

# Sophia University – Summer Session 2025

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

Date: January 2025

Course Title	First steps in Japanese
Course Code	JPZ120
Instructor	Mami Tanaka
Class Period	1st Period (9:00-10:40)
Course Format	In-Person
Language of Instruction	English
Maximum class size	25
Course Description	This course is designed for students with no or little knowledge of the Japanese language. It introduces basic sentence structures, vocabulary, and common expressions. It aims at developing survival-level aural and oral communication skills in Japanese. We are scheduled to cover Unit 1 through Unit 7 of the textbook, Nihongo Daijobu! Book 1: Elementary Japanese through Practical Tasks.
Course Objectives	This course aims at developing aural and oral communication skills in Japanese. By the end of this course, students are expected to be able to effectively communicate in various everyday situations, such as greeting, shopping, ordering food, talking about plans, what you did, etc.
Expected work outside of class	preparing & reviewing materials completing assignments preparing for quizzes and oral tests Length of time for work expected outside per class:1 ½ to 2 hours
Course Materials	Purchase of textbook - mandatory (e-book is not acceptable) Sun Academy NIHONGO Center., Nihongo Daijobu! Book 1: Elementary Japanese through Practical Tasks きょうから話せる! にほんご だいじょうぶ Book1 The Japan Times (ISBN-10: 4789015890, ISBN-13: 978-4789015899)
	Purchase of textbook: <b>mandatory</b>
	e-book: <b>not acceptable</b>
Moodle	Assignments will be posted on Moodle. Students must submit assignments in Moodle.
Contact Instructor	•via Moodle message
Evaluation (Attendance, Class participation, in-class assignments, final exam, quizzes, etc.)	Attendance & Class performance 25% Homework (recording) 25% Quizzes 20% Oral tests (2 times) 30%
Other comments	1) Attendance is very important. Language learning is a cumulative

process; your success depends on how much you study daily. Missing even one class will affect your subsequent study, especially in this short and intensive summer course. You are expected to participate actively in class.

2) Be punctual because you will disturb the class if you come in late. Also, do not leave in the middle of the class unless you are sick. This will distract your instructor and classmates. If you miss a part of a class, your attendance & class performance score of the day will be negatively affected.

3) There will be no make-up for any quiz. But the lowest score will be dropped at the end of the course.

4) Absolutely no cheating! If you cheat on a quiz, you will get a grade of zero for that quiz. If you cheat the second time, you will receive zero for the entire quiz category and we will notify your home university about your dishonesty.

5) You will have three oral tests during the course. You must take all oral tests at the scheduled time. There will be no make-ups, and a zero will be recorded for any oral test which has been missed unless your instructor is informed of a legitimate reason. You may be requested to submit written proof of your excuse (e.g., a doctor's note, etc.). In case of an emergency, contact your instructor or the administrative office immediately.

6) Homework assignments will be given almost every day. Listen to audio files and practice as many times as you want. Then, record your speaking and submit the audio file. You must submit each assignment before the class on the due date to receive full credit. More details will be discussed in class.

7) Classroom courtesy:

- Please do not eat food or chew gum. This is a language course. (Water, tea, and coffee are ok.)
- Please do not use electronic devices during class. (It includes a cellular phone.) If you need to take notes, please use a pen and paper.

Class schedule

\*July 1: Orientation

\*July 4: No-class

## Course Schedule

Date	Class Activity	Homework	Quiz	Test
<b>7/1 (T)</b>	Orientation			
<b>7/2 (W)</b>	Unit 1 (Nice to meet you.) Task 1, 2, 3			
<b>7/3 (R)</b>	Unit 1 (Nice to meet you.) Task 4, 5, 6	HW 1	Quiz 1	
<b>7/4 (F)</b>	No Class			
<b>7/7 (M)</b>	Unit 1 (Nice to meet you.) Task 7, final	HW 2	Quiz 2	
<b>7/8 (T)</b>	Unit 2 (What is this?) Task 1, 2, 3, 4	HW 3	Quiz 3	
<b>7/9 (W)</b>	Unit 2 (What is this?) Task 5, final	HW 4	Quiz 4	
<b>7/10 (R)</b>	Unit 3 (What time is it?) Task 1, 2, 3	HW 5	Quiz 5	
<b>7/11 (F)</b>	Unit 3 (What time is it?) Task 4, 5, final	HW 6		Oral Test 1
<b>7/14 (M)</b>	Unit 4 (Shopping strategies) Task 1, 2, 3, final	HW 7	Quiz 6	
<b>7/15 (T)</b>	Unit 5 (I am going to Okinawa) Task 1, 2, 3	HW 8	Quiz 7	
<b>7/16 (W)</b>	Unit 5 (I am going to Okinawa) Task final	HW 9	Quiz 8	
<b>7/17 (R)</b>	Unit 6 (Using telephone strategy) Task 1, 2, 3	HW 10	Quiz 9	
<b>7/18 (F)</b>	Unit 6 (Using telephone strategy) Task 4, final	HW 11	Quiz 10	
<b>7/21 (M)</b>	Unit 7 (Thank you for the meal) Task 1, 2, 3, 4	HW 12	Quiz 11	
<b>7/22 (T)</b>	Unit 7 (Thank you for the meal) Task final & Review	HW 13		Oral Test 2

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

### **[Important Note Regarding Class Capacity]**

Course enrollment in each course is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be aware that once the maximum capacity is reached, you will no longer be able to select that course.

If you plan to transfer the credits to your home university, please consider alternative courses as well when making your study plan, in case the courses you want to take are full.

In case you are unable to take your desired courses and the number of courses you are enrolled in changes, a refund will be issued based on the number of courses reduced.