



Language Center

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書道

2025 Late Summer Shodo (In-Person) (Japanese Calligraphy)

Japanese calligraphy, also known as *shodo*, is a revered, centuries-old art form and Zen practice which evokes harmony, beauty, and balance. Shodo uses a brush and charcoal ink on paper, wood plaques, and fabric and includes Chinese characters (*kanji*) and Japanese *hiragana*. Although it originated in the techniques used for letter writing, with its unique form of expression it has developed into an art genre.

The Language Center offers both online and in-person Shodo course options. These courses are designed for adults aged 18 and above.

Please note this is **not** a language course. If you wish to learn Japanese language, please see our other courses.



	In-Person Courses	Online Courses
Beginner	Shodo for Beginners	Shodo for Beginners
⇓	Open Level	Basic Kanji
		Kanji
		Kana
Advanced		

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Shodo for Beginners:

Students will learn the brush strokes used in the basic 楷書 (*kaisho*)/regular script. This course will prepare you for the Shodo Basic Kanji course (online) or Shodo Open Level course (in-person).

No prior Shodo or Japanese language experience necessary.

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Beginners	Fridays, 8/29 – 9/26	1:00 – 2:30 pm ET	5 classes	Barringer	IN-PERSON

Shodo Open Level:

Students at any level from beginner (with some prior experience) to advanced are welcome to register. In this open level class, students who are more beginners will continue to learn how to write kanji in the 楷書

(*kaisho*)/regular script, and more advanced students will have the opportunity to hone their skills of the 行書 (*gyosho*) / semi-cursive, 草書 (*sosho*) / cursive, and 隷書 (*reisho*) / clerical scripts.

初級、中級、上級、どのレベルの参加者も 大歓迎です。書道経験をもつ初級者は、楷書の向上を目的とし、上級者は、ご自身のスキルを更に磨くことができます。

If you are an advanced student looking for a *kana* course, please see Shodo Courses (Online).

Prerequisite: at minimum, students must have previously enrolled in the Shodo for Beginners course or have equivalent experience with Japanese calligraphy. (If you are not sure that you meet the prerequisite, please contact us at language@japansociety.org.) **Complete beginners to Japanese calligraphy should enroll in Shodo for Beginners.** 全くの初心者は、**Shodo for Beginners** にご参加下さい。

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Open Level	Fridays, 8/29 – 9/26	5:00 – 6:30 pm ET	5 classes	Barringer	IN-PERSON

TUITION

5-Class Courses

Non-members: \$190

Japan Society members: \$165

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

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

At latest, please register by Tuesday, August 26 if possible. These classes are small, so we appreciate your early enrollment. Late registration may be possible if seats are available (please contact the office if registering after August 31).

Registration is accepted **online (preferred)**, by phone at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293, or in-person (please inquire for hours).

All registrants will receive a Welcome Letter by email from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on the afternoon of **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

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

お問い合わせは language@japansociety.org までご連絡ください。電話でのご登録を希望される方は、クレジットカードをご用意の上、212-715-1269 または 212-715-1293 までご連絡ください。

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.

SHODO SUPPLIES

All materials (brush, ink, paper, a felt pad, and a paperweight) are provided in class for classroom use only, although you are welcome to bring your own personal brush to class if you wish.

教室内で使う筆は準備しておりますが、ご希望なら、ご自分用の筆をご持参していただくこともできます。墨汁、半紙、下敷き、文鎮などは、すべて用意してあります。

INSTRUCTORS

Megumi Barringer (Calligraphy name Shuka Barringer) has a calligraphy instructor license from the Nihon Sogo Shogeiin of Public Interest Incorporated Association in Japan since 1997, and she has been teaching calligraphy in Kamakura, Japan and Princeton, New Jersey for over 20 years. She is a calligraphy instructor at Princeton Community Japanese Language School, Princeton University, and teaches calligraphy classes to children and adults in Princeton. She has been teaching Shodo at Japan Society since 2017. Her work (seal carving, kanji, kana) was selected for the Mainichi Calligraphy Exhibition. She presents her work every August at a calligraphy exhibition held at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum.

雅号：波琳 修佳（Barringer, Shuka）は、1997 年に公益社団法人 日本総合書芸院より書道師範の免許を取得。日本の鎌倉とニュージャージー州プリンストンで 20 年以上書道を指導をしています。NJ 州プリンストンに書道教室を開き、小学生から大人まで幅広く指導しています。またプリンストン日本語学校、プリンストン大学の書道講師、日本企業・美術館・日系人会のイベントにて書道体験教室もしています。2017 年より Japan Society の書道講師に就任。毎日書道展にて、篆刻部門・漢字部門・仮名部門でそれぞれ入選歴があります。毎夏、東京都美術館で行われる書道展に出品しています。