



Language Center

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2023 WINTER 5-WEEK JAPANESE COURSES

During this 5-week semester, the Language Center offers select levels of the core curriculum of Japanese Courses (the full range of 13 levels is offered in the 10-week semesters).

If you are unsure of which level is right for you, please take a look at the [Level Guide \(Numbered Levels\)](#).

For once-a-week classes or the full range of levels, see the Winter Conversational Japanese courses or the [upcoming 10-week semester](#).

Individuals must be 16 or older to register for these courses. (For younger students, please see [Japanese for Youth: Ages 12 to 15.](#))

Please note that some courses are online via Zoom, and others are in-person at Japan Society in NYC. All times listed are New York time (ET).

ONLINE COURSES: To participate fully, you will need access to a device with internet, microphone, and camera (such as a laptop, smartphone, or tablet).

IN-PERSON COURSES: In the event of inclement weather or other circumstances, a class session may need to be conducted online or on another date. By signing up for a course, you assume this risk and understand that circumstances may change. Please see full details under “How to Register.”

JAPANESE LEVEL 1 (for beginning students with no previous background in Japanese)

The course is designed to introduce elementary Japanese to students with no previous background in the language. Basic vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures will be taught in *romaji* (Japanese written phonetically in the Roman alphabet) so students can carry on a simple conversation. *Hiragana* and some introductory *kanji* will be introduced.

This course will introduce students to the following:

- X wa Y desu.
- Question sentences
- This/that/which
- Here/there/over there/where
- Verb conjugation (present tense)
- Sentence particles

Required Textbook: *Genki I*, 3rd Edition (Ch. 1, 2 & 3)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
1-A	Mon. & Wed., 12/11 - 1/22 (no class 12/25, 12/27, 1/1, 1/15)	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	ONLINE

1-B	Tues. & Thurs., 12/12 - 1/18 (no class 12/26, 12/28, 1/2)	6:00 – 8:00 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	IN-PERSON
1-C	Tues. & Thurs., 12/12 - 1/18 (no class 12/26, 12/28, 1/2)	12:00 – 2:00 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	IN-PERSON

JAPANESE LEVEL 2 (Prerequisite: Japanese 1 or equivalent; recognition of *hiragana* is expected.)

Students will continue to develop their beginners' level language skills in basic Japanese as they begin to apply the past tense and are introduced to new words, grammar, and expressions. Recognition of *hiragana* is expected as less *romaji* will be used. *Katakana* and a few more *kanji* will be introduced.

Students will be introduced to the following:

- *X ga arimasu/imasu.*
- Location description
- Adjectives (present and past tense)
- *Suki (na)/ Kirai (na)*
- *-shimashou ka*

Required Textbook: *Genki I*, 3rd Edition (Ch. 4 & 5)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
2-A	Mon. & Wed., 12/11 - 1/22 (no class 12/25, 12/27, 1/1, 1/15)	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Shio	ONLINE
2-B	Tues. & Thurs., 12/12 - 1/18 (no class 12/26, 12/28, 1/2)	6:00 – 8:00 pm ET	9 classes	Ogino	IN-PERSON

JAPANESE LEVEL 10 (Prerequisite: level 9 or equivalent)

This class follows level 9 in the progression from the *Genki II* textbook, continuing a formal study of Japanese grammar. More advanced grammar, vocabulary and kanji will be introduced over several semesters. A particular emphasis will be placed on speaking practice. This course is designed to provide students with the necessary tools to move up to Level 11. (See note about Level 10 progression below)

Required Text: *An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (Revised Edition)*, (Part 2: Lessons 5-8). See [Sample here](#).

Please note: Level 10 is offered in 4 Parts: they can be taken in any order and each Part is separate and self-contained, e.g. taking Part 1 is not necessary before Part 2. All Parts are recommended at least once before moving to Level 11. [Click here to see schedule of Level 10 Parts](#). If you have not taken a Level 10 course before and are hoping to work through the 4-part progression, we recommend starting during the 10-week semester and NOT this 5-week semester. (Starting during a 10-week semester will provide an easier path through this level.)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
10-A (Part 2)	Mon. & Wed., 12/11 - 1/22 (no class 12/25, 12/27, 1/1, 1/15)	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Kitaura	ONLINE

TUITION

Japan Society members **\$290**

Non-members **\$330**

To purchase or renew a membership, please visit the [Membership page](#) and **pay online**. Or, call 212-715-1270 and leave a message; they will get back to you.

To enroll in two or more courses at the combined discount, please call (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293. Discount is applicable when enrolling in two or more 9-class courses within the 2023 Winter semester only (includes Conversational Japanese and Japanese (numbered level) Courses.)

HOW TO REGISTER

Classes fill up quickly! We recommend **registering as soon as possible** to secure your first choice.

Please register by Thurs., December 7, if possible. Seats may not be available after this date; please contact the office for up-to-date availability.

New students with no previous background in Japanese should enroll in a Level 1 course. Students with some background should refer to the [Level Guide \(Numbered Levels\)](#) or course textbooks to determine the most appropriate class. There is no placement exam. If you are still not sure of your level, it may be possible to schedule a level assessment by phone with the Senior Director. Please email language@japansociety.org to schedule.

Registration is accepted **online (preferred)**, by phone at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293, or in-person on select days.

Registrants will receive a **Welcome Email** and **Zoom link** from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on

the afternoon of Friday, December 8, 2023 (for classes beginning on Monday, December 11)

the afternoon of Monday, December 11, 2023 (for classes beginning on Tuesday, December 12)

For more information, please email us at language@japansociety.org, or call at **(212) 715-1269** or **(212) 715-1293**.

ONLINE COURSES ONLY:

Make-Up Classes: Please attend the course you have registered for as much as possible. However, if you are an online student and will miss a class, you may arrange a make-up class in a different online or in-person section in the same semester. Ideally, this would cover the same material as your missed class, but **these options are very limited this Winter semester**. However, we welcome you to schedule a make-up even if it is in a different course type/level for extra practice. More information on how to schedule a make-up class will be provided in the Welcome Email.

IN-PERSON COURSES ONLY:

Japan Society strongly encourages everyone entering the building to be up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, including any boosters for which they are eligible. In-person students do not need to provide proof of vaccination and booster.

Masks, particularly respirator-style (KN95, N95, KF94, etc.), are strongly recommended but are no longer required. A mask can be provided at the Welcome Desk upon request.

Japan Society retains the right to cancel a class at its discretion due to inclement weather or other circumstances. In such circumstances the office will determine the best option for replacement class(es), which may be online or on another date. By signing up for this course, you assume this risk and understand that circumstances may change.

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PLEASE NOTE

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations are accepted until 12 pm ET on the business day before the course or workshop begins (for Shodo, until 12 pm ET on the business day before coursework begins). After this deadline, cancellations are not accepted and tuition is not refundable or transferable for any reason (including for credit). Upon cancellation, the tuition paid minus a service charge (\$20 for courses, \$5 for workshops) will be refunded. Cancellations are only accepted via phone.

Japan Society also reserves the right to cancel any course or workshop if sufficient enrollment is not obtained. In such cases, students already enrolled will receive full refunds (no service charge).

By registering for a course, you accept and agree to the above terms of the cancellation policy.

Students must be age 16 or older.

We do not record these classes, and recording of these classes is prohibited. If a student misses a class, it may be possible to arrange a make-up class in the same semester, if available. More information will be provided in the Welcome Email.

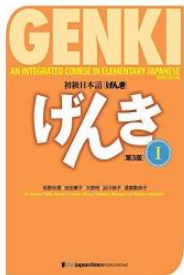
If you need to switch to a different level or section after your course has begun, it may be possible pending availability and is only possible within the same semester (e.g., within the same 10-week semester, 5-week semester, weekend intensive, etc.). Please contact the office.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

The following textbooks are required. A limited supply of textbooks is available for purchase at the Language Center on select days, as well as on the first day of in-person courses. Please contact the office to arrange purchase and pick-up.

You may also purchase your book in advance from an outside vendor. Either a digital or print textbook is fine. Please do your best to have your textbook by the first day of the course.

Level 1 and 2 students:



GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition

published by The Japan Times
Price at Japan Society: \$45

ISBN: 978-4789017305

We strongly recommend purchasing the 3rd Edition. Please note that the 2nd Edition has some differences, including page numbers, examples, etc., and is not recommended for this reason.

Level 10 students:



An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (Revised Edition)

published by The Japan Times
Price at Japan Society: \$42

ISBN: 9784789013079

INSTRUCTORS

All of the Language Center's instructors are native Japanese speakers with extensive teaching experience.

Momoyo Kitaura has a BA from Tokyo Woman's Christian University. She has been a certified Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) tester for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). She passed the Japanese Language Teaching Competency test and has over 15 years of experience working at a Japanese language school in Japan. Since 2018, she has been teaching at the Language Center. She is also a co-researcher of the National Institute of Language and Linguistics.

Kenko Ogino has been teaching Japanese for eleven years. She holds a BA in English Literature from Atomi Gakuen Women's University, an MA in Education from New York University, and an MA in Japanese Pedagogy from Columbia University. She has been teaching Japanese privately for individual students, companies, and the Center for International Foreign Language Teacher Education (CIFLTE) Module Course at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mami Nakanishi has a BA in Literature from Sophia University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program and has been on Japan Society's teaching staff since the summer of 2010. She has taught Japanese privately and in schools including Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School and Tribeca Language.

Atsuko Shio has a BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Hoshi University in Tokyo. She has over 12 years of experience working in Product Management and in Sales at Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program and has been teaching at the Language Center since September 2016.