

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 02/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
2	Tue 03/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)

3	Mon 09/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
4	Tue 10/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
5	Mon 16/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
6	Tue 17/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
7	Mon 23/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
8	Tue 24/11/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
9	Fri 27/11/2026	14:45 - 16:15	42 (Sarfatti)
10	Fri 27/11/2026	16:30 - 18:00	42 (Sarfatti)
11	Tue 01/12/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
12	Fri 04/12/2026	14:45 - 16:15	42 (Sarfatti)

Syllabus of the course

Lecture	Topics
MODULE 1	Introduction - Writing system (Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji), pronunciation and numbers; - Greetings and daily communications.
MODULE 2	Self-introduction - How to introduce yourself and socialize with somebody at first meeting. - Polite form. - Basic interrogative form.
MODULE 3	Shopping - Ask information and price of products you want; - Express a quantity you want; - Counter words, adjective, demonstrative and polite form to ask something.

MODULE 4	Shopping (2)	- Ask information and price of products you want - Express a quantity you want - Counter words, adjective, demonstrative and polite form to ask something
MODULE 5	Ask information	- Ask about time and places; - Interrogative form, demonstrative.
MODULE 6	Ask someone to do something together	- Transitive verbs - Time expressions - Date weeks
MODULE 7	Ask someone to do something together (2)	- Transitive verbs - Time expressions - Date weeks
MODULE 8	Make an order at the bar and restaurant	- Plain and informal forms. - Polite forms.
MODULE 9	Explain directions	- Te-form verbs - Particles of instruments and methods
MODULE 10	Explain your health condition	- Te-form verbs
MODULE 11	Final exam	- Written

Bibliography

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

Teacher's materials available on BBoard.

Available seats

Participation in this activity is limited to **110 students** and is reserved for students enrolled in **Master of Science programs**.



Registrations will be accepted until the maximum number of participants is reached or the registration deadline expires.