

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)

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	14.45 - 16.15	D (Sarfatti)
6	Fri 14/11/2025	16.30 - 18.00	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	14.45 - 16.15	3 (Sarfatti)
10	Fri 28/11/2025	16.30 - 18.00	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	
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	Ask information	- Ask about time and places; - Interrogative form, demonstrative.

MODULE 5	Ask someone to do something together	- Transitive verbs - Time expressions - Date weeks
MODULE 6	Make an order at the bar and restaurant	- Plain and informal forms. - Polite forms.
MODULE 7	Explain directions	- Te-form verbs - Particles of instruments and methods
MODULE 8	Explain your health condition	- Te-form verbs
MODULE 9	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

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.