



Course Code: OEFL-CFL- CJ1

Course Title: JAPANESE -1

Schools: All Schools

Semester: FALL 2026

Course Information

Course Duration: 15 weeks

Credit Hours: 60

Credits- 4

Meetings: Twice a week

Location: TBD

Prerequisites: None

Equivalent Courses: None

Exclusive Courses: None

Instructor Information

Instructor: Ms. Hinaho Kishi

Biography:

Hinaho Kishi is originally from Osaka, Japan, the home city of Panasonic. She earned her bachelor's degree in Japanese Language Education from Osaka University and completed her master's degree at Kyoto University, where she specialized in applying Motivational Design — a framework for fostering autonomous and motivated learning — to Japanese language education.

During her university years, she received a Japanese government scholarship and worked as a Japanese language instructor for one year at the leading national university in Bolivia. In 2024, she launched the first Japanese language courses at IIT Mandi in India. By utilizing her expertise in making classes engaging and motivating, her courses became some of the most popular classes on campus despite being electives, attracting up to 130 students in a single class and more than 500 students over two years.

As she has demonstrated in her previous teaching, even students with absolutely no prior knowledge of Japanese can become confident in basic Japanese conversation after taking her classes. At the same time, the courses are carefully designed to feel approachable, enjoyable, and low in stress. What initially feels like a completely unfamiliar language will gradually become something naturally familiar to you.

Her classes actively introduce Japanese culture, values, and social customs while encouraging discussion and reflection from multiple perspectives. Through comparing Japanese culture with their own, students are expected not only to deepen their understanding of other cultures, but also to develop a more objective understanding of themselves and their own society.

Students with an interest in exploring new perspectives are warmly welcome.

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1. Course Description

This course is aimed at enabling students to learn the basics of Japanese and in order to carry out simple communication in Japanese.

2. Course Intended Learning Objectives (Aim)

Course Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Activities	Assessments/ Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possesses the ability to understand and use familiar, everyday Japanese expressions and simple sentences to effectively address practical, day-to-day needs.• Learn about Japanese culture• Cultivate cross cultural understanding.	Learning by doing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interactive• Learner –centric• Learning with games and activities• Role plays.• Hiragana and Katakana reading and writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Shodou</i> Calligraphy• <i>Origami</i> Paper Folding Activity• <i>Sushi zukuri</i> Sushi making activity• Anime• Drama• Japanese fan• Japanese comic (Manga) Reading

3. Scheme of Evaluation and Grading

Components	Weightage	Evaluation Breakup
Internal assessment	50%	Oral assessment -10P Activity/PPT -15P Written assessment - 20 P Class participations & attendance – 5 P
End Term Examination	50%	Written examination -50P

Oral assessment 30 P	Written assessment 20 P	Class participation & attendance
Activity/PPT– 15P Viva – 10 P	Written test – 20P	5P

4. Academic Integrity

These will be in accordance with the norms specified in the academic rulebook. Students are required at least 75% attendance to qualify for the final examination. Active classroom participation will be appreciated.

5. **Keyword Syllabus** - Covers self-introduction, numbers and counting, dates and months, Japanese scripts, daily routines, food-related vocabulary, adverbs and adjectives, foundational grammar, listening and reading comprehension, particles, verbs, and basic tense structures



6. **Course Material** – Students will be provided with comprehensive learning resources, including worksheets, sample papers, mock drills, and the prescribed textbook *Marugoto Starter (A1)*.



7. Course Plan

Week 1	Lesson 1 Hello: Exchange greetings	Topic 1 Japanese
Week 2	Lesson 2 Would you say that again?: Use basic classroom expressions	
Week 3	Lesson 3 Nice to meet you: Give a simple self-introduction	Topic 2 Myself
Week 4	Lesson 4 There are three people in my family: Talk briefly about your family	
Week 5	Lesson 5 What kind of food do you like?: Talk about your favorite foods	Topic 3 Food
Week 6	Lesson 6 Where are you going to have lunch today?: Say what your favorite dish is?	
Week 7	Lesson 7 There are three rooms in my home: Say what kind of home you live in	Topic 4 Home

Week 8	Lesson 8 It's a nice room: Ask/Say where to put things in the room	
Week 9	Lesson 9 What time do you get up?: Say the time you do something	Topic 5 Daily Life
Week 10	Lesson 10 When is convenient for you?: Talk about your schedule for this week	
Week 11	Lesson 11 What's your hobby?: Talk about your hobbies Lesson 12 Shall we go together?: Recognize information on posters and calendars for events	Topic 6 Holidays and Days off 1
Week 12	Lesson 13 How are you going to get there?: Recognize station and taxi signs Lesson 14 It's a famous temple: Say how to get to a destination	Topic 7 Towns
Week 13	Lesson 15 Cute!: Talk about what you want to buy Lesson 16 I'll take this: Make a brief comment on things in a shop	Topic 8 Shopping
Week 14	Lesson 17 It was fun: Say what you did on your days off Lesson 18 I would like to visit Kyoto next time: Say where you want to go next time	Topic 9 Holidays and Days off 2

***The sessions are subjected to changes depending on the speed of learning of the students and are flexible in nature.**