members.
- To review rubrics for skit performances, visit the “Skit Performance” section on Blackboard.
- Submit a handwritten copy of your lines (Final Draft) via the “Discussion Board” section **by 9 am on Monday, 6/28.**
- Your skit performance is scheduled **in class on Monday, 6/28.**

### **Discussion Board Writing Assignments**

**WEEK 5 (6/28)** \*Summer Session I classes end on Monday 6/28.

### **Skit Performance:**

- Submit a handwritten copy of your lines (Final Draft) via the “Discussion Board” section **by 9 am on Monday, 6/28.**
- Your skit performance is scheduled **in class on Monday, 6/28.**

### **Textbook Reading Assignments:**

Lessons 1-4 Review for Final Exam

### **Workbook Study Guides:**

- Complete Workbook Assignments up to Lesson 4 before Final Exam.

**No Discussion Board Writing Assignments are due this week.**

- Let me know if you have any questions.

### **Final Exam**

**LAJA 101-001 Final Exam (Due by 11:59 PM on Monday, 6/28)**

The final exam will be conducted to assess what you have learned in the course. It will contain reading, writing, listening, speaking components and involve the vocabulary and grammar concepts you have learned throughout the entire course.

- To complete exams, visit the “Assessments” sections on Blackboard.