The curriculum is conversation-intensive, with the aim of strengthening the student’s ability to communicate effectively in social situations. The course materials will emphasize vocabulary and grammar that are useful in everyday activities. Each class meets twice a week for a total of 18 hours of instruction.

**Beginner Conversation:** For students who have finished Level 1 or 2 of our Japanese Courses, or equivalent. For students with some background in Japanese. Some social/situational survival skills will also be introduced.

**Textbook (see below for details):** *Marugoto Japanese Language and Culture, 入門 (Starter) A1かつどう* (Katsudoo)

- **Beginner-A**
  - Instructor: Kakutani
  - Mon. & Wed., August 10 – Sept. 9 (no class 9/7)
  - 6 – 8 pm

- **Beginner-B**
  - Instructor: Nakamura
  - Tues. & Thur., August 11 – Sept. 8
  - 6 – 8 pm

- **Beginner-C**
  - Instructor: Kakutani
  - Tue. & Thurs., August 11 – Sept. 8
  - 12 – 2 pm

**Advanced Beginner Conversation:** For students who have finished Level 3 or 4 of our Japanese Courses, or equivalent. The course will focus on skills needed to survive in Japan. Frequently used expressions will be practiced in context.

**Textbook (see below for details):** *Marugoto Japanese Language and Culture, 初級 1 (Elementary 1) A2かつどう* (Katsudoo)

- **Advanced Beginner-A**
  - Instructor: Kurahara
  - Tues. & Thurs., August 11 – Sept. 8
  - 6 – 8 pm

- **Advanced Beginner-B**
  - Instructor: Kitaura
  - Mon. & Wed., August 10 – Sept. 9 (no class 9/7)
  - 12 – 2 pm

**Intermediate Conversation:** For students who have finished Level 5, 6 or 7 of our Japanese Courses, or equivalent. The course will focus on strengthening speaking skills by having students engage in various exercises.

**Textbook (see below for details):** *Marugoto Japanese Language and Culture, 初級 2 (Elementary 2) A2かつどう* (Katsudoo)

- **Intermediate-A**
  - Instructor: Nakazawa
  - Tues. & Thurs., August 11 – Sept. 8
  - 6 – 8 pm

- **Intermediate-B**
  - Instructor: Nakazawa
  - Tues. & Thurs., August 11 – Sept. 8
  - 12 – 2 pm

**Advanced Intermediate Conversation:** For students who have finished Level 8, 9, or 10 of our Japanese Courses, or equivalent. The course will emphasize role-playing by the students in different social and business situations. The focus will be on maintaining a conversation and learning and using situational vocabulary. **No textbook required.**

- **Advanced Intermediate-A**
  - Instructor: Kurahara
  - Mon. & Wed., August 10 – Sept. 9 (no class 9/7)
  - 6 – 8 pm

- **Advanced Intermediate-B**
  - Instructor: Kurahara
  - Tues. & Thurs., August 11 – Sept. 8
  - 12 – 2 pm
**Advanced Conversation:** For students who are at Level 11 of our Japanese Courses or higher. Students will study and discuss various Japanese cultural topics, including social media. New vocabulary and expressions will be introduced. No textbook required.

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**TEXTBOOKS:**

Purchasing a hard copy/printed textbook is recommended, but not required. It will be very useful to have a copy in front of you for easy reference. Until further notice, textbooks are not available for purchase at the Language Center. If you wish to purchase a book, please look for an online vendor.

**Beginner Students:**
Marugoto Japanese Language and Culture, Starter (A1) Katsudoo
ISBN: 978-4-384-05752-2
by Japan Foundation

**Adv.-Beg. Students:**
Marugoto Japanese Language and Culture, Elementary 1 (A2) Katsudoo
ISBN: 978-4-384-05754-6
by Japan Foundation

**Intermediate Students:**
Marugoto Japanese Language and Culture, Elementary 2 (A2) Katsudoo
ISBN: 978-4-384-05756-0
by Japan Foundation

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

NEW THIS SEMESTER

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). Further instructions will be provided the week before classes begin.

At the moment, registration is only accepted online at www.japansociety.org/language (recommended) or by phone, and we are only taking payment in the form of credit or debit cards (no checks or cash).

**Students with credit:** please also call the office at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293.

**To purchase or renew a membership,** please visit www.japansociety.org/become_a_member. At the moment we cannot process a membership with your tuition payment.

For more information, please email us at language@japansociety.org, or call at (212) 715-1269. Please note that while we are working remotely, we may not always be reachable by phone.

1. **Classes fill up quickly!** To guarantee a seat in the class, please register as soon as possible. Acceptance will be acknowledged by email, phone or letter.

2. **Tuition:** Japan Society members $280; Non-members $320

3. **Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable (including for credit) for any reason after 12 pm, the business day before your class starts.** All refunds are subject to a $20 service charge, including those requested by the deadline date. No partial registration or auditing is permitted. Please note that cancellations are accepted by phone. Cancellations via e-mail are not accepted.
4. Japan Society reserves the right to cancel any course if sufficient enrollment is not obtained. In such a case, students already enrolled will receive full refunds.

5. New Language Center students with no previous background in Japanese should enroll in a Level 1 course (not a Conversational course). Students with some background should refer to the Level Guide (at www.japansociety.org/language) or course textbooks to determine the most appropriate class. There is no placement exam.

**INSTRUCTORS:** All of the Language Center's instructors are native Japanese.

**Ms. Yuko Aizawa** has taught at the Sendagaya Japanese Institute in Tokyo, Japan and at the Royal Hawaiian Academy in the United States. She has been an instructor at the Language Center since 1994.

**Ms. Yumiko Kakutani** has a BA in French Literature from Keio University in Tokyo and is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has taught privately in the United States for a number of years (including JLPT and SAT II students).

**Ms. Momoyo Kitaura** has a BA from Tokyo Woman’s Christian University. She is 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. She’s also a co-researcher of the National Institute of Language and Linguistics.

**Ms. Kazue Kurahara** holds a BA from Hunter College and an MA in Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language and TESOL from NYU. She holds teaching certificates in both Japanese and ESL. She has taught Japanese at various institutions, including New York University, Hunter College, Pace University, and The New School. She is currently hosting Japan Society’s YouTube series "Uki Uki NihonGO! + Culture”.

**Ms. Mari Nakamura** holds a MA in Linguistics from The Ohio State University and has taught Japanese for 25 years at universities including Harvard, Indiana University, and the University of Maryland. She has also taught at several Fortune 500 Corporations. She currently teaches at Baruch College.

**Ms. Kazuko Nakazawa** has a BA in Japanese Literature from Tokyo Woman’s Christian University and is a graduate of Japan Society’s Teacher Training Program. She has taught Japanese privately and in an after-school program in Japan for three years, and privately in the United States for two years. She has been on Japan Society’s teaching staff since the summer of 2010.