



2021 Summer Intensive Japanese Weekend Courses

Saturdays & Sundays, July 17, 18, 24 & 25
11:00 am – 4:30 pm ET

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).

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*** 3rd Edition (Ch. 1, 2 & 3)

Intensive Japanese Weekend Course, Level 2

Instructor: Nakanishi

(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*** 3rd Edition (Chapters 4 & 5)

Intensive Japanese Weekend Course, Level 3

Instructor Change: Mori

(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*, ***NEW*** 3rd 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*, (Chapters 8 & 9), see textbooks section for edition details.

All courses meet for four days on two consecutive weekends: July 17, 18, 24 & 25 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.

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, 2, and 3:

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, 2 or 3 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.

Level 4:

GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) **2nd or 3rd Edition** published by The Japan Times
2nd Edition ISBN: 978-4789014403 3rd Edition ISBN: 978-4789017305

New students entering Level 4: either the 2nd or 3rd Edition may be purchased for these courses. Note that the 3rd Edition is recommended as the improved textbook, but the majority of your classmates will be using the 2nd Edition.

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 and must be requested by the deadline date above. 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.

We do not record these classes, and recording of these classes is prohibited.

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.

INSTRUCTORS:

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

Ms. Yumiko Kakutani holds 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.

Ms. Yumi Mori has a bachelor's degree in Law from Sophia University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has taught privately in the United States for a number of years.

Ms. Mami Nakanishi has a BA in Literature from Sophia University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program and has been on Japan Society's teaching staff since the summer of 2010. She has taught Japanese privately and in schools including Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School.

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:

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.

Registrants will receive a Welcome Letter and the Zoom link by email from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on the afternoon of Friday, July 16, 2021 (the business day before classes begin)

Questions? 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.