2021 FALL JAPANESE COURSES

Please Note: Due to COVID-19, all of 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).

JAPANESE LEVEL 1 (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets once a week)
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.
Required Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 1-3)

JAPANESE 1-A  Instructor: Shio
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-B  Instructor: Kurahara
Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-C  Instructor: Ogino
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-D  Instructor: TBA  CANCELLED
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-E  Instructor: Nakamura
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY COURSE: Casual Japanese with Anime (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets once a week)
This course is an introduction to the Japanese language through various popular anime. Students will learn basic vocabulary, elementary conversation, and simple sentence structures. Selected anime for this semester: Demon Slayer/Kimetsu no Yaiba: episodes 1 and 2. The same language content is taught every semester. No textbook required.

In this course, you will not learn Hiragana and all of the necessary grammar patterns from Level 1, so this course alone may not prepare you for Level 2. If you plan to continue to Level 2, we recommend that you take a Level 1 course.

CASUAL JAPANESE WITH ANIME  Instructor: Aizawa  CANCELLED
Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)
JAPANESE LEVEL 1&2 (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets twice a week) This fast-track course covers Levels 1 & 2 in one semester, 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. Required Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 1-5)

JAPANESE 1&2-A  Instructor: Nakanishi
Mondays & Fridays, 9/20 – 12/3 (no class 10/11, 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 1&2-B  Instructor: Kawaguchi
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/20 – 12/1 (no class 10/11, 11/24), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 1&2-C  Instructor: Nakanishi
Tuesdays & Fridays, 9/21 – 12/3 (no class 11/23, 11/26), 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. Required Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 4-5).

JAPANESE 2-A  Instructor: Shio
Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 2-B  Instructor: Yamaguchi
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 2-C  Instructor: Kawaguchi  CANCELLED
Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 2-D  Instructor: Mori  CANCELLED
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 2-E  Instructor: Mori
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

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 form of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary. Required Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 6-7)

JAPANESE 3-A  Instructor: Shio
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 3-B  Instructor: Nakanishi
Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 3-C  Instructor: Aizawa
Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 3-D  Instructor: Nakamura  CANCELLED
Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)
JAPANESE LEVEL 3&4 (Prerequisite: Japanese 2 or equivalent, recognition of hiragana and some katakana is expected)
This fast-track course covers Levels 3 & 4 in one semester. It 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”). Required Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 6-9)

JAPANESE 3&4-A Instructor: Kitaura
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/20 – 12/1 (no class 10/11, 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 3&4-B Instructor: Shio
Mondays & Wednesday, 9/20 – 12/1 (no class 10/11, 11/24), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)

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”). Required Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition (Ch. 8-9)

JAPANESE 4-A Instructor: Mori
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 4-B Instructor: Kitaura CANCELLED
Thursday, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 4-C Instructor: Mori CANCELLED
Wednesday, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 12:00-1:50 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. Required Text: Genki I, (Ch. 10 & 11), See textbooks section for edition details.

JAPANESE 5-A Instructor: Mori
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 5-B Instructor: Mori
Thursday, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 5-C Instructor: Mori
Monday, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 5-D Instructor: Mori
Thursday, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)
Japanese Level 5 & 6 (Prerequisite: Japanese 4 or equivalent)
This fast-track course covers Levels 5 & 6 in one semester. 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. **Required Text:** Genki I, 2nd Edition (Ch. 10 – 12), Genki II, 3rd Edition (Ch. 13 & 14)  

**Japanese 5 & 6 - A**  
Instructor: Nakamura  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9/21 – 12/2 (no class 11/23, 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (20 lessons)  

**Japanese 5 & 6 - B**  
Instructor: Kitaura  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/20 – 12/1 (no class 11/10, 11/24), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)  

**Japanese 5 & 6 - C**  
Instructor: Shio  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/20 – 12/1 (no class 11/10, 11/24), 4:00-5:50 pm (20 lessons)  

**Special Class: Intermediate Japanese with 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 students considering Levels 6-9. Selected anime for this semester: Demon Slayer Kimetsu no Yaiba: episodes 7-9. **No textbook required.**  

**Intermediate Japanese with Anime**  
Instructor: Aizawa  
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), 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. **Required Text:** Genki I, (Ch. 12) (purchase of Genki I textbook not required), Genki II, 3rd Edition (Ch. 13-14)  

**Japanese 6 - A**  
Instructor: Nakanishi  
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)  

**Japanese 6 - B**  
Instructor: Mori  
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 4:00-5:50 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. **Required Text:** Genki II, (Ch. 15-17), See textbooks section for edition details.  

**Japanese 7 - A**  
Instructor: Kitaura  
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)  

**Japanese 7 - B**  
Instructor: Shio  
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)  

Japanese Level 7 & 8 (Prerequisite: Japanese 6 or equivalent)  
This fast-track course covers Levels 7 & 8 in one semester. 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?” **Required Text: Genki II, (Ch. 15-20), See textbooks section for edition details.**

### JAPANESE 7&8-A
- **Instructor:** Nakamura
- **Schedule:** Wednesdays & Fridays, 9/22 – 12/3 (no class 11/24, 11/26), **6:30-8:20 pm** (20 lessons)

### JAPANESE 7&8-B
- **Instructor:** Yamaguchi
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9/21 – 12/2 (no class 11/23, 11/25), **12:00-1:50 pm** (20 lessons)
  - **CANCELLED**

### JAPANESE 7&8-C
- **Instructor:** Kitaura
- **Schedule:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/20 – 12/1 (no class 10/11, 11/24), **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?” **Required Text: Genki II, (Ch. 18-20), See textbooks section for edition details.**

### JAPANESE 8-A
- **Instructor:** Kakutani
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), **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. **Required Text: Genki II, (Ch. 21-23), See textbooks section for edition details.**

### JAPANESE 9-A
- **Instructor:** Aizawa
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

### JAPANESE 9-B
- **Instructor:** Nakanishi
- **Schedule:** Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

### JAPANESE 9-C
- **Instructor:** Nakamura
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), **4:00-5:50 pm** (10 lessons)

---**PLEASE NOTE: Courses above Level 9, including the Review & Conversation, JLPT and Kanji courses, are designed to be taken repeatedly. --**

**Special topic courses may be offered at Level 10 and above. These topics will change/rotate periodically.**

**Regular courses at Level 11 and above titled “Culture + Current Topics” will likely be offered every semester.**

### CONVERSATION & REVIEW (Prerequisite: Japanese 9 or equivalent.)
This course is intended for students who have completed Level 9, but may not yet feel prepared for Level 10. Lessons will focus on developing Japanese speaking skills using essential grammar and sentences which were learned in the previous levels. During this course, students will learn new phrases and vocabulary, review grammar, and practice speaking drills, interactive dialogue exercises, and writing. Students will not only improve their spoken Japanese, but also learn appropriate manners for authentic Japanese contexts. This course will help prepare students to effectively engage with Japanese people when visiting Japan. **No textbook required.**

### CONVERSATION & REVIEW-A
- **Instructor:** Kobayashi
- **Schedule:** Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)
PLEASE NOTE:
Courses above Level 9, including the Review & Conversation, JLPT and Kanji courses, are designed to be taken repeatedly.

Special topic courses may be 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.

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 four 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. It is recommended that all four parts be taken 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. Required Text: An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (Revised Edition), (Part 2: Lessons 5-8)

JAPANESE 10-A (Part 2)  Instructor: Nakamura
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/19 (no class 10/11), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-B (Part 2)  Instructor: Shio
Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-C (Part 2)  Instructor: Kurahara
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-D (Part 2)  Instructor: Kurahara
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-E (Part 2)  Instructor: Kitaura
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 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 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 a 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-F: Japan Right Now  Instructor: Kurahara
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-G: Japan Right Now  Instructor: Kurahara
Thursdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)
SPECIAL TOPIC: KEIGO & BUSINESS  *(For students who have taken Level 10 several times, or above.  5 classes each)*  
These two courses will cover conversational keigo useful for business settings and speaking to one’s superiors. **No textbook required.**

Keigo & Business: Fundamentals  *(For students who have taken Level 10 several times, or above.)*
Starting with a review of keigo, self-introductions and greetings, students will also study:
- パーティーへの招待 / invitations to parties
- 目上の人へ質問 / asking questions to superiors
- 上司や取引先に許可を求める / getting permission/authorization from your boss and clients
- 上司や取引先に失礼のないように断る / politely refusing offers from your boss and clients

Speech patterns will be practiced using example situations. Students will be guided to recognize commonly made mistakes, and students will also practice writing simple emails.

*Keigo & Business: Fundamentals*  
Instructor: Kakutani  
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 10/20, 6:30-8:20 pm (5 lessons)

Keigo & Business: Part 2  *(For students who have taken Level 10 several times, or above. Prerequisite: Keigo & Business: Fundamentals)*
Students will study:
- アポイントをとる・変更する / making an appointment/asking to change the date or time
- もうしでる / offering help
- おわずする / expressing apologies
- 意見をいう / expressing opinion
- 喜んでもらう / complimenting/congratulating

*Keigo & Business: Part 2*  
Instructor: Kakutani  
Wednesdays, 10/27 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (5 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 11  *(Prerequisite: minimum of four semesters of Japanese 10 (textbook course) 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, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

*JAPANESE 11-B: Culture + Current Topics*  
Instructor: Hama  
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

SPECIAL TOPIC: JAPANESE LEVEL 11  *(Prerequisite: minimum of four semesters of Japanese 10 (textbook course) or equivalent)*
Learning vocabulary and grammar is important, but these alone are not enough to understand what Japanese people say. Oftentimes that missing piece is idioms. Native speakers use a number of idiomatic expressions in their everyday speech and writing. Some are similar to English (壁に耳あり障子に目あり Walls have eyes), while others are completely unique (石橋を叩いて渡る Knocking on a strong stone bridge before crossing it, i.e. Being excessively cautious). In this class, students will be introduced to a variety of idioms and proverbs such as 慣用句 idioms、ことわざ proverbs、and 四字熟語 4-character idioms that are ubiquitous in Japanese conversation. Learning these
expressions will significantly expand the range of emotions, actions, and situations that a student can understand and express in Japanese. **No textbook required.**

**JAPANESE 11-C: Japanese Idioms**  Instructor: Kurahara  
Mondays, 9/20 – 11/29 (no class 10/11), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JAPANESE 11-D: Japanese Idioms**  Instructor: Kurahara  
Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), **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, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), **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, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**Update for JLPT courses:**  
The JLPT scheduled to take place on Dec. 5, 2021 has been cancelled at several sites. Therefore, each JLPT course has been modified to follow the summer version as below, covering both JLPT preparation and Kanji:

**JLPT & Kanji N4**  (Prerequisite: Japanese 8 or equivalent)  Instructor: Hama  
Students will focus on mastering approximately 300 kanji, with a focus on understanding the basic radical systems, as well as study other JLPT N4 content such as reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. This course is conducted almost entirely in Japanese. **No textbook required.**  
Wednesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/24), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JLPT & Kanji N3**  (Prerequisite: Japanese 9 or equivalent)  Instructor: Hama  
Students will focus on mastering approximately 380 new kanji (680 in total) and radical systems, as well as study other JLPT N3 content such as reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. This course is conducted in Japanese. **No textbook required.**  
Tuesdays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 11/23), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)

**JLPT & Kanji N2**  (Prerequisite: Japanese 11 or equivalent)  Instructor: Aizawa  
Students will focus on mastering approximately 500 new kanji (1,180 in total), as well as study other JLPT N2 content such as reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. This course is conducted in Japanese. **No textbook required.**  
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)
**JLPT & Kanji N1** (Prerequisite: Japanese 12 or equivalent)  
Instructor: **Kakutani**  
Students will focus on mastering approximately 950 new kanji (2,000 in total), as well as study other JLPT N1 content such as reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. This course is conducted in Japanese. **No textbook required.**  
Fridays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26). **6:30-8:20 pm** (10 lessons)  

**TUITION**

Early Registration Discount: through Mon., Aug. 31, 2021

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**HOW TO REGISTER**

**Classes fill up quickly!** To guarantee a seat in the class, please register as soon as possible.

New 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. (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 Director. Please email language@japansociety.org to schedule.

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.

To purchase or renew a membership, please visit [www.japansociety.org/join-and-support/become-a-member and pay online](#). Or, call 212-715-1270 and leave a message; they will get back to you.

To enroll in two or more courses at the combined discount, please call (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293. Discount is applicable when enrolling in two or more 10-lesson courses (not Keigo & Business) within 2021 Fall Japanese Courses only.

Registrants will receive a **Welcome Email** and **Zoom link** from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on
the afternoon of Friday, September 17, 2021  (for classes beginning on Monday, September 20)
the afternoon of Monday, September 20, 2021  (for classes beginning on Tuesday, September 21)
the afternoon of Tuesday, September 21, 2021  (for classes beginning on Wednesday, September 22)
the afternoon of Wednesday, September 22, 2021  (for classes beginning on Thursday, September 23)
the afternoon of Thursday, September 23, 2021  (for classes beginning on Friday, September 24)

For more information, please email us at 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.

PLEASE NOTE

Cancellation Policy: 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 above. No partial registration or auditing is permitted. Please note that cancellations are accepted by phone. 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. You also verify that the student taking this class is age 16 or older.

By registering for a course, you accept and agree to the above terms of the cancellation policy.

We do not record these classes, and recording of these classes is prohibited. If a student misses a class, it may be possible to arrange a make-up class in the same semester, if available. More information will be provided in the Welcome Email.

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 students:

*GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition* published by The Japan Times
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For students entering Levels 1, 1&2, or 2, we strongly recommend purchasing the 3rd Edition. Please note that the 2nd Edition has some differences, including page numbers, examples, etc., and is not recommended for this reason.

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