

# Getting started with Japanese

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## Language

English

## Course description and objectives

The course 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 Bocconi University and is part of the Enhancing Experience - Curricular Integrative Activities. Upon successful completion of the course (**attendance of at least 75% of the scheduled hours** and passing the **final exam**), students will get 2 credits and an Open Badge, sharable across the web (LinkedIn) or personal CV.

## Prerequisites

A minimum entry level of Japanese is not required.

## Duration

24 hours

## Teaching mode

This course will be only taught in person. Online mode will not be provided.

## Calendar

| Lecture | Date           | Time          | Room           |
|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1       | Mon 03/11/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | B (Sarfatti)   |
| 2       | Fri 07/11/2025 | 14.45 - 16.15 | 204 (Sarfatti) |

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| 3  | Fri 07/11/2025 | 16.30 - 18.00 | 204 (Sarfatti) |
| 4  | Mon 10/11/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | B (Sarfatti)   |
| 5  | Fri 14/11/2025 | 16.30 - 18.00 | D (Sarfatti)   |
| 6  | Fri 14/11/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | D (Sarfatti)   |
| 7  | Mon 17/11/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | B (Sarfatti)   |
| 8  | Mon 24/11/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | B (Sarfatti)   |
| 9  | Fri 28/11/2025 | 16.30 - 18.00 | 3 (Sarfatti)   |
| 10 | Fri 28/11/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | 3 (Sarfatti)   |
| 11 | Mon 01/12/2025 | 18:15 - 19:45 | B (Sarfatti)   |
| 12 | Fri 05/12/2025 | 14.45 - 16.15 | 205 (Sarfatti) |

## Syllabus of the course

| Lecture         | Topics            |  |
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| <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>   |

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| <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> | Make an order at the bar and restaurant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plain and informal forms.</li> <li>- Polite forms.</li> </ul>                 |
| <b>MODULE 7</b> | Explain directions                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Te-form verbs</li> <li>- Particles of instruments and methods</li> </ul>      |
| <b>MODULE 8</b> | Explain your health condition           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Te-form verbs</li> </ul>  |
| <b>MODULE 9</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 is reserved for students enrolled in the **Master of Science programs**.

Registrations will not be possible after the registration period has closed.