

# Sophia University –January Session 2027

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

Date: August 2026

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| <b>Course Title</b>                                                                                  | JAPANESE 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Course Code</b>                                                                                   | JPZ106                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Instructor</b>                                                                                    | XU Yan, MATSUDA Tomoko, FUKADA Atsuko                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Class Period</b>                                                                                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period (13:30-15:10)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Course Format</b>                                                                                 | In-Person                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Language of Instruction</b>                                                                       | English, Japanese                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Course Description</b>                                                                            | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Course Objectives</b>                                                                             | This course aims to develop communicative skills by using basic grammar and vocabulary. In addition, students will be able to read some kanji words.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Expected work outside of class</b>                                                                | Reviewing materials, doing homework assignments, preparing for quizzes and the final examination<br>Length of time for work expected outside per class is 90 minutes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Course Materials</b>                                                                              | Textbooks<br>1) Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Elementary 1. A2 Coursebook for Communicative Activities “Katsudoo” (Japan Foundation, Sanshusha) (ISBN-13-978-4384057546) -mainly used in class<br>2) Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Elementary 1. A2 Coursebook for Communicative Language Competences “Rikai” (Japan Foundation, Sanshusha) (ISBN-13- 978-4384057553) – optional for self-study |
|                                                                                                      | Purchase of textbook: 1) mandatory, 2) optional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                      | e-book: acceptable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Moodle</b>                                                                                        | All students are expected to enroll in Moodle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Contact Instructor</b>                                                                            | via Moodle message                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Evaluation (Attendance, Class participation, in-class assignments, final exam, quizzes, etc.)</b> | Attendance 10%, Class participation 20%, Quizzes 15%, Daily assignments 15%, Final examination 40%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Other comments</b>                                                                                | The textbooks written in your native language might be available in your country.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Class schedule</b>                                                                                | *January 7: Orientation<br>*January 11, January 22: No-Class Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                      | [DAY 1] Orientation, L2: Talking briefly about your hobbies, Kanji                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|  | [DAY 2] L3: Talking about the change of seasons, L4: Talking about the seasons and weather, Kanji                                        |
|  | [DAY 3] L4: Talking about the weather. Kanji                                                                                             |
|  | [DAY 4] L5: Telling a friend about a place/area of your recommendation, Kanji                                                            |
|  | [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 |
|  | [DAY 6] L8: Inviting a friend to visit a place of your recommendation, Kanji                                                             |
|  | [DAY 7] L9: Talking about foreign languages you have studied, Kanji                                                                      |
|  | [DAY 8] L10: Talking about your involvement in the culture of another country, Kanji                                                     |
|  | [DAY 9] L11: Discussing what to take for a picnic, Kanji                                                                                 |
|  | [DAY 10] L12: Talking about food, Kanji                                                                                                  |
|  | [DAY 11] L15: Suggesting something good for the health, Kanji                                                                            |
|  | [DAY 12] L16: Talking briefly about what you usually do to stay healthy, Kanji                                                           |
|  | [DAY 13] L17: Talking briefly about the custom of present-giving in your country, Kanji                                                  |
|  | [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.