

## The Japan Center for Michigan Universities Lower Intermediate Japanese (Level 2)

### Course Description

This course is designed for students who have successfully completed Japanese courses at a college level for a minimum of one year (approximately 150 hours of classes) or those who have obtained a comparable level of competency, including the mastery of around 150 basic *kanji* used in various contexts.

### Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. improve all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) to the point where they can explain and describe things more precisely and in detail;
2. demonstrate a rudimentary understanding and appreciation of important socio-cultural practices central to effective communication in Japan;
3. utilize an additional 200 *kanji* in various contexts with accuracy;
4. improve the reading and writing skills through the use of essays and short stories with more complex structural patterns.
5. increase awareness of the different levels and styles of speech (written/spoken, formal/informal, men's/women's, and polite expressions);
6. exhibit a wider appreciation of Japanese customs, culture, and social phenomena; and
7. make a speech on a certain topic by using a variety of basic structural patterns to be introduced on this level.

### Coverage

*Genki* L.14~L.23

*Tobira* L.1 & L.2

### Textbooks

- Banno et. al. *Genki* II
- Banno et. al. *Genki* Workbook II
- *Tobira* L.1 & L.2 (packet)

### Other Materials

Worksheets and handouts

### Grading and Attendance

Classroom participation and dialogue presentation 25%

Assignments / Homework	10%
Quizzes	15%
Weekly tests and final examination	45%
Presentation	5%