

JASWDC 2025

JAPANESE Language School

The Japan-America Society of Washington DC Japanese Language School, now in its 65th year, is DC's premier Japanese language school in the area. Classes meet once a week for **thirteen weeks in the morning or evening**. The Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASWDC) will be offering **all Japanese courses online through Zoom**.

TERM SCHEDULE 2025

Winter: January 6 - April 6

Spring: May 5 - August 3

Classes run for 90 min.

Monday - Friday

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and 7:10 pm to 8:40 pm (EST)

Weekends: Time varies

LEVEL

Our classes range from beginner to advanced levels

PRICE

\$310* for JASWDC members

\$410* for non-JASWDC members

**Get a \$30-35 discount when you register before the deadline listed in the "Terms and Policy" on page 2*

Don't know which course you should choose?

JASWDC offers placement tests for Beginners through Intermediate Japanese courses. Please go to our website

(<http://www.jaswdc.org/placement-tests/>) to take a placement test. If you feel that you have chosen the wrong class after the term starts, you can change classes, provided there is space available. JASWDC must approve the change.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at email us at language@jaswdc.org

TERMS & POLICIES 規約

Holiday Class Breaks & Make-up Classes: Classes will not be held on January 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 17 (Presidents' Day). If a teacher is aware that they cannot teach on a regularly scheduled date, the alternative date will be listed in the course description. Make-up classes will be held during the make-up week (April 7 - April 13) or on another date that is optimal for the teacher and the students.

Registration Deadline:

Sunday, December 22, 2024 (EST)

The \$30-35 early registration discount applies 11/18 - 12/1.

Membership Fees: \$40 for Students (full-time undergraduate or high school students, 23 years old and under. JASWDC will ask that you provide a copy of your ID) \$60 for Ume, and \$250 for Tsutsuji. Kiku (\$1500) members may enroll in the language school for free.

To learn more about individual membership, please visit our membership page: (<http://www.jaswdc.org/individual-membership/>). Memberships are valid for one year from the date of payment.

Textbooks: We are not taking textbook orders. **Please order your textbooks online and have them ready before the first day of your class.**

To Register: Register online at www.jaswdc.org/language-schools/.

Class Size: Each class will have a minimum of **4** students & a maximum of **10-12** students.

Online Meeting Platform: At JASWDC's Japanese Language School, teachers use **Zoom** to hold classes unless specified otherwise. It is the student's responsibility to secure a space that allows them to join the class for 90 min per class. Your teacher will send you a Zoom link before the first day of your class. The URL for the class will stay the same until the end of the semester unless otherwise announced.

Your teacher may record the classes and provide them to the students who are unable to attend the class on a specific day or if they wish to review the previous class. The recorded videos will only be shared with the students in your class. Sharing of any Zoom Meeting information or recorded videos with third parties is not allowed. **You will need a Gmail account to access to the recorded videos.**

Recommended Device: We recommend you use a computer or tablet and refrain from using a mobile device to access the full functionality of Zoom.

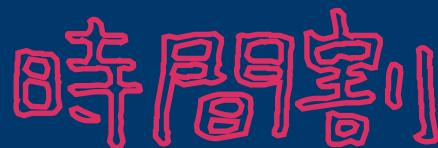
Cancellation: Cancellation/refund requests must be sent by E-MAIL **by 12/22/24 for a full refund**, or **from 12/23/24 - 01/05/25 for a 50% refund. No refunds will be offered after 01/06/25.** No credit will be issued for classes missed. (All times are Eastern Standard Time)

Wait-list Policy: Students will be placed on a wait-list if the class is full at the time of registration. Students will be notified if they are on a wait-list and when (and if) space becomes available. If space does not become available, JASWDC will refund any tuition payments made unless the student is placed in another class.

Note:

- There is no prorated tuition. Should you be absent, there will be no make-up classes or refunds, and you are responsible for any classes you miss. We do not offer private tutoring for classes missed.
- If a class has fewer than 4 registrations, it will be canceled. If this happens, you may transfer to another class, as long as space is available, or you may request a refund.
- The teacher may change class schedules due to personal reasons, holidays, etc. They will schedule a make-up class by discussing the date with the class.
- Students may switch classes with their instructor's approval as long as the request is submitted before the 2nd lesson of each term. (depending on the situation.)
- If you wish to change classes for personal reasons (e.g., a change in work schedule), you may do so up to one time. In this case, please contact us by email before the second class starts.
- To request a change, please contact the JLS Coordinator by email at language@jaswdc.org.
- A letter of class completion will be issued upon request only when a student's attendance is 60% or higher.
- This is an adult language school and classes are available to persons **14 years and older.**

WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE



(Instructors are subject to change)

Beginner Japanese Prep Course

Beginner Japanese Prep course is for people who do not know how to read and write Hiragana and Katakana. If you don't have any experience learning Japanese, we recommend you take this class.

Required Textbooks:

Japanese for Busy People Kana Workbook Fourth Edition

ISBN-13: 978-1568366227

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Learn writing system of Hiragana and Katakana
- Enhance your reading skills
- Increase your knowledge of vocabulary

Schedule

Beginner Japanese Prep A:

Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Fluharty

Beginner Japanese Prep B:

Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Terao

Beginner Japanese Prep C:

Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Otero

Beginner Japanese Prep D:

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Kinoshita

Beginner Japanese Prep E:

Thursdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Watarai

Beginner Japanese Prep F:

Fridays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Watanabe

Beginner I Japanese 1 Course

Basic vocabulary, elementary conversation and simple sentence structure will be taught in romaji (Japanese written phonetically in the English alphabet).

Hiragana (a Japanese syllabary) and some introductory kanji will be introduced. From chapter 3 of Genki 1 onward, the Latin alphabet is omitted from the example sentences. If you cannot read Hiragana and Katakana it might be difficult to follow the chapters.

Required Textbooks:

Genki 1 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1730-5

Workbook (CDs Included) : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1731-2

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Japanese phonetic alphabets, characters, and numbers (hiragana, katakana, basic kanji), Questions sentences
- Basic Conversation (functional conversations, basic questions)
- Noun, Demonstrative こ/そ/あ/ど、 Particles の/も/を/で/に/へ
- Present tense verbs, Verb conjugation
- Time/Age, Word order, Frequency adverbs

Schedule

Beginner I Japanese 1 A: Genki 1 [Lessons 1, 2, 3]

Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm Ms. Beeman

Beginner I Japanese 1 B: Genki 1 [Lessons 1, 2, 3]

Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm Ms. Beeman

Beginner I Japanese 1 C: Genki 1 [Lessons 1, 2, 3]

Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm Ms. Goto

Beginner I Japanese 1 D: Genki 1 [Lessons 1, 2, 3]

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm Ms. Goto

Beginner I Japanese 1 E: Genki 1 [Lessons 1, 2, 3]

Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm Ms. Beeman

Beginner I Japanese 1 F: Genki 1 [Lessons 1, 2, 3]

Fridays from 5:30-7:00 pm Ms. Matsuno

Beginner I Japanese 2 Course

Students will continue to develop their beginners' level language skills in basic Japanese as they begin to apply the past tense and are introduced to new words, grammar, and expressions. Recognition of hiragana is expected as less romaji will be used. Katakana and a few more kanji will be introduced.

Important Note: for taking Level 2, the prerequisite is Japanese 1 or equivalent; most importantly, students must understand how to use the particles o, de, ni, e, and wa, and be able to make sentences such as, "I eat a hamburger at a restaurant at 1 o'clock."

Required Textbooks:

Genki 1 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1730-5

Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1731-2

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Expressing Existence ~があります/います、上/下/中、~した
- Adjectives, Degree Expressions いい、わるい、好きな、とても、
- ちょっと
- Te-form (verb), Reasons ~てください、~てもいいです、~から、~てはいけません、~ましょうか、(かんじを おしえてください。けさ6じにおきて、しゅくだいをしました。)
- Counting, Days/Weeks/Months/Years, Directions, Particles も/と

Schedule

Beginner I Japanese 2 A: Genki 1 [Lessons 4, 5, 6]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Suzuki

Beginner I Japanese 2 B: Genki 1 [Lessons 4, 5, 6]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Suzuki

Beginner I Japanese 2 C: Genki 1 [Lessons 4, 5, 6]

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Beeman

Beginner I Japanese 2 D: Genki 1 [Lessons 4, 5, 6]

Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Kinoshita

Beginner I Japanese 2 E: Genki 1 [Lessons 4, 5, 6]

Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Terao

Beginner I Japanese 3 Course

You must be able to use both Hiragana and Katakana comfortably. This course will focus on the introduction and use of the てる form of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary.

Students will practice the informal speech style in both present and past tenses, and will learn the ない form of verbs. The た form will be introduced, and students will learn to modify nouns with verbs, as well as practice phrases using ーとおもいます ("I think") and ーといいます ("he/she says").

Required Textbooks:

Genki 1 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1730-5

Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1731-2

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Continuous form, Future tense ーしている、ーにいく、ーている、
- Te-form (Adjective)
- Short Form (Present) + Casual form, affirmative ーと思う/言う きれいだ+と思う/
言う/たべる/よむ/かわいい/げんきだ
- Counter suffix ひとつ/ふたつ/ひとり/ふたり
- ないform たべない/よまない/こない/しない
- Short Forms, past negative たべなかった/よまなかった/かわいくなかった、げんきじゃなかった
- Qualifying Nouns with Verbs and Adjectives まだーていません

Schedule

Beginner I Japanese 3 A: Genki 1 [Lessons 7, 8, 9]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Watarai

Beginner I Japanese 3 B: Genki 1 [Lessons 7, 8, 9]

Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Goto

Beginner I Japanese 3 C: Genki 1 [Lessons 7, 8, 9]

Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Beeman

Beginner I Japanese 3 D: Genki 1 [Lessons 7, 8, 9]

Thursdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Beeman

Beginner I Japanese 4 Course

Students will learn various usages of the た form, and comparative sentence patterns will be introduced.

Required Textbooks:

Genki 1 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1730-5

Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1731-2

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Comparison + Superlatives ~の方が、~のなかで、Aがいちばん～
- Superlatives Groupのなかで
- adjective/noun+の/なる、大きい、大きくなる
- Adjective + なる /どこかに and どこにも ~で: はしでごはんを食べます
- Expressing desire, experience, intention, suggestion, reason, mandate
- ~たり~たりする
- ~たい、~たことがある、~つもりだ、~ほうがいい、~でしょう (あしたは雨でしょう。)
- ~んです、~すぎる、~ので、~なければなりません (今日は日曜日なので、ぎんこうは休みです。)

Schedule

Beginner I Japanese 4 A: Genki 1 [Lessons 10, 11, 12]

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm Ms. Suzuki

Beginner I Japanese 4 B: Genki 1 [Lessons 10, 11, 12]

Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm Ms. Suzuki

Beginner I Japanese 4 C: Genki 1 [Lessons 10, 11, 12]

Thursdays from 7:10-8:40 pm Ms. Kinoshita

Beginner II Japanese 1 Course

Students will learn how to use various modifying clauses to create complex sentences. This course is designed for students who have completed **Beginner I Japanese 4**. The course focuses on reviewing the grammar points and increasing vocabulary so that students gain more confidence in speaking Japanese with an accurate command of grammar.

Required Textbooks:

GENKI 2 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1732-9

& Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1733-6

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Potential verbs ~できる、話せる、行ける
- Giving and Receiving あげる/くれる/もらう/ほしい
- Volitional forms of verbs ~しよう、飲もう
- 行こうと思っている
- Expressing suggestion ~したらどうですか
- number +も、number +しか+ negative (ともだちは、ねこを四ひきも かっています。)

Schedule

Beginner II Japanese 1 A: Genki 2 [Lessons 13, 14, 15]

Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Kinoshita

Beginner II Japanese 1 B: Genki 2 [Lessons 13, 14, 15]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Naito

Beginner II Japanese 2 Course

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 (そうです) will be practiced. Theたら variation of conditional sentence structures will be taught.

Required Textbooks:

GENKI 2 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1732-9

& Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1733-6

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Transitive and intransitive verbs
- ~て+くれる/あげる/もらう/いただく
- Subordinating Conjunctions ~時、~前に、~てから、~ながら、~たら
- Other Verbal Expressions ~そうです、~みたいです、~てしまう、~といい、
~ばよかったです
- Transitivity Pairs ~と、~ながら

Schedule

Beginner II Japanese 2 A: Genki 2 [Lessons 16, 17, 18]

Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Suzuki

Beginner II Japanese 2 B: Genki 2 [Lessons 16, 17, 18]

Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Suzuki

Beginner II Japanese 3 Course

Transitive and intransitive verbs will be compared extensively, and honorific verbs will be introduced. **はずです** (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 Textbooks:

GENKI 2 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1732-9

& Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1733-6

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Honorific Verbs, Extra-modest expressions, Humble expressions ~てくれて
ありがとう、~てよかったです、~はずです
- Passive sentences ~される、~られる
- Indirect question どこにあるか分からない、なにをするか知らない
- Other Verbal Expressions ~ないで、~やすい/にくい、~である、~間に
(JASWDCがどこにあるか知っていますか。 お会いします、本をいただきました。)

Schedule

Beginner II Japanese 3 A: Genki 2 [Lessons 19, 20, 21]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Watarai

Beginner II Japanese 3 B: Genki 2 [Lessons 19, 20, 21]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Naito

Beginner II Japanese 4 Course

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 **ば**, **のに** and **ても** to achieve more effective communication skills.

Required Textbooks:

GENKI 2 Third Edition (The Japan Times)

Textbook : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1732-9

& Workbook CDs Included : ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1733-6

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon or other online bookstores)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- Causative verbs, verb stem + **なさい** (やさいをたべさせます)
- Causative-passive sentences **～ば**、**～のに**、**～のような**、**～ても**、**～ことにする**、**～まで**、**～方** (benkyou saserareました)

Schedule

Beginner II Japanese 4 : Genki 2 [Lessons 22, 23]

Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm

Ms. Watarai

Attention!



Please read the following information before registering for any Intermediate Japanese classes.

Regardless of which course you choose to enroll in, **self-study** is essential. When taking Intermediate Japanese, you must find time outside of classes for self-study. During these courses, you will learn complex grammar, vocabulary, and kanji. There will also be reading and writing components in these courses. Without self-study, it will be difficult to learn, understand and retain these elements of Japanese language.

In addition to maintaining self-study habits, you will be required to complete **assignments** by the deadline before each class. These assignments are designed to enhance each lesson and maximize the time and financial investment you have made by enrolling. Teachers also understand that most students are busy with daytime jobs, school, and other obligations. If you cannot complete your assignments, please consult with your teacher in advance. Our teachers are more than happy to accommodate your requests and provide any suggestions for your Japanese language learning.

You will also be expected to use what you have learned in Beginner Japanese classes.

Please look at the following checklist to assess your preparedness for Intermediate Japanese classes.

- ひらがな、カタカナ(五十音)を覚えていますか。
- ひらがな、カタカナ(五十音)を手で書くことができますか。
- Can you recite time words such as months (i.e., January through December), the days of the week, days (i.e., the 1st of the day through the 10th of the day), and write them in kanji?
- Can you use appropriate "counters" when asked to count 1 through 10 (i.e., 一つ、二つ~九つ、十)?
- In the Beginner classes, you learn approximately 317 kanji. Can you read more than 200 kanji?
- Can you remember the "音読み" and "訓読み" of the kanji you have learned?
- Can you conjugate adjectives?
Example: Please conjugate "きれいな"、"かわいい" in 現在肯定形、過去肯定形、過去否定形
- Can you conjugate irregular verbs?
Example: Please conjugate "する"、"来る" in Te form, and short forms: 現在否定形、過去肯定形、過去否定形
- Can you conjugate U verbs?
Example: Can you conjugate 買う in Te form, and short form: 現在否定形、過去肯定形、過去否定形?
- Can you understand grammar words in Japanese?
Example: 品詞、主語、述語、名詞、動詞、形容詞、形容動詞、自動詞、他動詞、不規則動詞, etc...

How many boxes were you able to check off?

If you have...

- 6 or more boxes: we believe you are ready to enroll in Intermediate Japanese classes.
- 5 or fewer boxes: you might not be ready to take the Intermediate Japanese classes. Please either consult with JASWDC to advance to a higher-level course or consider retaking the Beginner I/ II Japanese courses.

It is important to have a strong foundation in Beginner Japanese before proceeding to the next level. You are always welcome to retake the Beginner Japanese courses anytime you feel you want to review what you have learned.

Intermediate Japanese 1 Course

Quartet is a comprehensive intermediate level course who have completed the beginner level (250-300 hours). This is designed to provide students with the grammar, expressions, and strategies necessary for the intermediate level, and to help them acquire the four skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) in a well-balanced manner.

In separate to the lessons 1-6, Intermediate Japanese 1 class includes useful strategies for reviewing beginner-level grammar.

Required Textbooks:

4技能でひろがる 中級日本語カルテット I - QUARTET: Intermediate Japanese Across the Four Language Skills I

(The Japan Times)

Textbook ISBN 13: 978-4-7890-1695-7

Workbook ISBN-13: 978-4-7890-1696-4

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- 書き言葉の文体 (Styles in written Japanese)
- Conjecture- ~そうだ/~らしい/~ようだ/~みたいだ
- 敬語- Honorifics
- Giving and receiving- あげる/くれる/もらう
- Passive/Causative/Causative Passive- ~られる/~させる/~させられる
- Conditional Sentences- ~たら/~と/~ば/
- 助詞の復習- Particles- は/が

Schedule

Intermediate Japanese 1: 中級日本語カルテット I QUARTET [Brush up]

Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Yoshida

Intermediate-high Japanese 6 Course

This is for Japanese language learners who are no longer beginners, but not yet advanced. This class addresses the gap between beginner and advanced-level learners in all of the four language skills of reading, listening, writing, and speaking further.

You will be able to solidify the grammar, vocabulary, and kanji foundation that you have studied up until intermediate level, and to then develop the four language skills.

Required Textbooks:

コンテンツとマルチメディアで学ぶ日本語「上級へのとびら」

Tobira - Gateway to Advanced

Japanese - Learning through Content and Multimedia (Kuroshio)

Textbook ISBN-13: 978-4874244470

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon)

Objectives/Example Sentences:

- The use of adverbs in noun modification
- おそらく～（だろう）/まったく
- ちょっと変わったイ形容詞: Adjective- 多い
- 大きい vs. 大きな、The absence of particles（無助詞）
- 日本の歴史: 日本の輸入の歴史
- 日本の伝統工芸: 和紙の特性、千羽鶴の話
- Equal emphasis will be placed on the four functions of listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as reviewing grammar that is covered in the previous course.

Schedule

Intermediate-high Japanese 6: 上級へのとびら | Tobira [Lessons 11 and 12]

Please confirm with the instructor regarding the make-up class dates on the first day of the class.

Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Hunter

Conversation Course

Conversation Class for Intermediate students (keigo):

Thursdays from 7:10-8:40 pm

Ms. Kimoto

The study of keigo (polite speech) is important and inevitable when learning to communicate in Japanese. In this class, we focus on practicing how to use honorific words, expressions, and the Japanese culture behind them. Students are required to have JLPT N3 level or equivalent. In the winter term, we will start from Lesson 1.

Required textbook:

SHIN NIHONGO KEIGO TRAINING

『新にほんご敬語トレーニング』

Textbook ISBN 13: 978-4872178562 (Textbooks may be available on Amazon)

Advanced Course

Japanese Food Culture (Washoku): Reading & Speaking

This is a Thursday morning class.

Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 am

Ms. Kimoto

Welcome to "Japanese Food Culture (Washoku)," an engaging exploration of Japan's diverse culinary traditions. Our goal is to deepen your understanding of the multifaceted aspects of Japanese food culture, spanning historical backgrounds, transitions, and their interaction with societal issues. Through speaking activities, enhance communication and presentation skills by sharing personal insights and research findings. Join us for a concise journey into the heart of Japan's gastronomic heritage! A minimum of JLPT N3 level or equivalent is recommended, with N1-2 proficiency ensuring a comprehensive grasp of the course content.

In the winter term, we will start from Lesson 11, page 57~.

Required textbook:

『めしあがれ：食文化で学ぶ上級日本語 MESHIAGARE: A Culinary Journey through Advanced Japanese』

Textbook ISBN: 978-4874248621 (Textbooks may be available on Kinokuniya).