

Japanese Language Program Columbia University



Let's learn Japanese, Nihongo!

にほんご ニホンゴ 日本語

How to introduce yourself in Japanese

Hajimemashite.
'How do you do?'

XX desu.
'I am XX (name).'

Doozo Yoroshiku.
'Nice to meet you.'



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<http://ealac.columbia.edu/program/language-programs/japanese/>



Fall 2020 Course Schedule

Course	Day and Time
Introductory Japanese B (2.5 pts) Section 1 Section 2	MW 5:40 - 6:45 TR 5:40 - 6:45
First Year Japanese I (5 pts) Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 Section 4 Section 5 Section 6 Section 7	MTWR 8:50 - 9:55 MTWR 10:10 - 11:15 MTWR 11:40 - 12:45 MTWR 11:40 - 12:45 MTWR 1:10 - 2:15 MTWR 2:40 - 3:45 MTWR 4:10 - 5:15
Second Year Japanese I (5 pts) Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 Section 4	MTWR 10:10 - 11:15 MTWR 11:40 - 12:45 MTWR 1:10 - 2:15 MTWR 4:10 - 5:15
Third Year Japanese I (5pts) Section 1 Section 2	MTWR 11:40 - 12:45 MTWR 2:40 - 3:45
Japanese Pop Culture (2.5 pts)	TR 1:10 - 2:15
Scholarly Reading in Japanese I (5 pts)	MTWR 8:50 - 9:55
Fourth Year Business Japanese I (4 pts)	MWF 1:10 - 2:25
Fourth Year Japanese I (4 pts)	MWF 10:10 - 11:25
Fifth Year Japanese I (4 pts)	MW 11:40 - 12:55
Introduction to Classical Japanese I (3 pts)	TR 10:10 - 11:25
Introduction to Kanbun (4 pts)	MW 10:10 - 11:25

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Online Placement Test for Fall 2020 (registration required*)

The registration deadline has been extended to 5pm today (8/28). Please register now on the following website:

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Fall 2020 Course Description

Introductory Japanese B (2.5 pts)

Prerequisite: Introductory Japanese A or the equivalent

Designed to develop students' basic communication skills in four skills. Upon completion, students should be able to carry out simple daily communication.

Textbook: Minna no Nihongo, Shokyū I (3A Network) and Course Packet

Instructor in charge: Naoko Sourial

First Year Japanese I (5 pts)

Prerequisite: n/a Designed for students with no background in Japanese

Designed to introduce basic Japanese grammar and Japanese culture. Aiming to help students acquire the four basic skills of modern Japanese: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Both accuracy and fluency in spoken and written Japanese communication are emphasized.

Textbook: Minna no Nihongo, Shokyū I (3A Network) and Course Packet

Instructor in charge: Fumiko Nazikian

Second Year Japanese I (5 pts)

Prerequisite: First Year Japanese II or the equivalent

Focuses on communicating information on a variety of topics related to daily life in the four language skills. At the end of the course students will be able to handle some complicated, abstract matters with the use of complex grammar.

Textbook information: Minna no Nihongo, Shokyū II (3A Network) and Course Packet

Instructor in charge: Naofumi Tatsumi

Third Year Japanese I (5 pts)

Prerequisite: Second Year Japanese II or the equivalent

Aiming to advance students' overall communication skills through reading, viewing and listening to a variety of texts from different genre. Upon completion, students will be able to express themselves on more social and abstract topics in different modes of communication.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2020.

Instructor in charge: Keiko Okamoto

Japanese Pop Culture (2.5 pts)

Prerequisite: Second Year Japanese II or the equivalent

Examines various aspects of Japanese pop culture including but not limited to manga, anime, pop idols, and otaku. The course will also discuss why Japanese pop culture is popular outside Japan. The class will be conducted entirely in Japanese.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2020.

Instructor in charge: Naofumi Tatsumi

Scholarly Reading in Japanese (5 pts)

Prerequisite: Second Year Japanese II or equivalent.

Designed for graduate students seeking to improve their academic reading skills in Japanese. Aiming to equip students with skills that are helpful for those who major in Chinese studies and need to be able to read China-related materials in Japanese.

Textbook: Course Packet

Instructor in charge: Fumiko Nazikian

Fourth Year Business Japanese I (4 pts)

Prerequisite: Third Year Japanese II or the equivalent.

Designed to foster communication skills in business Japanese and develop abilities to carry out business activities in a global society. Materials include newspapers, documentary films, and academic articles on global issues.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2020.

Instructor in charge: Kyoko Matsui Loetscher

Fourth Year Japanese I (4 pts)

Prerequisite: Third Year Japanese II or the equivalent.

Improves speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Develops ability to comprehend authentic materials such as academic articles, essays, short novels, and newspapers; and articulate opinions and detailed descriptions about abstract matters in speech and in writing.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2020.

Instructor in charge: Shigeru Eguchi

Fifth Year Japanese I (4 pts)

Requirement: Taking Japanese Placement Test

Improves language ability from advanced to super-advanced. Serves as bridge between mastering Japanese and using it for analysis, research and literary criticism. Mandatory course for Ph.D. in Japanese studies.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2020.

Instructor in charge: Miharu Nittono

Introduction to Classical Japanese I (3 pts)

Prerequisite: Second Year Japanese II or the equivalent.

Introduction to the fundamentals of classical Japanese grammar. Trains students to read Japanese historical and literary texts from the early period up to the 20th century.

Instructor in charge: Haruo Shirane

