

SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

- (1) If you have working knowledge of *most of the following*, you should start with Elementary Japanese II (JAPN152) in the spring. Otherwise, start with Elementary Japanese I (JAPN151) which is offered in the fall.

Total Kanji 50

- a. Hiragana
 - b. Katakana
 - c. Kanji 50
 - d. XはYです--desu, --jaarimasen(or -janaidesu)
 - e. Noun の noun
 - f. --masu, --masen
 - g. Demonstrative pronouns (kore, sore, are, dore)
 - h. --deshita,--jaarimasendeshita
 - i. --mashita,--jaarimasendeshita
- (2) If you have working knowledge of *most of the following in addition to (1)*, you should start with Intermediate Japanese I (JAPN251) which is offered this fall.

Total Kanji 120

- j. --te-form (e.g. temoiidesu, tewa ikemasen, tekudasai)
 - k. -masho
 - l. -masenka
 - m. Conjunctions such as “ _____kara,_____” “ _____ga,_____”
 - n. Describing people or things using te-form (e.g. メアリーさんはやさしくてたのしい人です。
 - o. “I think_____” “Someone said_____” sentence structures. (e.g. ——とおもいます。 ——とっていました。)
 - p. Informal speech using informal (short) forms such as 行く、行かない、行った、いかなかった。
 - q. Comparative sentences (e.g. わたしはハンバーガーよりラーメンのほうが好きです。)
- (3) If you have working knowledge of *most of the following in addition to (1) and (2)*, please start with Intermediate Japanese II (JAPN252) which is offered in spring.

Total Kanji 250

- r. Potential forms (“can do”)
- s. Conditional forms (--ba, --nara,--tara etc.)
- t. ——つもりだ
- u. Adjective なる(become--)

- (4) If you have working knowledge of *most of the following in addition to (1), (2), and (3)*, you should start with Advanced Japanese I (JAPN351).

Total Kanji 350-400

- v. Giving and receiving verbs (--ageru, --kureru, --morau)
- w. Volitional forms (e.g. いかう、たべよう)
- x. ——とき
- y. ——てあげる、——てくれる、——てもらう
- z. ——そうです “I heard that—”
- aa. ——まえに、——あとで
- bb. ——てから
- cc. ——そうです “It looks like--.”
- dd. ——つもりです。

- (5) If you have working knowledge of *most of the following in addition to (1), (2), (3), and (4)*, please consult with Professor Chiba.

Total Kanji: more than 500

- ee. Passive
- ff. Causative
- gg. Passive-causative
- hh. Honorific (respectful/humble form)

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