



Language Center

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## 2025 LATE SUMMER 5-WEEK JAPANESE COURSES

During this 5-week session, 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 session). These courses are designed for adults aged 18 and above.

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

For **tuition**, **how to register**, and more **course details**, please see further down after the course list.

**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.

### 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 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
<b>1-A</b>	Mon. & Wed., 8/11 - 9/10 (no class 9/1)	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Toda	<b>ONLINE</b>
<b>1-B</b>	Tues. & Thurs., 8/12 - 9/9	<b>12:00 - 2:00 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Fujie	<b>ONLINE</b>
<b>1-C</b>	Mon. & Wed., 8/11 - 9/10 (no class 9/1)	<b>6:00 - 8:00 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Nakanishi	<b>IN-PERSON</b>
<b>1-D</b>	Tues. & Thurs., 8/12 - 9/9	<b>6:00 - 8:00 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Nakanishi	<b>IN-PERSON</b>
<b>1-E</b>	Mon. & Wed., 8/11 - 9/10 (no class 9/1)	<b>12:00 - 2:00 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Kawai	<b>IN-PERSON</b>

**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)*
- *mashou ka*

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

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
<b>2-A</b>	Mon. & Wed., 8/11 - 9/10 (no class 9/1)	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Mori	<b>ONLINE</b>
<b>2-B</b>	Tues. & Thurs., 8/12 - 9/9	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Toda	<b>ONLINE</b>

**REVIEW: GENKI I** (Prerequisite: Japanese 5, or equivalent)

This course is designed for students who have completed Level 5, but feel the need to review the content of the *Genki I* textbook before moving up to Level 6. The course focuses on reviewing the grammar points and increasing vocabulary so that students gain more confidence in speaking Japanese with an accurate command of grammar. Special focus will be placed on: verb conjugation, adjective conjugation, *te*-form/*ta*-form, and *nai*-form. Also, common mistakes in the use of particles (は、が、を、に、で、と) and expressions such as これ／

この、どの／どんな、なに／なん will be addressed. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to speak Japanese more comfortably with a refreshed grasp of grammar. The *Genki I* textbook content will be referenced, but **no textbook is required**.

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
<b>Review: Genki I</b>	Tues. & Thurs., 8/12 - 9/9	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Kurahara	<b>ONLINE</b>

## **REVIEW: GENKI II** (Prerequisite: Japanese 9, or concurrently with 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
- Review, Q&A

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

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<b>Review: Genki II</b>	Mon. & Wed., 8/11 - 9/10 (no class 9/1)	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm ET</b>	9 classes	Shio	<b>ONLINE</b>

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## **TUITION**

Non-members **\$360**

Japan Society members **\$310**

*Inclusive of fees, where applicable, including a nonrefundable administrative fee (see cancellation policy).*

*A textbook may be required as a separate purchase dependent on your course (please see course details or textbook information below).*

**Japan Society Members:** please log in to see the member price. To learn more about Japan Society Membership, please visit the [Membership page](#).

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

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

**Please register by Wed., August 6, if possible.** Seats may not be available after this date; please check the website for registration availability or contact the office.

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. (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](mailto: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** (including the **Zoom link** for online courses) from [language\\_inquiries@japansociety.org](mailto:language_inquiries@japansociety.org) on:

**the afternoon of Thursday, August 7, 2025** (for classes beginning on Monday, August 11)

**the afternoon of Friday, August 8, 2025** (for classes beginning on Tuesday, August 12)

Questions? Please email us at [language@japansociety.org](mailto:language@japansociety.org), or call at **(212) 715-1269** or **(212) 715-1293**.

## **PARTICIPATION & ATTENDANCE**

Our classes are structured to be interactive and participatory, and you will get the most out of your classes if you can participate fully whenever possible (for online classes, by both microphone and video). 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 for online classes, missing class, etc.).

**Please follow your course schedule** as much as possible. **If you miss a class, please study any material you missed on your own** 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 session (e.g., within the same 10-week session, 5-week session, weekend intensive, etc.). 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. Due to limited availability of make-up slots, and wanting to accommodate as many student's requests as possible, please try to limit make-up class requests to **at most 3 per session (per 9-class course) / 2 per session (per 5-class course)**. If you anticipate wanting to schedule additional make-up classes, please reach out to us. More information on how to schedule a make-up class will be provided in the Welcome Email.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations are accepted until **12 pm ET, TWO business days 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 the nonrefundable administrative fee will be refunded. Fees are as follows: \$35 for 9-/10-class courses, \$20 for 5-class courses, and \$60 for 20-class courses.

Cancellation requests (can be made either by phone or email) must be received by the office by the cancellation deadline. Otherwise, cancellation requests will not be fulfilled.

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 administrative fee).

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

## COURSE POLICIES

While we try to provide as much consistency as possible, there may be occasions when adjustments to class schedule, instructor, or location are necessary. **The Language Center reserves the right to make these changes as needed.** (Reasons for changes may include inclement weather, emergency situations, or instructor illness.) In the case of a change, we will do our best to create an alternate means for keeping classes running, which may include switching an in-person class to online over Zoom.

**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 10-week or 5-week session, 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 session (e.g., within the same 10-week session, 5-week session, weekend intensive, etc.). Please contact the office.

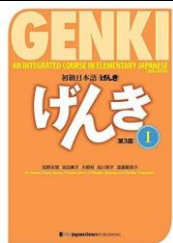
## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

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:



*GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*

published by The Japan Times

ISBN: 978-4789017305

Price at Japan Society: \$45

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.

## ***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.

**Yoko Kawai** holds a BA in Policy Management from Keio University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program in 2024. She is an experienced tutor for Japanese elementary and middle school students as well as an assistant teacher at a Japanese kindergarten, helping students develop their language efficiency.

**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."

**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.

**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.

**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.