

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
DIPLOMA PROGRAMM IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

AFJ 020 Introduction to Japanese Society in the Modern world

The Japanese people: origins, history and culture; economic growth of Japan after World War II.

AFJ 021 Japanese Language I

Basic characteristics of Japanese language: Ideograms KANJI and phonetic KANA syllabaries.

AFJ 022 Japanese Grammar I

Use of DESU and MASU: (*N1 WA N2*) *desu*: (*N of V-masu*); demonstratives and related interrogatives> Parts of speech; simple sentence structure; connecting two nouns: (*N1 no N2*); nominal demonstratives for things, places and directions; pronominal, adjectival and adverbial demonstratives.

AFJ 023 Situational Japanese I

Daily greetings; introducing oneself and others; talking about one's family; talking about one's workplace.

AFJ 024 Japanese Reading and Writing 1

Reading and Writing the basic 46 syllables (*Hiragana and Katakana*); Kanji stroke order and their ON-KUN readings (150 basic characters).

AFJ 025 Phonetics and Phonology in Japanese Language

Production of Japanese sounds: articulation, double consonant sounds, long vowels; variation in sounds in connected speech.

AFJ 026 Cultural Heritage and Affinities with Nature

Japanese gardens, tea ceremony, flower arrangements, architecture, ceramics, Japanese dolls, paintings, calligraphy, Japanese literature: *formative years*, *court literature*, Haiku, music, religious practices related to animals and plants, ghosts, monsters and apparitions.

- AFJ 027 Japanese Grammar II**
- Basic Verb conjunction; expressions using the te form nai form, dic form; the use of plan form for informal communication; Plain form for grammatical construction.
- AFJ 028 Language II**
- The i-adjectives and na-adjectives: their origin and uses; adjectival demonstratives *konna,sonna,anna* and their interrogative *donna*; particle *NI* in adverbial demonstratives.
- AFJ 029 Situational Japanese II**
- Talking about Kenya: country, people and culture, economic activities. Differentiating situations, people and events: phrases ending in *-ta ho ga ii, so desu* and their negative forms; responding to compliments.
- AFJ 030 Reading and Writing II**
- Kanji up to 300 characteristics: writing and stroke order, ON and KUN reading; unique readings.
- AFJ 031 Listening Skills I**
- Communication used in Japanese: polite and plain Japanese for verb sentences, adjectival sentences and noun sentences.
- AFJ 032 Business Japanese I**
- Basic business conversations: introducing yourself in a business situation; expressing requests; accepting requests or favours; expressing regrets, expectations, giving advice, attending interviews.
- AFJ 033 Language III**
- Comparing things: two, three or more things; expressing scope or limit: *yoru, no ho ga, ...ga ichiban, onaji, ...hodo*.
- AFJ 034 Situational Japanese III**
- Some forms of discussion: festivals, telephone conversations; songs and pop-music; culture; shopping; comparing Japan and Kenya in various aspects.
- AFJ 035 Reading and Writing III**
- Kanji up to 500 characteristics: writing and stroke order; ON and KUN reading unique readings in various contexts including manga and short stories.

AFJ 036 Grammar III

Potential form; describing states using *te imasu* and *te arimasu*; volition form; expressions for giving advice; imperatives and prohibitions; the *ba* conditional; passive sentences; superlative and comparatives; nominalization of verbs; humble and respectful Japanese, reported speech and causative verbs.

AFJ 037 Listening Skills II

Formal and informal oral presentations: interviews, music, skits; humble and respectful Japanese (*Kenjogo* and *Sonkeigo*). Different modes of listening: global, selective and detailed.

AFJ 038 Business Japanese II

Business negotiations; note taking summaries, comments; writing curriculum vitae. The Japanese working environment and decision making system: *ringisho*; *amakudari*; *nemawashi*; Business telephone conversation; letter and email writing.

AFJ 039 Translation

Use of grammar in translation; principles of translation specialized vocabulary translation of scientific and technical texts, written expressions with particular emphasis on logical presentation of ideas.

AFJ 040 Language IV

Improvement of written expressions with particular emphasis on logical presentation of ideas; polite vs plain style; use of expressions: *shitsurei desu ga*; *gomen dadasai*; *sumimasen*; -*ne* auxiliary verbs orders 1 through 6 [v-*te aru*, v-*te oku*, v-*te iku*, v-*te kuru*, v-*te shima (w) u*, and v-*te miru*].

AFJ 041 Situational Japanese IV

Useful expressions in situation: visiting Japan; welcoming Japanese to Kenya working with Japanese people. Use of expressions: *Do shimashita ka*; *ii tenki desu ne*; *dekimasu (ka)*; *oishii so*; *ikura desu ka*; *dozo kochira e*; *kochira koso*.

AFJ 042 Listening Skills III

Listening to: news, drama, music and live music accompanied by instruments; poems.

AFJ 043 Reading and Writing IV

Kanji up to 800 characters: writing; ON and KUN readings as used in Newspaper and magazine articles; Japanese Haiku and Senryu poetry.