



LS1481 Japanese A1.1 and Japanese Studies for Engineers 7.5 credits

Japanska A1.1 och japankunskap för ingenjörer

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

Establishment

On 01/10/2020, the Dean of the ITM School has decided to establish this official course syllabus to apply from autumn term 2021 (registration number M-2020-1947).

Grading scale

P, F

Education cycle

First cycle

Main field of study

Specific prerequisites

General admission requirements Applicants to the course should not have any prior knowledge of Japanese.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

The intended learning outcomes for the course are at level A1.1 according to the CEFR, the Common European Framework of Reference for language, and aim to strengthen student's global competence.

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

Japanese studies

- account for important facts about Japan and search for information concerning Japan's history, society, geography, culture, language and technical development (in Swedish)
- find and present facts about relevant Japanese phenomena

Language

- be familiar with the structure of Japanese written language and completely master the hiragana and identify the katakana
- be familiar with the particular nature of Japanese as regards grammar and social usage.
- present him/herself and others in very elementary Japanese.
- translate very simple sentences from Japanese into Swedish and vice versa
- master the most common greeting phrases and participate in very simple everyday conversations using a fixed sentence structure

Course contents

The Japanese studies part of the course gives a general picture of how modern Japan has developed through the interplay between domestic traditions and modern institutions. Present-day Japan is looked at from economical, political, cultural, technical and conceptual points of view. Language and Linguistic structure: Overview of pronunciation. Basic and frequent sentence patterns and a selection of relevant expressions Overview of the kana scripts and an introduction to the structure and use of kanji. Active learning of 50 kanji characters from Language in use: Orientation about historical aspects and social conventions of Japanese (structure of the present-day vocabulary, and aspects such as politeness, gender, silence, body language, etc.)

Examination

- KONA - Assessment, 1.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- LEXA - Continuous assessment, 6.0 credits, grading scale: P, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

Other requirements for final grade

All course components passed.

75% attendance requirement

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.