# 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."

# Visit our website: http://ealac.columbia.edu/program/languageprograms/japanese/



## Fall 2023 Course Schedule

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

Japanese Program Info (Language Resource Center): https://www.lrc.columbia.edu/language/japanese/



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#### Online Placement Test for Fall 2023 (registration required\*)

Please go to the following website:

http://ealac.columbia.edu/program/languageprograms/japanese/jlp-placement/

For any questions, contact Naoko Sourial(<u>nns2111@columbia.edu</u>).



### Fall 2023 Course Description

The goal of the Japanese Language Program is to help students acquire the ability to use Japanese language to complete specific tasks in the real world and the ability to understand and communicate with people from different backgrounds. Each level of Japanese courses is designed to achieve specific goals according to the JF Standard\*

**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. This course aims to help students acquire A1 Level of proficiency in Japanese in accordance with the JF Standard.

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

Instructor in charge: Chikako Takahashi

#### 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. This course aims to help students acquire A1/A2 Level of proficiency in Japanese in accordance with the JF Standard.

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

Instructor in charge: Naoko Sourial

#### 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. This course aims to help students acquire A2/B1 Level of proficiency in Japanese in accordance with the JF Standard.

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

Instructor in charge: Shigeru Eguchi

#### 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 authentic texts from different genre. Upon completion, students will be able to express themselves on more social and abstract topics in different modes of communication. This course aims to help students acquire B2 Level of proficiency in Japanese in accordance with the JF Standard.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2023.

Instructor in charge: Keiko Okamoto

#### Fourth Year Japanese I (4 pts)

Prerequisite: Third Year Japanese II or the equivalent.

Aiming to attain advanced proficiency level. Designed to develop literacies to comprehend and recognize implicit meaning of a wide range of authentic texts. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to express themselves efficiently by creating a clear, well-organized, and detailed text on complicated subjects for social, academic, and professional purposes. This course aims to help students acquire C1 Level of proficiency in Japanese in accordance with the JF Standard.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2023.

Instructor in charge: Kyoko Matsui Loetscher

Fifth Year Japanese I (4 pts)

Requirement: Taking Placement Test

Improves language ability from advanced to superadvanced. Serves as bridge between mastering Japanese and using it for analysis, research and literary criticism. Mandatory course for Ph.D. in Japanese studies. This course aims to help students acquire C2 Level of proficiency in Japanese in accordance with the JF Standard.

Textbook information: Packet for Selected Reading Materials, CU Japanese Language Program, 2023.

Instructor in charge: Miharu Nittono

#### Introduction to Classical Japanese I (3 pts)

Prerequisite: Third 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

<sup>\*</sup>The JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education has been developed by the Japan Foundation in reference to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, teaching, assessment (CEFR). It has six levels from A1(basic user) to C2 (Proficient user).