2021 SPRING JAPANESE COURSES

Please Note: These courses will be conducted online via Zoom, and are a temporary substitute for our in-person courses due to COVID-19. 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/UTC-04:00).

Further instructions will be emailed to you the business day before your class begins.

JAPANESE LEVEL 1 (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets once a week, covers level 1)
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.

*NEW* Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 1-3)

**JAPANESE 1-A**
Instructor: Takeda
Tuesday, 1/26 – 3/30, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 1-B**
Instructor: Shio
Wednesdays, 1/27 – 3/31, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 1-C**
Instructor: Ogawa
Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, **12:00-1:50 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 1-D**
Instructor: Takahashi
Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, **4:00-5:50 pm** (10 lessons)

SPECIAL BEGINNER CLASS: ANIME
Structured for fans of Japanese animation, this course will use various popular anime as a medium to introduce students to basic vocabulary, elementary conversation, and simple sentence structures. Selected anime for this semester: Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba. No textbook required.

In this course, you will not learn Hiragana and all of the necessary grammar patterns from Level 1, so Casual Japanese through Anime alone may not prepare you for Level 2. (Please consult with your instructor if you are already enrolled in this course.)

If you plan to continue to Level 2, we recommend that you take a Level 1 course.

**CASUAL JAPANESE WITH ANIME**
Instructor: Aizawa
Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, **4:00-5:50 pm** (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 1&2 (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets twice a week, covers levels 1 & 2)
This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 1, and 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, katakana and kanji will be introduced. *NEW* Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Chapters 1 – 5)

**JAPANESE 1&2-A**
Instructor: Nakamura
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1/26 – 4/1, **6:30-8:20 pm** (20 lessons)

**JAPANESE 1&2-B**
Instructor: Kitaura
Mondays & Wednesdays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **12:00-1:50 pm** (20 lessons)
**JAPANESE 1&2-C**  
Instructor: **Shio**  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **4:00-5:50 pm** (20 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 2** (Prerequisite: Japanese 1 or equivalent; recognition of hiragana is expected.)  
Students will continue to actively participate in the process of acquiring beginners’ level language skills in basic Japanese. *Katakana* and more *kanji* will be introduced. **NEW** *Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition* (Chapters 4 & 5).

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**JAPANESE LEVEL 3** (Prerequisite: Japanese 2 or equivalent, recognition of *hiragana* and some *katakana* is expected)  
This course will focus on the introduction and use of the *te* and *nai* forms of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary. **Text: Genki I, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 6 & 7)

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**JAPANESE LEVEL 3&4** (Prerequisite: Japanese 2 or equivalent, recognition of *hiragana* and some *katakana* is expected)  
This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 3, and will focus on the introduction and use of the *te* and *nai* forms of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary. Students will practice the informal speech style in the present and past tenses. The *ta* form will be introduced, and students will learn to modify nouns with verbs, as well as practice phrases using *to omoimasu* (“I think”) and *to iimasu* (“he/she says”). **Text: Genki I, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 6 – 9)

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**JAPANESE LEVEL 4** (Prerequisite: Japanese 3 or equivalent)  
Students will practice the informal speech style in the present and past tenses, and will learn the *nai* form of verbs. The *ta* form will be introduced, and students will learn to modify nouns with verbs, as well as practice phrases using *to omoimasu* (“I think”) and *to iimasu* (“he/she says”). **Text: Genki I, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 8 & 9)

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**JAPANESE 4-B**
Instructor: Mori
Fridays, 1/29 - 4/2, **4:00-5:50 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 5** (Prerequisite: Japanese 4 or equivalent)
Students will learn various usages of the *ta* form, and comparative sentence patterns will be introduced. **Text: Genki I, 2nd Edition** (Chs. 10 & 11)

- **JAPANESE 5-A**
  Instructor: Nakazawa
  Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

- **JAPANESE 5-B**
  Instructor: Kitaura
  Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

- **JAPANESE 5-C**
  Instructor: Shio
  Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, **12:00-1:50 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 5&6** (Prerequisite: Japanese 4 or equivalent)
This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 5. Students will learn various usages of the *ta* form, and comparative sentence patterns will be introduced. Students will learn how to use various modifying clauses to create complex sentences. **Text: Genki I, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 10 – 12), **Genki II, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 13 & 14)

- **JAPANESE 5&6-A**
  Instructor: Nakanishi
  Mondays & Thursdays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **6:30-8:20 pm** (20 lessons)

- **JAPANESE 5&6-B**
  Instructor: Nakanishi
  Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1/26 – 4/1, **12:00-1:50 pm** (20 lessons)

- **JAPANESE 5&6-C**
  Instructor: Nakamura
  Tuesdays & Fridays, 1/26 – 4/2, **4:00-5:50 pm** (20 lessons)

**SPECIAL INTERMEDIATE CLASS: ANIME** (Prerequisite: Japanese 5 or equivalent)
While introducing fundamental grammar, this class will look at the spoken expressions, vocabulary, slang, and onomatopoeia that commonly appear in anime. There will also be simple discussions about the story. This course is recommended for student considering Levels 6-9. Selected anime for this semester: *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*. **No textbook required.**

- **INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE WITH ANIME**
  Instructor: Aizawa
  Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 6** (Prerequisite: Japanese 5 or equivalent)
Students will learn how to use various modifying clauses to create complex sentences. Recognition of 100 kanji is expected. **Text: Genki I, 2nd Edition** (Chapter 12) (purchase of *Genki I* textbook not required), **Genki II, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 13 & 14)

- **JAPANESE 6-A**
  Instructor: Nakazawa
  Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

- **JAPANESE 6-B**
  Instructor: Nakanishi
  Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 7** (Prerequisite: Japanese 6 or equivalent)
Students will be introduced to the volitional form, and will learn to describe the giving and receiving of services (instead of goods). The structure for reporting hearsay (*sou desu*) will be practiced. The *tara* variation of conditional sentence structures will be taught. **Text: Genki II, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 15, 16 & 17)

- **JAPANESE 7-A**
  Instructor: Aizawa
  Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)
**JAPANESE 7-B**  
Instructor: *Mori*  
Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 7&8** (Prerequisite: Japanese 6 or equivalent)  
This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 7. Students will be introduced to the volitional form, and will learn to describe the giving and receiving of services (instead of goods). The structure for reporting hearsay (*sou desu*) will be practiced. The *tara* variation of conditional sentence structures will be taught. Transitive and intransitive verbs will be compared extensively, and honorific verbs will be introduced. *Hazudesu* (supposed to be the case) will be taught. Students will practice “extra-modest expressions” followed by “humble expressions.” Students will also study how to include a question as a part of a longer sentence such as “Do you know when David will go to Japan?” **Text: Genki II, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 15 – 20)

**JAPANESE 7&8-A**  
Instructor: *Shio*  
Mondays & Thursdays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **6:30-8:20 pm** (20 lessons)

**JAPANESE 7&8-B**  
Instructor: *Nakanishi*  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **12:00-1:50 pm** (20 lessons)

**JAPANESE 7&8-C**  
Instructor: *Mori*  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **4:00-5:50 pm** (20 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 8** (Prerequisite: Japanese 7 or equivalent)  
Transitive and intransitive verbs will be compared extensively, and honorific verbs will be introduced. *Hazudesu* (supposed to be the case) will be taught. Students will practice “extra-modest expressions” followed by “humble expressions.” Students will also study how to include a question as a part of a longer sentence such as “Do you know when David will go to Japan?” **Text: Genki II, 2nd Edition** (Chapters 18, 19 & 20)

**JAPANESE 8-A**  
Instructor: *Kakutani*  
Mondays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 8-B**  
Instructor: *Kurahara*  
Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 9** (Prerequisite: Japanese 8 or equivalent)  
This is the last level in which students learn essential grammar. Students will learn passive and causative sentence patterns along with other expressions such as *ba, noni* and *temo* to achieve more effective communication skills. **Text: Genki II, 2nd Edition** (Ch. 21, 22 & 23)

**JAPANESE 9-A**  
Instructor: *Nakanishi*  
Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 9-B**  
Instructor: *Nakazawa*  
Wednesdays, 1/27 – 3/31, **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 9-C**  
Instructor: *Kitaura*  
Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, **12:00-1:50 pm** (10 lessons)

--- PLEASE NOTE: Courses above Level 9 and JLPT & Kanji courses are designed to be taken repeatedly. ---

Enrollment in a JLPT or kanji course is recommended for students at these levels.

Special topic courses are also offered at level 10 and above. These topics will change/rotate periodically. Regular courses level 11 and above titled Culture + Current Topics will likely be offered every semester.

**GRAND REVIEW** (Prerequisite: Japanese 9 or equivalent)  
Essential grammar and sentence patterns learned in previous levels will be reviewed and practiced through this conversation-based class. The focus will primarily be on content from Levels 7, 8 & 9.

No textbook required.

**GRAND REVIEW-A: Conversation**  
Instructor: *Nakazawa*  
Mondays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)
GRAND REVIEW-B: Conversation  Instructor: Nakazawa
Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

GRAND REVIEW-C: Conversation  Instructor: Nakazawa
Mondays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 10** (Prerequisite: level 9 or equivalent; Parts can be taken in any order, completing level 9 is sufficient to enter at any Part.)

Level 10 is offered in 4 Parts: they can be taken in any order and each Part is separate and self-contained, e.g. taking Part 1 is not necessary before Part 2. All Parts are recommended at least once before moving to Level 11. This class follows level 9 in the progression from the *Genki II* textbook, continuing a formal study of Japanese grammar. More advanced grammar, vocabulary and kanji will be introduced over several semesters. A particular emphasis will be placed on speaking practice. This course is designed to provide students with the necessary tools to move up to Level 11. **Text:** An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (Revised Edition), *(Part 4: Lessons 13-15)*

**JAPANESE 10-A (Part 4)**  Instructor: Nakamura
Mondays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 10-B (Part 4)**  Instructor: Kurahara
Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 10-C (Part 4)**  Instructor: Kurahara
Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 10-D (Part 4)**  Instructor: Kitaura
Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

**SPECIAL TOPIC: JAPANESE LEVEL 10** (Prerequisite: level 9 or equivalent)

This class will reveal current Japanese society and language by exploring only the latest news in Japan every week. Students will first read articles written in simpler Japanese and actively discuss them. Having understood the basic concept, students will then take the challenge of reading the original articles written with sophisticated vocabulary and grammar for native-speaking audience. There will also be listening exercises through video and audio clips. **No textbook required.**

This class is ideal if you want to reinforce any of the following skills:
- Reading comprehension
- Vocabulary building (including very advanced-level words)
- Kanji building and refresher
- Listening comprehension
- Discussion skill
- Learning about Japanese society

**JAPANESE 10-E: Japan Right Now**  Instructor: Kurahara
Wednesdays, 1/27 – 3/31, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 10-F: Japan Right Now**  Instructor: Kurahara
Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE LEVEL 11** (Prerequisite: minimum of three semesters of Japanese 10 or equivalent)

Students will use real-life sources, somewhat modified, to continue to increase their knowledge of current written and spoken Japanese. Vocabulary and common expressions will be emphasized. Students will study and discuss Japanese culture at a deeper level. Recognition of 500 *kanji* is expected. **No textbook required.**

**JAPANESE 11-A: Culture + Current Topics**  Instructor: Aizawa
Wednesdays, 1/27 – 3/31, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 11-B: Culture + Current Topics**  Instructor: Hama
Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

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Enrollment in a JLPT or kanji course is recommended for students at these levels.

Special topic courses are also offered at level 10 and above. These topics will change/rotate periodically.

Regular courses level 11 and above titled Culture + Current Topics will likely be offered every semester.
SPECIAL TOPIC: JAPANESE LEVEL 11 (Prerequisite: minimum of three semesters of Japanese 10 or equivalent)
One of the most successful, highly-developed storytelling tools in Japan is manga. In this class, we will read revealing stories to examine various aspects of Japanese society. In addition to engaging in lively discussions, students will practice colloquialism as well as keigo. Manga is especially rich with onomatopoeia. Imagine being stranded in a haunted mansion, a chill running down your spine, and hearing every creak of the floor boards. Onomatopoeia gives you that impact. It lets you experience the world with all of your heightened senses. Most importantly, the compelling stories you’ll read in this class will motivate you to continue learning more Japanese.

This class will be particularly helpful in reinforcing these skill sets:
- 単語: Learn a wide range of vocabulary and expressions
- 音読: Read aloud and act with your voice
- 文化: Learn about the complex relationships of family, friends, and others
- 会話: Discuss social and cultural implications and express your point of view
- 読解: Read various genres and recognize the central themes and character motivation.

JAPANESE 11-C: 漫画で読む日本社会  Japanese Society Through Manga  Instructor: Kurahara
Mondays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 11-D: 漫画で読む日本社会  Japanese Society Through Manga  Instructor: Kurahara
Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

SPECIAL TOPIC: JAPANESE LEVEL 12 (Prerequisite: Japanese 11 or equivalent)
Students will watch episodes of a Japanese TV series and actively discuss the themes, language nuances, and specific cultural references. Non-traditional aspects such as slang and regionalisms will be analyzed in detail. No textbook required.

JAPANESE 12-A: J-Drama  Instructor: Kurahara
Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 13 (Prerequisite: at least five years of Japanese)
The highest level for conversation and reading. There will be extended discussions about current events from TV programs and articles to increase knowledge of useful advanced vocabulary for oral communication. Movies and dramas will be used to learn current expressions and idioms. Students should recognize at least 1,200 kanji. No textbook required.

JAPANESE 13-A: Culture + Current Topics  Instructor: Aizawa
Thursdays, 1/28 – 4/1, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

KANJI COURSES

Kanji N4 (Prerequisite: Japanese 8 or equivalent)  Instructor: Hama
For students who want to master the essential kanji taught in Japan’s elementary schools. Students are expected to master approximately 300 kanji, with a focus on understanding the basic radical systems. This course covers the kanji necessary for taking the JLPT N4 and N5 tests. This course is conducted almost entirely in Japanese. No textbook required.
Wednesdays, 1/27 – 3/31, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

Kanji N3 (Prerequisite: Japanese 9 or equivalent)  Instructor: Hama
For students who have already learned approximately 300 kanji and wish to master 680 total kanji. This course is conducted in Japanese, and covers the kanji necessary for taking the JLPT N3 test. No textbook required.
Tuesdays, 1/26 – 3/30, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

Kanji N2 (Prerequisite: Japanese 11 or equivalent)  Instructor: Aizawa
Students will study approximately 500 new kanji to become familiar with 1,180 kanji, which allow Japanese newspapers to be read with some assistance. This course is conducted in Japanese, and covers the kanji necessary for taking the JLPT N2 test. No textbook required.
Mondays, 1/25 – 4/5 (no class 2/15), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)
Kanji N1 (Prerequisite: Japanese 12 or equivalent)  
Instructor: Kakutani

Students will study approximately 950 new kanji to become familiar with the 2,000 plus kanji necessary to comfortably read Japanese newspapers. This course is conducted in Japanese, and covers the kanji necessary for taking the JLPT N1 test. **No textbook required.**

Fridays, 1/29 – 4/2, 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

## REGISTRATION

Classes fill up quickly! Please register early to ensure enrollment in your first choice of class.

At the moment, registration is accepted **online (recommended)** or by phone only, and we are only taking payment in the form of credit or debit cards (no checks or cash). Acceptance will be acknowledged by email.

New Language Center students with no previous background in Japanese should enroll in a Level 1 course. Students with some background should refer to the [Level Guide](#) 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 Director. Please email language@japansociety.org to schedule.

Questions? 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.

## TUITION

**Early Registration Discount: now through Thurs., Jan. 7, 2021**

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To purchase or renew a membership, please visit the [Membership webpage](#) to pay online. If you are already registering by phone for a class, you can purchase or renew a membership at the same time.

To enroll in two once-a-week courses (total of 20 lessons) at the combined discount, please call (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293. **Students with credit:** please also call the office at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293.

Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable for any reason (including for credit) 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 only. Cancellations via e-mail are not accepted.

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.

By registering for a course, I accept and agree to the above terms of the cancellation policy, I also verify that the student taking this class is age 16 or older (or age 15 or older for Casual Japanese through Anime).
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Until further notice, textbooks are not available for purchase at the Language Center. Please purchase your book in advance from an outside vendor. Either a digital or print textbook is fine.

Levels 1, 1&2, and 2:
*NEW* GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition published by The Japan Times
ISBN: 978-4789017305
If you are enrolled in Level 1, 1&2, or 2 and already have the 2nd Edition of Genki I, this is fine. Note that the page numbers will be different, and you may have some differences in your book. If you need to purchase a book, we recommend purchasing the 3rd edition.

Levels 3 - 5:
GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 2nd Edition published by The Japan Times
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