

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- AFJ 001:** **Introduction to Japanese Language and People**
The origins of Japanese language, ideograms (kanji) and phonetic kana syllables. Kana-Kanji intermix as the standard writing. Characteristics of the Japanese language and dialects, the Japanese people origins, culture and history.
- AFJ 002:** **Japanese Language I**
Introduction to language as a tool for communication. Oral and written expressions, Vocabulary (Gairagio), counting in Japanese: Time, Magnitude and Numbers.
- AFJ 003:** **Japanese Grammar I**
Introduction to parts of speech, simple sentence structure. Questions and answers. Conversation and styles of speech (plain, Polite and Honorific). Writing systems; Styles of writing; Composition and punctuation.
- AFJ 004:** **Function Japanese I**
Use of simple Japanese language in day to day situations (different language levels) e.g. meeting a friend, leisure activities etc.
- AFJ 005:** **Reading and Writing I**
Essentials of reading and writing Japanese Languages: the Kanas (Hiragana and Katakana writing systems) and the Kanji writing system (up to 300 characters).
- AFJ 006:** **Listening Skills I**
Language in Communications, topic, audience and situation. Leisure language and other forms of communication e.g. Speech, Interviews, Poems and Music. Factual and Fictional oral presentation.

- AFJ 007:** **Japanese Grammar II**
Description states; Potential form, Volition form, Imperatives and Prohibitions, Passive and Causative forms, Expressing regret, Probability, Reported speech and hearsay; giving advice, construction of honorific Japanese.
- AFJ 008:** **Japanese Language II**
Spoken vs. written plain, Polite and honorific Japanese. Loan words, Feminine language (Joseigo), Kanji and their ON and KUN readings. Phonology of the standard language.
- AFJ 009:** **Functional Japanese II**
The use of Japanese language in more formal activities e.g. interviews, telephone conversations and speeches.
- AFJ 010:** **Reading and Writing II**
Kanji up to 600 characters, Stroke order, ON and KUN reading, Unique readings proficiency in writing Kanji.
- AFJ 011:** **Japanese Phonetics and Phonology**
Production of Japanese sounds, intonation, Articulation, practical exercises in speech production. Double consonant sounds and long vowels, variation in sounds in connected speech.
- AFJ 012:** **Listening Skills II**
Sharpening listening Skills through exposure to humble and respectful Japanese in both formal and informal presentations.