

Institute of Modern Languages

COURSE CONTENT – JAPANESE SHORT COURSE

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE FOCUS (*)
First encounters	 Greeting people & saying goodbye Introducing oneself using simple language & fixed expressions 	 Brief introduction to Japanese pronunciation Simple greeting/goodbye expressions (e.g., <i>Konnichiwa</i> – Hello!; <i>Shitsurei shimasu</i> - Goodbye) Basic expressions to introduce oneself (e.g., <i>Watashi wa John desu</i> - '1 am John')
Getting to know each other	 Giving and asking about basic personal details Socialising using basic expressions/formulaic language. 	 Countries & Nationalities Professions <i>O-shigoto wa</i>? – What is your job?) Cardinal mumbers 1- 10 Simple expressions used to socialize
Family & friends	 Introducing & giving basic information about a friend/family member Providing basic description of others using simple words/formulaic expressions 	 Cardinal numbers 11- 100 Simple expressions to introduce & describe others (e.g., <i>Kochira wa Yamada san desu</i> - This is Mr. Yamada) Basic question words/expressions.
Out & about	 Talking about places in the neighbourhood/city using simple words Providing basic description of a place or a location. Understanding/Following basic instructions. 	 Basic prepositions of place (e.g., <i>Koko</i>, soko & asoko – here, there & over there) Simple expressions to ask about places: (e.g., Ginko wa doko desuka - Where is the bank?)
Going places	 Understanding simple numbers Asking and Telling time & day of the week 	 Basic prepositions of place (2) Time & day of the week (e.g., <i>Nanji desuka -</i> What time is it?')

	 Asking about public transport using simple words/formulaic language. Understanding a simple bus/train timetable Purchasing a bus/train ticket using formulaic language. 	 Simple expressions to talk about arrival & departure times (e.g., <i>Nan-ji ni tsukimasu ka</i> – What time does it arrive?) Basic expressions to buy a ticket (e.g., <i>Ikura desu ka - how much is</i> ?) Cardinal numbers (100-10,000)
Coffee anyone?	 Understanding a simple menu Making simple drink & food orders 	 Simple words/expressions to indicate location (e.g., <i>Kore</i>; <i>sore</i> & <i>are</i> - This, that & that over there) Basic expressions to order a drink/a simple meal (e.g., <i>Sandwich o kudasai</i> – Can I have a sandwich ?) Simple expressions to describe food-drinks (e.g., <i>Totemo oishi desu</i> – It is really good)

(*) The language content provided in the outline is intended as a reference and may undergo changes during the course delivery.