



Language Center

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## 2024 LATE SPRING 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 Late Spring Conversational Japanese courses or the [upcoming 10-week semester](#).

These courses are designed for adults aged 18 and above. However, consideration for enrollment may be given to students aged 17 or 16 on a case-by-case basis. Feel free to inquire for further information.

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*Courses are listed by increasing difficulty/level. Please note that the letter designates a different time/date, but all sections of a level cover the same material (e.g., 1-A and 1-B cover the same material).*

**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*, [3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#) (Ch. 1, 2 & 3)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
1-A	Tues. & Thurs., 4/16 - 5/14	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Yamaguchi	ONLINE
1-B	Mon. & Wed., 4/15 - 5/13	12:00 – 2:00 pm ET	9 classes	Mori	ONLINE
1-C	Mon. & Wed., 4/15 - 5/13	6:00 – 8:00 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	IN-PERSON
1-D	Tues. & Thurs., 4/16 - 5/14	6:00 – 8:00 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	IN-PERSON
1-E	Tues. & Thurs., 4/16 - 5/14	12:00 – 2:00 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	IN-PERSON

**JAPANESE LEVEL 2** (Prerequisite: Japanese 1 or equivalent; most importantly, students must understand how to use the particles *wa*, *o*, *de*, *ni*, and *e*, and be able to make sentences such as, “I eat a sandwich at a restaurant at 1 o’clock.” For a full list of grammar patterns covered in Level 1, see [Level Guide \(Numbered Levels\)](#). Recognition of *hiragana* is also 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Ch. 4 & 5)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
2-A	Mon. & Thurs., 4/15 - 5/13	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Shinohara	ONLINE
2-B	Tues. & Thurs., 4/16 - 5/14	12:00 – 2:00 pm ET	9 classes	Kitaura	ONLINE
2-C	Mon. & Wed., 4/15 - 5/13	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 3: Lessons 9-12**). 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
<b>10-A (Part 3)</b>	Mon. & Wed., 4/15 - 5/13	<b>6:30 – 8:30 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Nakamura	<b>ONLINE</b>

## **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.

**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 2024 Late Spring 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., April 11, 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](mailto: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](mailto:language_inquiries@japansociety.org) on

**the afternoon of Friday, April 12, 2024** (for classes beginning on Monday, April 15)

**the afternoon of Monday, April 15, 2024** (for classes beginning on Tuesday, April 16)

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

### **ABOUT ONLINE COURSES:**

**Please follow your course schedule** as much as possible. **If you miss a class**, please review any material you missed so that you do not fall behind in the course. Regular practice is important when learning a new language.

In addition, if you will miss a class, it **may also be possible to arrange a make-up class** in a different online or in-person section in the same semester. Ideally, this should be scheduled for the same material/class as your missed class, but please note that options may be limited. When possible, please reach out to schedule these in advance as slots are first come, first served. More information on how to schedule a make-up class will be provided in the Welcome Email.

Our classes are structured to be interactive and participatory, and you will get the most out of your classes if you can participate by both microphone and video whenever possible. We hope you will participate to whatever degree that you can, even when full engagement is not possible. Please communicate with your instructor about any needs/changes to your attendance and degree of participation (mic/video use ability, missing class, etc.).

### **ABOUT IN-PERSON COURSES:**

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.

**Please follow your course schedule** as much as possible. **If you miss a class**, please review any material you missed so that you do not fall behind in the course. Regular practice is important when learning a new language.

In addition, if you will miss a class, it **may also be possible to arrange a make-up class** in a different online or in-person section in the same semester. Ideally, this should be scheduled for the same material/class as your missed class, but please note that options may be limited. When possible, please reach out to schedule these in advance as slots are first come, first served. More information on how to schedule a make-up class will be provided in the Welcome Email.

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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 18 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.

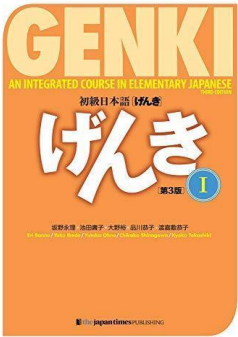
## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

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

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.

### Level 1 and 2 students:

	<p><b>GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition</b></p> <p>published by The Japan Times Price at Japan Society: \$45</p> <p>ISBN: 978-4789017305</p> <p>We strongly recommend purchasing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition has some differences, including page numbers, examples, etc., and is not recommended for this reason.</p>
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## 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.

**Mari Nakamura** has an MA in Linguistics from The Ohio State University and has taught Japanese for 25 years at universities including CUNY, Harvard, Indiana University, and the University of Maryland. She has also taught at several Fortune 500 Corporations. She has been teaching at Japan Society since 2015.

**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.

**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.

**Kaoru Shinohara** holds a BA in Literature from Waseda University and a BA from Soka University through their Japanese Language Teacher Training Course in Education. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has been teaching Japanese to youth at Japan Society and tutoring at New York University.

**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.

**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.