

# Getting started with Japanese

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## Language

English

## Course description and objectives

The course runs in 1st semester. It is aimed at beginners and is intended to provide the basics of the Japanese spoken language.

## Audience

The course is open exclusively to students of the Master of Science Programs at Università Bocconi and is part of the Enhancing Experience that grant two credits exclusively to students attending at least 75% of lessons and passing the exam during the final lesson.

## Prerequisites

A minimum entry level of Japanese is not required.

## Duration

24 hours

## Teaching mode

**Distance learning.** Lessons will take place **exclusively** in **synchronous remote mode**.

The **final test** on the last day of class, however, can **only** be taken **in physical presence**. Online mode will not be provided.

## Calendar

Lecture	Date	Time	Room
1	Fri 03/11/2023	14.45 – 16.15	Virtual room
2	Fri 03/11/2023	16.30 – 18.00	Virtual room
3	Mon 06/11/2023	18.15 – 19.45	Virtual room
4	Fri 10/11/2023	14.45 – 16.15	Virtual room
5	Fri 10/11/2023	16.30 – 18.00	Virtual room
6	Fri 17/11/2023	14.45 – 16.15	Virtual room
7	Fri 17/11/2023	16.30 – 18.00	Virtual room
8	Fri 24/11/2023	14.45 – 16.15	Virtual room
9	Fri 24/11/2023	16.30 – 18.00	Virtual room
10	Fri 01/12/2023	14.45 – 16.15	Virtual room
11	Fri 01/12/2023	16.30 – 18.00	Virtual room
12	Mon 04/12/2023	18.15 – 19.45	4.3 (Sarfatti)

## Syllabus of the course

Lecture	Topics
<b>MODULE 1</b>	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing system (Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji), pronunciation and numbers;</li> <li>- Greetings and daily communications.</li> </ul>
<b>MODULE 2</b>	Self-introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to introduce yourself and socialize with somebody at first meeting;</li> <li>- Polite form;</li> <li>- Basic interrogative form.</li> </ul>
<b>MODULE 3</b>	Shopping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask information and price of products you want;</li> <li>- Express a quantity you want;</li> <li>- Counter words, adjective, demonstrative and polite form to ask something.</li> </ul>

<b>MODULE 4</b>	Ask information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask about time and places</li> <li>- Interrogative form, demonstrative</li> </ul>
<b>MODULE 5</b>	Ask someone to do something together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transitive verbs</li> <li>- Time expressions</li> <li>- Date weeks</li> </ul>
<b>MODULE 6</b>	<p>Make an order at the bar and restaurant</p> <p>Explain directions to a taxi driver and explain your health condition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plain and informal forms</li> <li>- Polite forms</li> <li>- Te-form verbs</li> <li>- Particles of instruments and methods</li> </ul>
<b>MODULE 7</b>	Final exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written</li> </ul>

## Bibliography

Miyazaki M., Goushi S., *Now You're Talking! Japanese Conversation for Beginners*, 3A Corporation, 2003

Teacher's materials available on BBoard.

## Available seats

This activity is limited to **110 participants** and reserved to students of **the Master of Science Programs**. Registrations cannot be carried out once this number has been reached or after closing of the registration period.