



Language Center

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2024 Spring Intensive Weekend Japanese Courses

Saturdays & Sundays, March 9, 10, 16 & 17
11:00 am – 4:30 pm ET

These courses will be conducted online via Zoom. To participate fully, you will need access to a device with internet, microphone, and camera (such as a laptop, smartphone, or tablet). Please note that all times listed are New York time (ET).

These concentrated courses are designed to teach beginners Japanese and emphasize conversation, listening, reading and writing. These courses are great for people who need to **learn basic Japanese at an accelerated pace**. They are also useful for people with weekday schedule conflicts, those who missed the start of the 10-week semester, or for students who need some review before proceeding to the next level. Students can easily progress from these courses into our weekday courses. Students must be 16 or older to register for the class. (For younger students, please see [Japanese for Youth: Ages 12 to 15](#)).

Intensive Weekend Japanese Course, 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	Sat. & Sun., Mar. 9, 10, 16 & 17	11:00 am-4:30 pm ET*	4 classes	Mori	ONLINE
1-B	Sat. & Sun., Mar. 9, 10, 16 & 17	11:00 am-4:30 pm ET*	4 classes	Kobayashi	ONLINE

* There will be an hour break for lunch from 1 to 2 pm and a short break during the afternoon period.

Intensive Weekend Japanese Course, 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* (Chapters 4 & 5)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
2-A	Sat. & Sun., Mar. 9, 10, 16 & 17	11:00 am-4:30 pm ET*	4 classes	Yamaguchi	ONLINE

* There will be an hour break for lunch from 1 to 2 pm and a short break during the afternoon period.

TUITION

Non-members **\$330**

Japan Society members **\$290**

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.

HOW TO REGISTER

To guarantee a seat in the class, please register as soon as possible. Registration is accepted **online (preferred)**, by phone at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293, or in-person on select days.

New students with no previous background in Japanese should enroll in a Level 1 course. Students with some background should refer to the [Japanese Level Guide](#) or course textbooks to determine the most appropriate class. (The Level Guide can also be found on the [Language Center homepage](#).) 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.

Registrants will receive a **Welcome Email** and **Zoom link** from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on: **the afternoon of Friday, March 8, 2024** (the business day before courses begin)

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

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.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Please do your best to have your textbook by the first day of the course.

The following textbook is required. A limited supply of textbooks is available for purchase at the Language Center on select days. 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.

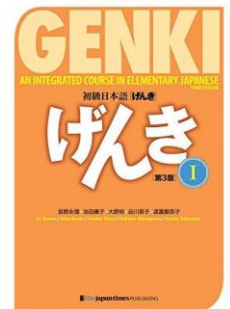
GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition

published by The Japan Times

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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 5&6 students: you will need to purchase the Genki II textbook about halfway through the semester.

Price at Japan Society: \$45



INSTRUCTORS

Language Center's instructors are native Japanese speakers with extensive experience.

Rika Kobayashi has a master's degree in Japanese Pedagogy from Columbia University Graduate School and holds multiple Japanese and English-language teaching licenses and qualifications. She has taught at higher educational institutions including North Carolina State University and Berea College, and currently teaches Japanese conversation courses as well as Japanese culture courses at Columbia-Greene Community College (SUNY), which she developed. In Japan, she has also taught new employees and university graduates how to engage with clients using appropriate professional manners and ways of speaking.

Yumi Mori has a bachelor's degree in Law from Sophia University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has taught privately in the United States for a number of years.

Yukie Yamaguchi has a BA in Foreign Languages (specializing in English) from Bukkyo University in Kyoto and holds an instructor certification from the World Japanese Centre, Australia. She has been teaching English in Japan and the United States since 1997, most recently at Baruch College, Brooklyn College, and teaching English online.