



## 2021 Spring Intensive Japanese Weekend Courses

Saturdays & Sundays, March 20, 21, 27 & 28  
11:00 am – 4:30 pm ET

**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).

The Japan Society Language Center is pleased to offer four-day Intensive Japanese Weekend Courses. These concentrated courses are designed to teach beginners basic Japanese. They will be useful to people with **work schedule conflicts**, or those who were **too late to register or missed too many of our regular classes**. They are also great for people who are **planning to travel to Japan** and need to learn basic Japanese at an accelerated pace. Students can easily progress from these courses into our weekday courses. Students must be 16 or older to register for the class.

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

Instructor: Ogawa

(for beginning students with no 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. **Text:** *Genki I, \*NEW\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Ch. 1, 2 & 3)

### *Intensive Japanese Weekend Course, Level 2*

Instructor: Kitaura

(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. **Text:** *Genki I, \*NEW\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Chapters 4 & 5)

### *Intensive Japanese Weekend Course, Level 3*

Instructor: Yamaguchi

(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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Chapters 6 & 7)

### *Intensive Japanese Weekend Course, Level 4*

Instructor: Kakutani

(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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Chapters 8 & 9)

**All courses meet for four days on two consecutive weekends:** March 20, 21, 27 & 28 from 11 am to 4:30 pm ET, for a total of 18 hours of instruction. There will be an hour break for lunch from 1 to 2 pm and a short break during the afternoon period.

## TUITION

**\$280: Japan Society Members / Corporate Members**

**\$320: Non Members**

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.

**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.

## 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 or 2:**

**\*NEW\* GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition** published by The Japan Times

ISBN: 978-4789017305

If you are enrolled in Level 1 or 2 and already have the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

### **Levels 3 or 4:**

**GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** published by The Japan Times

ISBN: 978-4789014403

If you are enrolled in Level 3 or 4 and already have the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

## INSTRUCTORS:

*Japan Society's instructors are native Japanese with extensive experience.*

**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). She currently teaches at City College of New York and Baruch College.

**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. 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.

**Mr. Sanshiroh Ogawa** holds a BA from Waseda University and an MA in Linguistics as well as a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Language Teaching from Syracuse University. In addition to teaching Japanese at Syracuse University and the Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASWDC), Mr. Ogawa has experience managing the

JASWDC Language Schools and working as an administrator at the Japanese language school in Tokyo operated by EF Education First.

## HOW TO REGISTER:

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

**Registrants will receive course information by email from [language\\_inquiries@japansociety.org](mailto:language_inquiries@japansociety.org) on the afternoon of Friday, March 19, 2021 (the business day before classes begin)**

Questions? Please email us at [language@japansociety.org](mailto:language@japansociety.org), or call at **(212) 715-1269** or **(212) 715-1293**. Please note that while we are working remotely, we may not always be reachable by phone.