

Sophia University –January Session 2026

January 7 – January 28, 2026 *January 7: Orientation

Date: August 23, 2025

Course Title	JAPANESE 2
Course Code	JPZ106
Instructor	Yan XU, Tomoko MATSUDA
Class Period	3 rd Period (13:30-15:10)
Course Format	In-Person
Language of Instruction	English, Japanese
Course Description	This course is designed for students who have studied approximately 100 hours of Japanese and can read and write hiragana and katakana. It will focus on basic skills in oral communication in Japanese.
Course Objectives	This course aims to develop communicative skills by using basic grammar and vocabulary. In addition, students will be able to read some kanji words.
Expected work outside of class	Reviewing materials, doing homework assignments, preparing for quizzes and the final examination Length of time for work expected outside per class is 90 minutes.
Course Materials	Textbooks 1) Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Elementary 1. A2 Coursebook for Communicative Activities “Katsudoo” (Japan Foundation, Sanshusha) (ISBN-10-4384057547) -mainly used in class 2) Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Elementary 1. A2 Coursebook for Communicative Language Competences “Rikai” (Japan Foundation, Sanshusha) (ISBN-10-4384057555) – optional for self-study
	Purchase of textbook: 1) mandatory, 2) optional
	e-book: acceptable
Moodle	All students are expected to enroll in Moodle.
Contact Instructor	via Moodle message
Evaluation (Attendance, Class participation, in-class assignments, final exam, quizzes, etc.)	Attendance 10%, Class participation 20%, Quizzes 15%, Daily assignments 15%, Final examination 40%
Other comments	The textbooks written in your native language might be available in your country.
Class schedule	*January 7: Orientation *January 12: No-Class Day
	[DAY 1] Orientation, L1: Talking briefly about you/your family, Kanji (1)

	[DAY 2] L2: Talking about your hobbies, Kanji (2)
	[DAY 3] L3: Talking about the change of seasons, L4: Talking about the seasons and weather, Kanji (3)
	[DAY 4] L5: Telling a friend about a place/area of your recommendation, Kanji (4)
	[DAY 5] L7: Talking with a friend about the time and place to meet, L8: Inviting a friend to visit a place of your recommendation, Kanji (5)
	[DAY 6] L9: Talking about foreign languages you have studied, Kanji (6)
	[DAY 7] L10: Talking about your involvement in the culture of another country, Kanji (7)
	[DAY 8] L11: Discussing what to take for a picnic, L12 Talking about food, Kanji (8)
	[DAY 9] L13: Receiving visitors, Kanji (9)
	[DAY 10] L14: introducing your colleagues to a visitor, Asking to use things in the office, Kanji (10)
	[DAY 11] L15: Suggesting something good for the health, Kanji (11)
	[DAY 12] L16: Talking briefly about what you usually do to stay healthy, Kanji (12)
	[DAY 13] L18: Discussing what to do for a friend's celebration, Kanji (13)
	[DAY 14] Final examination

*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.