



The Japan America Society of Chicago

Japanese Language Courses



Autumn Term (8 Weeks: September 13 – November 4, 2010)
\$225 Members & Continuing Students /\$250 Non-Members (Includes Textbooks)

The Japan America Society of Chicago now offers 7 levels of Japanese language courses. Each is tailored to the level of expertise and type of study required by students. Weekly lessons provide students with an opportunity to begin the study of Japanese or to sharpen previously acquired skills. All courses are taught by an experienced native instructor of the Japanese language.

Beginning Japanese Level I

Time: Thursday evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Designed for students with no previous instruction in Japanese, this course strives to develop an understanding of basic elements of Japanese grammar, expressions, and writing system. Textbook: *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. I.*

Beginning Japanese Level II

Time: Tuesday evenings, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

A continuation of Beginning Japanese Level I, this course will build upon previously learned basic elements of Japanese grammar and expressions. Writing system will include a review of katakana, hiragana, and an introduction to basic Chinese characters (Kanji). Textbooks: *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. I (from Lesson 8)* and *Basic Kanji Book, Vol. I.*

Beginning Japanese Level III

Time: Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

A continuation of Beginning Japanese Level II, this course will build upon previously learned basic elements of Japanese grammar and expressions. Students will learn how to make plans with friends or colleagues, as well as learn how to request an item, etc. Textbooks: *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. I (from Lesson 15)* and *Basic Kanji Book, Vol. I.*

Intermediate Japanese Level I

Time: Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Designed for students whose level is comparable to passing the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Level 4, or have completed *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. I*. Emphasis is on grammatical expressions, basic conversation, and development of Chinese characters (kanji), up to approximately 100 characters.

Textbooks: *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. II (from Lesson 1)* and *Basic Kanji Book, Vol. I.*

Intermediate Japanese Level II

Time: Wednesday evenings, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

A continuation of Intermediate Japanese Level I. Students will learn how to relate an event in chronological sequence, compare the way something is now to how it was in the past, and describe facilities and other surroundings.

Textbooks: *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. II (from Lesson 7)* and *Basic Kanji Book, Vol. I.*

Intermediate Japanese Level III

Time: Wednesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

A continuation of Intermediate Japanese Level II. Class to include reading projects and group discussion on Japanese culture and customs. Textbooks: *Japanese For Busy People, Vol. III (from Lesson 4)* and *Basic Kanji Book, Vol. I.*

Conversational Japanese

Time: Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Developed for students who have an understanding of Japanese grammar, and a minimum knowledge of 150 kanji. This class will provide a forum for basic Japanese conversation between students and instructor. Topics of conversation will be determined by the instructor, along with various reading assignments. This class will prepare students for Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Level 3. Textbook: *Japanese For Busy People, III (from Lesson 6)* and various handouts.

Advanced Japanese

Time: Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Objective of this class is 1.) to develop an ability to carry an extensive conversation with native Japanese speakers, 2.) be able to read Japanese newspapers and 3.) acquire a well balanced knowledge about Japanese culture and way of life. The first hour of class will be dedicated to grammar development, utilizing kanji. Students will use the textbook *Japanese for Busy People Vol. III*. The second hour of the class will focus on conversation only. After completion of this class, your level will be comparable to the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Level 2. Textbook: *Japanese For Busy People, III (from L8)* and various handouts.

Terms & Conditions:

Please note that completion of this form will serve as your reservation. You will receive a phone call only if the class minimum is not met. If a minimum number of students is not reached, the class will be cancelled and payments refunded. Students are expected to attend all classes so that all students can proceed in their learning at the same pace. If the instructor is absent, the term may be extended. To be considered enrolled in the class, prepayment is required. We accept payment by Credit card, Check and Money Order. If, after attending the first class, one does not feel the course meets his/her needs, a student may transfer to another level, or receive a refund. The Society must be informed of such an intent within 24 hours after the first class is held. Thereafter, no refunds will be issued.

Please detach and return this form with payment to The Japan America Society of Chicago, 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 750, Chicago, Illinois 60602

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