

**Assumption University**  
**Theodore Maria School of Arts**  
**Department of Japanese for International Business**  
**Course Outline 1/2026**

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<b>Course No.:</b>	JA1700 Introduction to Japanese
<b>Credit:</b>	3
<b>Status:</b>	Major Required course
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	None
<b>Lecturers:</b>	Dr. Siriwan Preechanarit (Grammar) Section 401 Office: SM223 A. Kyoichi Yokota (Kanji, Listening and Speaking) Section 401 Office: SR346

**Course Description:**

Basic of Japanese language, scripts, Japanese sound system, basic grammar, and listening and speaking practice

**Objectives of the Course:**

**This course aims:**

1. To prepare the basic skill in reading, writing, listening and speaking of basic Japanese
2. To prepare the basic knowledge of Chinese characters in reading and writing skills
3. To emphasize on Japanese communication skill of everyday conversation by using basic sentence patterns

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Classify the fundamental skills involved in reading, writing, listening and speaking in basic Japanese efficiency
2. Recall and recognize basic knowledge of Chinese characters used in Japanese reading and writing
3. Apply basic Japanese sentence patterns appropriately in everyday conversational contexts

**Teaching and Learning Activities:**

1. Lecture
2. Role play activities
3. Assignments and small tests
4. Interactive teaching-learning activities using ICT  
(Suggested websites: [www.nihongo-e-na.com](http://www.nihongo-e-na.com), [www.minnanokyoza.jp](http://www.minnanokyoza.jp))

**Course Requirements:**

1. 80% of class attendance is required. Students with insufficient attendance cannot sit for the final examination.
2. There will be listening tests, grammar tests and role play presentations during the class sessions.
3. **Make-up tests are not allowed.**
4. AU dress code is required.

<b>Mark Allocation:</b>	Class participation, assignments and	
	Grammar tests	150
	Kanji practice	100
	Listening tests	100
	Role playing	100
	Midterm Examination	200
	(Grammar:100, Kanji:50, Listening:50)	
	Final Examination	350
	(Grammar 200, Kanji 50, Listening 100)	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

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<b>Grading:</b>	850 – 1000 =	A		690 – 719 =	C+
	820 – 849 =	A-		650 – 689 =	C
	790 – 819 =	B+		620 – 649 =	C-
	750 – 789 =	B		520 – 619 =	D
	720 – 749 =	B-		0 – 519 =	F

- Textbooks / References:**
1. Minna no Nihongo 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Volume 1)
  2. Minna no Nihongo Shokyuu Bunkei Renshuuchoo (Volume 1)
  3. JA1700 Kanji Workbook

**Study Plan and Schedule (Grammar)**

Week	Date	Content
1	June 5	Course Introduction, Hiragana review, Lesson 1
2	June 10, 12	Lesson 1
3	June 17, 19	Lesson 2
4	June 24, 26	Lesson 3
5	July 1, 3	Lesson 4
6	July 8, 10	Lesson 4, 5
7	July 15, 17	Lesson 5, 6, <b>Small test I (Lesson 1-4)</b>
8	July 22, 24	Lesson 6, Review
<b>Midterm Examination: August 3, 2026 (15:00-17:00)</b>		
9	August 14	Lesson 7
10	August 19, 21	Lesson 8
11	August 26, 28	Lesson 9, <b>Small test II (Lesson 6-8)</b>
12	September 2, 4	Lesson 10
13	September 9, 11	Lesson 11
14	September 16, 18	Lesson 11, 12, <b>Small test III (Lesson 9-11)</b>
15	September 23, 25	Lesson 12, Review
<b>Final Examination: September 30, 2026 (13:00-16:00)</b>		

August 12, 2026: H.M. Queen Sirikit’s Birthday and National Mother’s Day (no class)

**September 18, 2026: Last day to withdraw with “W”**

\*The full AU uniform is required when taking the in-class examinations and presentation.

\*\*If you need tutoring for Hiragana and Katakana, please contact the instructors.

## **Au VISION 2000**

Assumption University of Thailand envisions itself as:

- an international community of scholars,
- enlivened by Christian inspiration,
- engaged in the pursuit of Truth and Knowledge,
- serving human society, especially through the creative use of interdisciplinary approaches and cyber technology.

## **ENVISIONING Au GRADUATES**

Assumption University of Thailand envisions its graduates as:

- healthy and open-minded persons, characterized by personal integrity, an independent mind, and positive thinking,
- professionally competent, willing to exercise responsible leadership for economic progress in a just society,
- able to communicate effectively with people from other nations and to participate in globalization.

## **AU MISSION**

Assumption University, an International Catholic University, is committed to be the light that leads learners and its stakeholders from all parts of the world towards wisdom, Truth, and Christian values and to discover “Treasure Within” themselves. Via effective teaching and research pedagogies of international standards as well as community engagement, the University aims to form individuals to be intellectually competent, morally sound, and spiritually enriching, accountable, righteous, and service-minded citizens; excelling in serving communities comprising of diverse cultures.

## **Au UNIQUENESS**

“An International Catholic University”

## **Au IDENTITY**

- Ethics
- English Proficiency
- Entrepreneurial Spirit

## **THEODORE MARIA SCHOOL OF ARTS**

([www.arts.au.edu](http://www.arts.au.edu))

## **VISION AND MISSION**

### **Vision**

An international community of business communicators in Thailand

### **Mission**

Theodore Maria School of Arts will ensure that: the School will...

1. Enhance business language skills
2. Promote cultural awareness
3. Foster academic networking
4. Encourage ethical standards and practices

### **TAGLINE**

เติมเต็มศิลป์ภาษา พัฒนาศาสตร์ธุรกิจ

**Language Education, Business Inspiration**

### **ARTS ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE: More than faculty, we are family**

- Open communication
- Mentoring system
- Dedication
- Caring
- Teamwork
- Commitment
- Resource sharing

### **Core Values**

A = Adaptability

R = Responsibility

T = Togetherness

S = Sustainability

## **Core Competencies**

Employability

Multiculturalism

Internationalization

## **Quality Assurance Process**

Students should understand and apply the Quality Assurance Process in their study. The Plan-Do-Check-Act Cycle (PDCA) provides an easy but effective approach for problem solving and managing change, ensuring that ideas are appropriately tested before the full implementation. It can be used in all sorts of situations and can be clarified as follows:

**Plan:** Define the current problem, process, and issue and establish objectives and processes required to deliver the desired results.

**Do:** Implement the plans and new processes developed.

**Check:** Monitor and evaluate the implemented process by testing the results against the predetermined objectives.

**Act:** Apply actions necessary for improvement if the results require changes.

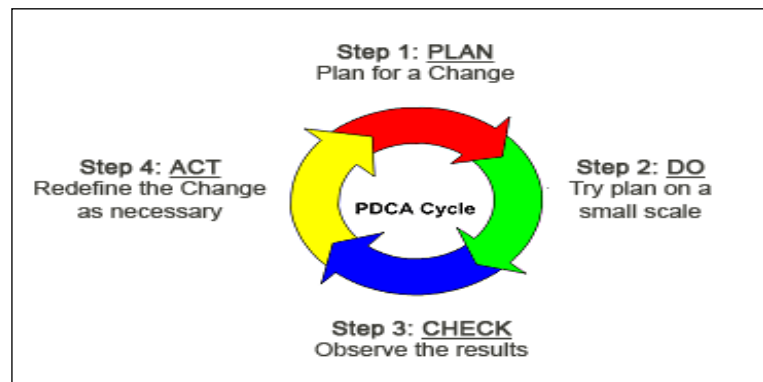


Figure 1: PDCA Cycle (<http://www.swopehealth.org>)

## **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence, a serious breach of ethical conduct and is unacceptable student behavior. Students who plagiarize copying words or ideas without acknowledging the original writer of the words or ideas, will face disciplinary action. This will range from receiving an “F” in the subject to university suspension.