2021 Fall
Intensive Weekend Japanese Courses
Saturdays & Sundays, November 6, 7, 13 & 14
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).

These four-day concentrated courses are designed to teach beginners Japanese and emphasize conversation, listening, reading and writing. 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 Weekend Japanese Course, Level 1**
Instructor: Kawaguchi
(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, 3rd Edition** (Ch. 1, 2 & 3)

**Intensive Weekend Japanese 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, 3rd Edition** (Chapters 4 & 5)

**Intensive Weekend Japanese 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 form of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary. **Text: Genki I, 3rd Edition** (Chapters 6 & 7)

All courses meet for four days on two consecutive weekends: November 6, 7, 13 & 14 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

**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 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.

To purchase or renew a membership, please visit www.japansociety.org/become_a_member and pay online. Or, call 212-715-1270 and leave a message; they will get back to you.

Registrants will receive a Welcome Email and Zoom link from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on the afternoon of Friday, November 5, 2021 (the business day before courses 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.

**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 email 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.

**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 and 2 students:**

*GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition* published by The Japan Times  
ISBN: 978-4789017305
For students entering Levels 1 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.

**Levels 3 students:**

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

For students entering Levels 3 who already have the 2nd Edition of Genki I, this is not the ideal edition for this course. The 2nd Edition has some differences, including page numbers, examples, etc., which is why we recommend purchasing the 3rd edition.

**INSTRUCTORS:**

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

**Ms. Natsuko Kawaguchi** holds a BA from Waseda University in Japanese Literature and Language and an MA in Education from Grand Valley State University. She has taught Japanese at high schools both in the United States and Japan for over 22 years, including at Princeton High School for 19 years. She has also taught at Rutgers University, Grand Valley State University, and Raritan Valley Community College as an adjunct professor.

**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.