

Sophia University – Summer Session 2025

July 1 – July 22, 2025 *July 1: Orientation *July 4: No-class day

Date: January 2025

Course Title	Intensive Japanese 1
Course Code	JPZ118
Instructor	Mika Yamaguchi
Class Period	1st: 9:00–10:40, 2nd: 10:55–12:35, 3rd: 13:30–15:10
Course Format	In-Person
Language of Instruction	English and Japanese
Maximum class size	20
Course Description	This course is tailored for students with no prior knowledge of Japanese and emphasizes oral communication in everyday situations. It introduces fundamental vocabulary, expressions, grammar, and sentence structures in Japanese. By the end of the course, students will be able to engage in simple daily conversations in Japanese. Additionally, students will learn to read expressions and short sentences written in Hiragana and Katakana. Writing in Japanese is optional in this course.
Course Objectives	The objectives of this course are twofold: (1) to develop basic oral communication skills necessary for exchanging simple information and ideas, and (2) to build awareness and appreciation for the similarities and differences between Japanese culture and the student's own culture.
Expected work outside of class	One hour or more everyday to review course materials, complete daily assignments, prepare for quizzes and lesson tests.
Course Materials	Genki Textbook Volume 1, 3rd edition Publisher: Japan Times ISBN-10: 4789017303 ISBN-13: 978-4789017305
	Purchase of textbook: mandatory e-book: acceptable
Moodle	Students are expected to access to Moodle every day. Moodle will be used for - announcement to students - uploading course materials - submitting assignments - posting grade

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Evaluation (Attendance, Class participation, in-class assignments, final exam, quizzes, etc.)	Attendance & class performance: 20% Homework: 15% Quiz: 15% Lesson test and oral test: 40% Final presentation: 10% A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F: 0-59
Other comments	This is a short and intensive course. Class activities are mostly focused on oral communication in order to use the class time effectively. Students are strongly encouraged to master at least reading Hiragana and Katakana before taking this course. For more details about Hiragana and Katakana, please see the textbook, Genki I, Japanese Writing System, pp.20-27
Class schedule	*July 1: Orientation *July 4: No-class [DAY 1] July 2 (W) Hiragana, L1 [DAY 2] July 3 (R) Katakana, L2 [DAY 3] July 7 (M) L1 & L2 review, L1 & L2 lesson test [DAY 4] July 8 (T) L3 & L4 [DAY 5] July 9 (W) L3 & L4 review, L3 & L4 lesson test [DAY 6] July 10 (R) L5 [DAY 7] July 11 (F) L6 [DAY 8] July 14 (M) L5 & L6 review, L5 & L6 lesson test, L7 [DAY 9] July 15 (T) L7 & L8 [DAY 10] July 16 (W) L7 & L8 review, L7 & L8 lesson test [DAY 11] July 17 (R) L9 [DAY 12] July 18 (F) L10 [DAY 13] July 21 (M) L9 & L10 review [DAY 14] July 22 (T) L9 & L10 test, Final presentation

*Course format, evaluation methods and class schedule may be subject to change.

[Important Note Regarding Class Capacity]

As a result of the class level placement, if the number of students exceeds the class capacity, registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.