ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY
THEODORE MARIA SCHOOL OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF JAPANESE FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Course Outline 2/2026

Course No.: JA3751 Effective Japanese in Listening and Speaking*
*Equivalent JA3702 Business Japanese Ⅰ

Credit: 3

Status: Major Required course

Prerequisites: JA2702 Japanese III or JLPT N4 or by the consent of the instructor

Lecturers: A. Motomi Uehara (SM348)

Course Description: Honing listening and speaking skills for effective communication in social and real-life situations.

Objectives: This course aims to enable students to:

1. Develop practical Japanese listening and speaking skills that support the transition from elementary to intermediate level.
2. Communicate appropriately and confidently in intercultural situations using Japanese.
3. Improve pronunciation, listening comprehension, and conversational fluency through interaction with native speakers and authentic materials.
4. Employ moral and ethical action in communication and classroom participation.

Course Learning Outcomes: This course learning outcomes are:

1. Demonstrate effective listening comprehension in situations reflecting daily life and culture.
2. Participate in spoken interactions using appropriate vocabulary, expressions, and communication strategies.
3. Communicate with awareness of cultural differences and appropriate social behavior in Japanese-speaking contexts.
4. Employ moral and ethical action by showing respect, responsibility, and professionalism in communication activities.

Teaching-Learning Activities: 1. Lecture
2. In-class activity
3. Assignment and Presentation

Course Requirements:
1. 80% of class attendance is required.
   Those who do not complete the requirement are not allowed to participate in the Final projects.
2. There will be vocabulary tests, quizzes and assignments in class.
3. Midterm and Final assessments will be conducted in class.
   (Make-up tests are not allowed.)

Mark Allocation:

Class Participation	10%
Vocabulary tests	9%
Quiz	11%
In-class assignments	20%
Mid-term Project (Listening=100, Speaking 100)	20%
Final Project (Listening=150, Speaking 150)	30%
Total	100%

Grading:

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

Textbook: Hiromi Kijima, Tomoyo Shibahara, Naomi Hatta (2019)
『まるごと日本のことばと文化 初中級 A2/B1』,Thailand TPA

Study Plan and Schedule:

Week	Month	Date	Topic	Assessments
1	Nov.	5	Class orientation	
		6	Unit 1: Listening & Conversation	
2		12	Unit 1: Vocabulary test Grammar review & Audio Recording	10 marks
		13	Unit 2: Listening & Conversation	
3		19	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		20	Unit 2: Vocabulary test Unit 3: Listening & Conversation	10 marks
4		26	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		27	Unit 3: Vocabulary test Unit 4: Listening & Conversation	10 marks
5	Dec.	3	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		4	Unit 4: Vocabulary test Unit 5: Listening & Conversation	10 marks
6		10	Holiday no class	
		11	Grammar review Audio Recording	
7		17	Unit 5: Vocabulary test In-class assignment for Mid-term Project	10 marks 100 marks
		18	Quiz Continue Assignment	60 marks
8		24	Mid-term Speaking & Listening assessment	200 marks
		25	Holiday no class	
9	Jan.	14	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		15	Unit 6: Listening & Conversation	
10		21	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		22	Unit 6: Vocabulary test Unit 7: Listening & Conversation	10 marks
11	.	28	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		29	Unit 7: Vocabulary test Unit 8: Listening & Conversation	10 marks
12	Feb.	4	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		5	Unit 8: Vocabulary test Unit 9: Listening & Conversation	10 marks
13		11	Grammar review Audio Recording	
		12	Unit 9: Vocabulary test Review	10 marks
14		18	In-class assignment for Final Project	100 marks
		19	Quiz Continue Assignment	50 marks
15		25	Final Listening Assessment	150 marks
		26	Final Speaking Assessment	150 marks
W1~15			Class Participation	100 marks

*February 19, 2027: Last day to withdraw with "W"

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- 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.

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- able to communicate effectively with people from other nations and to participate in globalization.

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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.

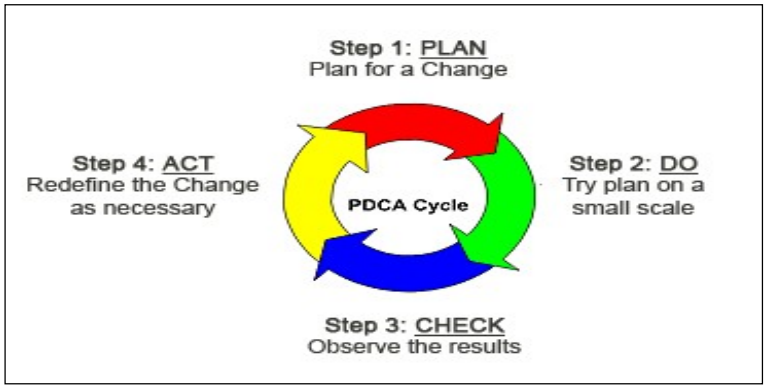


Figure 1: PDCA Cycle (http://www.swopehealth.org)

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