

Sophia University –January Session 2027

January 7 – January 29, 2027 *January 7: Orientation

Date: August 2026

Course Title	JAPANESE 1A
Course Code	JPZ105
Instructor	TESHIMA Nanako, YOSHIURA Meri, ABE Fumi
Class Period	3 rd Period (13:30-15:10)
Course Format	In-Person
Language of Instruction	English, Japanese
Course Description	This course, which is designed for students without any knowledge of Japanese, mainly focuses on spoken Japanese used in daily life. The course introduces basic sentence structures, vocabulary and common expressions as well as the writing system (hiragana, katakana, and some kanji).
Course Objectives	This course aims at developing basic communication skills in Japanese. By the end of this course, you are expected to handle daily conversation and read and write simple texts in Japanese.
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 Starter A1 Coursebook for Communicative Activities “Katsudoo” (Japan Foundation, Sanshusha) (ISBN-13-978-4384057522) -mainly used in class 2) Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Starter A1 Coursebook for Communicative Language Competences “Rikai” (Japan Foundation, Sanshusha) (ISBN-13-978-4384057539) – 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 11, January 22: No-Class Day

	[DAY 1] Orientation, L3: Introducing yourself
	[DAY 2] L4: Talking briefly about your family, Hiragana
	[DAY 3] L5: Talking about your favorite food, Hiragana
	[DAY 4] L6: Ordering food for lunch, Hiragana, Katakana
	[DAY 5] L6: Ordering food for lunch, Hiragana, Katakana
	[DAY 6] L8: Visiting a friend's house, Katakana
	[DAY 7] L8: Visiting a friend's house, Katakana
	[DAY 8] L9: Talking about your daily routine, Katakana, Kanji
	[DAY 9] L9: Talking about your daily routine, Katakana, Kanji
	[DAY 10] L10: Talking about your schedule to have a party, Kanji
	[DAY 11] L10: Talking about your schedule to have a party, Kanji
	[DAY 12] L11: Talking about your hobbies, Kanji review
	[DAY 13] L11: Talking about your hobbies, Kanji review
	[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.