



Language Center

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2024 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](#).

These courses are designed for adults aged 18 and above.

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*, [3rd Edition](#) (Ch. 1, 2 & 3)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
1-A	Mon. & Wed., 12/9 - 1/22 (no 12/23 – 1/1, 1/20)	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Toda	ONLINE
1-B	Tues. & Thurs., 12/10 - 1/21 (no 12/24 - 1/2)	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	ONLINE
1-C	Tues. & Thurs., 12/10 - 1/21 (no 12/24 - 1/2)	12:00 – 2:00 pm ET	9 classes	Fujie	ONLINE
1-D	Mon. & Wed., 12/9 - 1/22 (no 12/23 – 1/1, 1/20)	6:00 – 8:00 pm ET	9 classes	Nakanishi	IN-PERSON
1-E	Mon. & Wed., 12/9 - 1/22 (no 12/23 – 1/1, 1/20)	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, 3rd Edition* (Ch. 4 & 5)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
2-A	Tues. & Thurs., 12/10 - 1/21 (no 12/24 - 1/2)	6:30 – 8:30 pm ET	9 classes	Ogawa	ONLINE
2-B	Mon. & Wed., 12/9 - 1/22 (no 12/23 – 1/1, 1/20)	6:00 – 8:00 pm ET	9 classes	Ogino	IN-PERSON

REVIEW: GENKI II (Prerequisite: Japanese 9, or equivalent.)

There are certain grammar points that many intermediate-level students struggle with. This course offers a guided review on these notorious grammar points, including Causative-Passive, Transitive vs. Intransitive

verbs, and Keigo. Students will be invited to dive into the mechanism as well as the psychology behind these grammar points through drills and speaking practice. This class will help to scatter away clouds of confusion students may have had for a long time. It will serve as a confidence booster on key grammar.

This class will reinforce students' understanding and usage of grammar points including:

- Particles
- Transitive vs. Intransitive
- Conditional: ~たら、~と、~ば、~なら
- Doing a favor: ~てあげる、~てもらう、~てくれる
- Passive & Causative-Passive
- Noun modifiers
- Conjecture: ~だろう、~かも知れない、~らしい、~ようだ、~はずだ、~みたいだ
- Honorifics: 尊敬語、謙譲語
- Semester Review, Q&A

The *Genki II* textbook content will be referenced, but **no textbook is required**.

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TUITION

Non-members **\$360**

Japan Society members **\$310**

Inclusive of fees, where applicable.

To purchase or renew a membership, please visit the [Membership page](#) and **pay online**. Or, call 212-715-1270.

HOW TO REGISTER

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

Please register by Thurs., December 5, 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 (please inquire for hours).

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

the afternoon of Friday, December 6, 2024 (for classes beginning on Monday, December 9)

the afternoon of Monday, December 9, 2024 (for classes beginning on Tuesday, December 10)

For more information, please email us at 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 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 begins. The Language Center's business days are Monday – Friday, except for most federal holidays. 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) will be refunded. Cancellations are only accepted via phone.

Japan Society also reserves the right to cancel any course 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.

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.

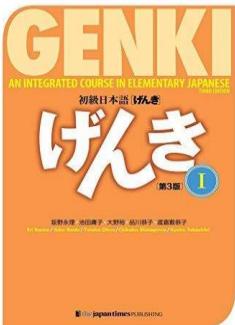
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

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 in advance to arrange purchase and pick-up times if picking up before the first day of an in-person course.

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><i>GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition</i></p> <p>published by The Japan Times Price at Japan Society: \$45</p> <p>ISBN: 978-4789017305</p> <p>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.</p>
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INSTRUCTORS

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

Nagi Fujie holds a BA from Waseda University and an MA in Applied Linguistics as well as a Graduate Certificate in Second Language Studies/ESL from Purdue University. She has been teaching Japanese language and culture courses at universities in the U.S since 2016, both in physical classrooms and on online platforms. She is also the owner of Musubi Learning, LLC, in which she supports Japanese sojourner families in the U.S through language and culture education.

Kazue Kurahara received her BA at Hunter College and an MA in TESOL and Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language from New York University. She teaches all levels of Japanese, various workshops, and special topics classes involving social media and pop culture. She is particularly passionate about sociolinguistics and onomatopoeia. She has taught at New York University, The New School, and Hunter College, among others. A nature admirer, she is often seen photographing trees and plants and tending to her indoor garden. She is the scriptwriter and host of Japan Society's YouTube series "Uki Uki NihonGO! + Culture."

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.

Sanshiroh Ogawa holds a BA from Waseda University and an MA in Linguistics as well as a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Language Teaching from Syracuse University. In addition to teaching Japanese at Syracuse University and the Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASWDC), Mr. Ogawa has experience managing the JASWDC Language Schools and working as an administrator at the Japanese language school in Tokyo operated by EF Education First. A former resident of New Jersey, Mr. Ogawa now resides in Maryland, where he is pursuing a PhD degree in Second Language Acquisition at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Kenko Ogino 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 and New York University.

Kana Toda holds a BA from Meiji University, and an MA in Japanese Pedagogy from Columbia University. She taught English at junior and senior high school in Nagasaki, Japan for 8 years. In America, she was a web-based Japanese-English translator for 8 years. She has taught Japanese at Rochester Institute of Technology and University of California, Santa Barbara.