

# JASWDC 2024

# JAPANESE Language School

The Japan-America Society of Washington DC Japanese Language School, now in its 64th 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 2024

**Spring: May 6 - August 4**

**Fall: September 2 - December 1**

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](mailto:language@jaswdc.org)

# TERMS & POLICIES 規約

**Holiday Class Breaks & Make-up Classes:** Classes will not be held on May 27 (Memorial Day), June 19 (Juneteenth) and July 4 (Independence 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 (August 5 - August 11) or on another date that is optimal for the teacher and the students.

## **Registration Deadline:**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 (EST)**

The \$30-\$35 early registration discount applies 3/25-4/7.

**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/](http://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 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 04/28/24 for a full refund**, or **from 04/29/24 - 05/05/24 for a 50% refund. No refunds will be offered after 05/06/24.** 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](mailto: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**.

# SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

(Instructors are subject to change)

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## Required Textbooks:

Japanese for Busy People Kana  
Workbook **Fourth Edition**  
ISBN-13: 978-1568366227, Textbook  
(Textbooks may be available on  
Amazon)

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is offered at the date/time  
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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.

## Beginner Japanese Prep Course

### Beginner Japanese Prep A:

This class will not be held on Monday, May 27. The make-up class  
will be held on Monday, August 5.

**Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Suzuki**

Previous Japanese study experience is not required.

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

### 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. Suzuki**

### Beginner Japanese Prep D:

This class will be held on Wednesday, June 19. This class will not be  
held on Wednesday, July 3. The make-up class will be held on  
Wednesday, August 7.

**Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Kinoshita**

### Beginner Japanese Prep E:

This class will not be held on Thursday, July 4. The make-up class will  
be announced in the class.

**Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Terao**

# Beginner I Japanese course

## 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)

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

**Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Goto**

- Japanese phonetic alphabets, characters, and numbers (hiragana, katakana, basic kanji)
- 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

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

This class will be held on Wednesday, June 19.

**Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Watarai**

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

This class will not be held on Thursday, July 4.

The make-up class will be held on Thursday, August 8.

**Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Beeman**

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

This class will not be held on Thursday, July 4. The make-up class will be held on Thursday, August 8.

**Thursdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Beeman**



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.

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

**Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Goto**

- 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
- Counting, Days/Weeks/Months/Years, Directions, Particles も/と

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

This class will not be held on Wednesday, June 19. The make-up class will be held on Wednesday, August 7.

**Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Suzuki**

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

This class will not be held on Wednesday, June 19. The make-up class will be held on Wednesday, August 7.

**Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Suzuki**

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

This class will not be held on Thursday, July 4. The make-up class will be held on Thursday, August 8.

**Thursdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Kinoshita**

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

**Fridays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Otero**

**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)

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

This class will be held on Wednesday, May 27. This class will not be held on Monday, July 1. The make-up class will be held on Monday, August 5.

**Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Kinoshita**

- Continuous form, Future tense ~している、~に行く
- Te-form (Adjective)
- Short Form (Present) + Casual form, ~と思う/言う きれいだ+と思う/言う
- Counter suffix ひとつ/ふたつ/ひとり/ふたり

**Required Textbooks:**

**Genki 1 Third Edition** (The Japan Times)

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

**Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Beeman**

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

This class will be held on Wednesday, June 19.

**Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Watarai**

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

This class will not be held on Wednesday, June 19. The make-up class will be held on Wednesday, August 7.

**Wednesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Beeman**

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

This class will not be held on Monday, May 27. The make-up class will be held on Monday, August 5.

**Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Suzuki**

- Comparison ~の方が、~がいちばん
- adjective/noun+の/なる、大きい、大きくなる
- Expressing desire, experience, intention, suggestion, reason, mandate ~たい、~ことがある、~つもりだ、~ほうがいい、~でしょう

Classes with A or B in the class name are the same classes but offered at different dates and times. Please select the class that is offered at the date/time that best fits your schedule.

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

**Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Suzuki**

# Beginner II Japanese course

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

This class will be held on Monday, May 27.

**Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Watarai**

- 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

### **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)

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

**Fridays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Otero**

Classes with A or B in the class name are the same classes but offered at different dates and times. Please select the class that is offered at the date/time that best fits your schedule.

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

**Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Watarai**

- 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
- Transitivity Pairs ～と、～ながら

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

This class will not be held on Wednesday, June 19. The make-up class will be held on Wednesday, August 7.

**Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Beeman**

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

This class will be held on Monday, May 27.

**Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Watarai**

- Honorific Verbs, Extra-modest expressions, Humble expressions
- 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

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

This class will be held on Wednesday, June 19. This class will not be held on Wednesday, July 3. The make-up class will be held on Wednesday, August 7.

**Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Kinoshita**

- Causative verbs, verb stem + なさい
- Causative-passive sentences
- ～ば、～のに、～のような、～ても、～ことにする、～まで、～方

**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)



# 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 course

## 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)

## Intermediate Japanese 2 : 中級日本語カルテット I QUARTET [Chapter 1 and 2]

This class will not be held on Thursday, July 4. The make-up class will be announced in the class.

**Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm**

**Ms. Yoshida**

- Noun modification
- Demonstrative words: こ/そ/あ, これ/それ/あれ, この/その/あの, andここ/そこ/あそこ
- ～と言えば/～なら/～とおりに/～がきっかけで
- The subject of a letter/e-mail
- Expressing requests and gratitude
- ～てくる/～ていく/XばXほど/～に気がつく/～が気に入る

## Intermediate Japanese 3 : 中級日本語カルテット I QUARTET [Chapter 3 and 4]

This class will not be held on Monday, May 27. The make-up class will be held on Monday, August 5.

**Mondays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Yoshida**

- 別に(～ない)= not particularly
- ～のようだ= it seems that, it looks like
- N のように= like, as if it were
- ～わけではない= it does not mean that...
- ～ような気がする= to have a feeling that...
- ～に気がつく= to notice
- そうかと言って= but, and yet
- V(plain)のために= in order to

## Intermediate-high Japanese course

### 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)

### Intermediate-high Japanese 4 : 上級へのとびら[Lessons 7 & 8]

This class will start on May 14. This class will not be held on Tuesday, May 7. The make-up class will be held on Tuesday, August 6.

**Tuesdays from 7:10-8:40 pm**

**Ms. Hunter**

- 日本のポップカルチャー:マンガ、手塚マンガ、オノマトペ、血液型
- 日本の伝統芸能:狂言
- 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.

# Conversation course

## Conversation Class for Intermediate students (keigo):

This class will not be held on Friday, June 14. The make-up class will be held on Friday, August 9.

**Fridays from 5:30-7:00 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 13, page 116~.**

## 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)

## Conversation Class for Advanced students Level 2:

This is a Tuesday morning class.

**Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 am**

**Ms. Kimoto**

To become a more advanced speaker of Japanese, it is essential to learn conversational strategies, appropriate speech styles, and rich vocabulary. In this class, we focus on practicing how to describe and explain social issues, expressing ideas and opinions with evidence, and advising and negotiating considering settings and relationships. Students are required to have JLPT N2 level or equivalent. The level of this course is more challenging than the Conversation Class for Advanced students Level 1. In the spring term, we will start from Lesson 1.

## Required textbook for Conversation Class for Advanced students Level 2:

『日本語超級話者へのかけはし—きちんと伝える技術と表現 上級から超級へ』 (Nihongo Chokyu Washa Eno Kakehashi - Japanese Study Book)

Textbook ISBN-13 : 978-4883194490 (Textbooks may be available on Amazon)

## Advanced course

### Required Textbooks:

Textbooks are not required for this class. The teacher will hand out materials in the class.

### Japanese Food Culture (Washoku): Reading & Speaking

This class will not be held on Thursday, July 4. The make-up class will be held on Thursday, August 8.

**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

### Required textbook:

SHIN NIHONGO KEIGO TRAINING

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

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