



Language Center

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## 2025 Fall Intensive Weekend Japanese Courses

**Saturdays & Sundays, November 1, 2, 8 & 9**  
**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 session, or for students who need some review before proceeding to the next level. Students can easily progress from these courses into our weekday courses.

These courses are designed for adults aged 18 and above.

### ***Intensive Weekend Japanese Course, Level 1***

(for students with no (or little) basic grammar knowledge in Japanese)

The course is designed to introduce elementary Japanese. 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 Text:** *Genki I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Ch. 1-3)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
<b>1-A</b>	Sat. & Sun., Nov., 1, 2, 8 & 9	<b>11:00 am-4:30 pm ET*</b>	4 classes	Kitaura	<b>ONLINE</b>

\* 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; 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 Text:** *Genki I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Ch. 4-5)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
2-A	Sat. & Sun., Nov., 1, 2, 8 & 9	11:00 am-4:30 pm ET*	4 classes	Yamaguchi	<b>ONLINE</b>

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

## TUITION

Non-members **\$360**

Japan Society members **\$310**

*Inclusive of fees, where applicable.*

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**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

**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 (please inquire for hours).

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](mailto:language@japansociety.org) to schedule.

Registrants will receive a **Welcome Email** and **Zoom link** from [language\\_inquiries@japansociety.org](mailto:language_inquiries@japansociety.org) on: **the afternoon of Thursday, October 30, 2025** (two business days before courses begin)

For more information, 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.

## ***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 and Intensive Weekend 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.**

## ***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.

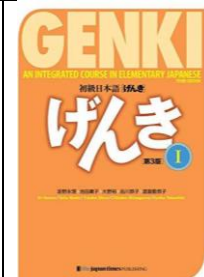
**GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition**

published by The Japan Times

ISBN: 978-4789017305

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.

Price at Japan Society: \$45



## **INSTRUCTORS**

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

**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.