JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

The Japan-America Society (JASW)'s Language School, now in its 58th year, is the oldest Japanese language school in the area. All teachers are native Japanese speakers. Classes meet once a week (for 1 hour and 30 minutes) for ten weeks and are conducted in the evening in the Society's language classrooms at 1819 L Street, NW, conveniently located near the Farragut North and Farragut West Metro stations in downtown DC.

Holiday Class Closings: Classes will not be held on federal holidays. Make-up classes for these days will be held during the make-up week (the week after the semester ends) or another date that is optimal for the teacher and the students.

Placement Tests: JASWDC offers placement tests for 100, 200, and 300 level courses. Email or call the office to schedule a placement test. Based on your grade, JASWDC staff will give you a suggested course number. The course that you take is up to your discretion.

Registration: Registration typically opens three weeks before the semester starts. The deadline is usually a week before the beginning of the semester. Payment for tuition & books MUST be received by the close of business (5:30pm) on this date. A $25 non-refundable late fee will be charged after the deadline. If textbooks are not ordered by this date, there is no guarantee there will be a textbook on the first day of class. Register online at www.jaswdc.org, or mail in with payment to Japan-America Society at: 1819 L St. NW, B2, Washington, DC 20036.

Class Confirmation: You will receive an e-mail few days after the deadline confirming your class placement.

Tuition:
$200 for JASW members; $275 for non-JASW members. Special 5-week courses are $110 for JASWDC members and $150 for non-members.

Membership:
$25 Students (full-time undergraduate or high school with valid school ID) $40 Senior citizens, $60 Individual, $80 Family, $150 Sustaining (*Membership is not required to register) Memberships are valid for one year from date of payment.

Textbooks: If you purchased textbooks through JASW, you may pick them up on the first day of class. If you wish to pick up beforehand, stop by JASW between 9:30am - 5:00pm (M-F). Textbooks/workbooks cannot be returned once purchased. There is no guarantee we will have textbooks on the first day if not purchased at the time of registration.

Class Size: Minimum of 4 students & maximum of 12 students.

Cancellation: Cancellation/refund requests must be received by E-MAIL by deadline for full refund, or between the deadline and the beginning of the semester for 50% refund. No refund after the semester starts. There is NO CREDIT for classes you miss.

Waiting List Policy: Students will be placed on a waiting list if the class is full at the time of registration. Students will be notified if they are on a waiting list and when (and if) space becomes available. If space does not become available, JASW will refund any tuition payments made unless the student is placed in another class.

Note:
- There is no prorated tuition. Should you be absent, there will be no make-up classes or refunds, and you are responsible for any class you missed. We do not offer private tutoring for classes missed.
- If a class has fewer than 4 registrations, it will be cancelled. If this happens, you may transfer to another class as long as space is available, or you may request a refund.
- The teacher may change class schedules due to personal reasons, holidays, etc. She/he will schedule a make-up class by discussing the optimal date with the class.
- You may change your class after the semester starts, as long as there is space available in the chosen class. Any changes must be approved by JASW.
- A certificate of completion will be issued upon request only when a student’s attendance is 60% or higher.
- This is an adult language school and is open to persons 14 years and older. If a student is 14 or 15 years old, an adult must accompany them to and from class.
- We will consult you to choose a suitable class for you. Please stop by our office between 9:30am-5:00pm. We are also able to consult over the phone, so please call us at 202-833-2210. If you feel that you have chosen the wrong class after the semester starts; you can change to another class, provided there is space available. JASW must approve the change.
The Japan-America Society operates the oldest and largest Japanese language school for adults in the Washington DC area. Many of our students say that it is also the best. In a recent survey, 96% of our students said that they would recommend the Japanese Language School (JLS) to others. Students say they value the quality of instruction from our native speakers, the school’s convenient downtown location near two Metro stops, and its evening class hours.

JLS is more than a language school. When JLS students join the Japan-America Society, they also get to participate in the full range of the Society's activities and interact with our Japanese and American members.

Classes Provided at JASWDC
Throughout the year we provide these classes below. We cannot guarantee that we will definitely provide these class in each semester.

**Japanese 101-104 (Beginner)**
Textbooks:
Genki 1 Second Edition (The Japan Times)
Textbook ($65) Workbook ($35) CDs Included

**Japanese 101:** Genki 1 [Chapters 1, 2, 3]
Previous Japanese study experience is not required.
- Japanese phonetic alphabets, characters and numbers (hiragana, katakana, basic kanji)
- Basic Conversation (functional conversations, basic questions)
- Noun, Demonstrative ここ/そ/あ/ど、Partides の/も/を/で/に/へ
- Present tense verb, Verb conjugation
  Time/Age, Verb Conjugation, Word order

**Japanese 102:** Genki 1 [Chapters 4, 5, 6]
Continuation of Japanese 101
- Expressing Existence あります/います、上/下/中、～した
- Adjectives, Degree Expressions いい、わるい、好きな、とても、ちょっと
- Te-form (verb), Reasons ～てください、～てもいいです、～から
- Counting, Days/Weeks/Months/Years, Directions, Particles も/と

**Japanese 103:** Genki 1 [Chapters 7, 8, 9]
Continuation of Japanese 102
- Continuous form, Future tense ～している、～にいく
- Te-form (Adjective)
- Short Form (Present) + Casual form, ～と思う/言う きれいだ+と思う/言う
- Counter suffix ひとつ/ふたつ/ひとり/ふたり

**Japanese 104:** Genki 1 [Chapters 10, 11, 12]
Continuation of Japanese 103

From chapter 3 of Genki 1, the Latin alphabet is omitted from the example sentences. If you cannot read Hiragana and Katakana at this point, it might be difficult to follow the chapters.
Comparison ～の方が、～がいちばん
adjective/noun + の/なる 大きいの、大きくなる
Expressing desire, experience, intention, suggestion, reason, mandate
～たい、～ことがある、～つもりだ、～ほうがいい、～でしょう

Japanese 201-204 (Beginner II)
Textbooks:
Genki 2 Second Edition (The Japan Times)
Textbook ($65) & Workbook ($35)

Japanese 201: Genki 2 [Chapters 13, 14, 15]
Continuation of Japanese 104
- Potential verbs ～できる、話せる、行ける
- Giving and Receiving あげる/くれる/もらう/ほしい
- Volitional forms of verbs ～しよう、飲もう、行こうと思っている
- Expressing suggestion ～したらどうですか
- number + も、number + しか+ negative

Japanese 202: Genki 2 [Chapters 16, 17, 18]
Continuation of Japanese 201
- Transitive and intransitive verbs ～てくれる/あげる/もらう/いただく
- Subordinating Conjunctions ～時、～前に、～てから、～ながら、～たら
- Other Verbal Expressions ～そうです、～みたいです、～てしまう、～といい
- Transitivity Pairs ～と、～ながら

Japanese 203: Genki 2 [Chapters 19, 20, 21]
Continuation of Japanese 202
- Honorific Verbs, Extra-modest expressions, Humble expressions
- Passive sentences ～される、～られる
- Indirect question どこにあるか分からない、なにをするか知らない
- Other Verbal Expressions ～ないで、～やすい/にくい、～てある、～間に

Japanese 204: Genki 2 [Chapters 22, 23]
Continuation of Japanese 203
- Causative verbs, verb stem + なさい
- Causative-passive sentences
- ～ば、～のに、～のような、～ても、～ことにする、～まで、～方

Japanese 301-305 (Intermediate)
Textbook:
中級の日本語-An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese
($60) Workbook ($30)
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Japanese 301:  [Chapters 1, 2, 3]

- V (plain past) ばかり = have just done something;
- V(plain) のようになる = a change has taken place;
- V(Plain) ことになった = it has been decided/arranged that;
- S1 たら S2 = When S1, S2;
- とても～ない = can't possibly;
- V(stem)= way of ～ing;
- 〜らしい = it seems that;
- V(Plain) ことになった = it has been decided/arranged that;
- Sentence+わけではない = I think it might be the case that

Japanese 302:  [Chapters 4, 5, 6]
Continuation of Japanese 301

- 別に（〜ない） = not particularly
- 〜のように = it seems that, it looks like
- Nのようだ = like, as if it were
- 〜わけではない = it does not mean that...
- 〜ような気がする = to have a feeling that...
- 〜に気づく = to notice
- そうかと言って= but, and yet
- V（plain）のために = in order to
- Nによると = according to
- とは限らない〜 = It is not necessarily the case that
- 〜か〜かと心配した= worried whether ～or～
- 〜のではないだろうか = I think it might be the case that

Japanese 303:  [Chapters 7, 8, 9]

- V (plain) のようにする, begin V-ing/V(stem) 始める, Question word + 〜ても
- Y is about the only X / X は Yくらいです, as expected; also ;again/やっぱり, if only you/〜さえ〜ば
- To go out of one's way to do something/わざわざ, to have no choice but to〜/Xより仕方がない, at least/せめて（〜は）, any〜/どんなN（+particle）でも

Japanese 304:  [Chapters 10, 11, 12]

- 分数 = fraction
- Sentence + ほど = S2 to the extent S1
- 何よりも = more than anything
- (Xは)Yに限る = As for X, Y is the best thing to do; As for X, there is nothing better than Y.
- 〜まま = indication that the condition/situation is unchanged
- 〜もんですから = because~
- 〜うちに = while ~, before ~
- Xが気になる = ~weighs on one's mind; to be concerned about ~
- どうしても = can't do it no matter how hard one tries, by all means
Japanese 305: [Chapters 13, 14, 15]

- つい = inadvertently, involuntarily
- Nに気をつける = to pay attention to ~; to be careful of ~
- V (plain) ようにお願いする/言う/頼む = to ask/tell/ask (someone) to do [something]
- V (volitional) したら = when I was about to V
- (Xで)Yくらいだ = X, to the extent Y
- V (plain past) ものだ = used to V
- V (stem) たて

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Japanese 401-407 (Advanced)

Required Textbook:
コンテンツとマルチメディアで学ぶ日本語「上級へのとびら」

Tobira – Gateway to Advanced Japanese – Learning Through Content and Multimedia (Kuroshio)

Textbook ($65)

(Textbooks may be available on Amazon)

Japanese 401: [Chapters 1 and 2]
- 日本の地理: 地理、名所、祭り、昔話
- 日本語のスピーチスタイル：男女言葉、書き言葉と話し言葉、Eメールを出す

*Equal emphasis will be placed on the four functions of listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as reviewing grammar that is covered in the previous course.*

Japanese 402: [Chapters 3, 4]
Continuation of Japanese 401
- 日本のテクノロジー: ロボット、テクノロジーの発達、外来語とカタカナ語、インターネット辞書の使い方
- 日本のスポーツ: 日本の武道、心・技・体の考え方、クラブ活動、先輩と後輩

*Equal emphasis will be placed on the four functions of listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as reviewing grammar that is covered in the previous course.*

Japanese 403: [Chapters 5, 6]
Japanese 404: [Chapters 7, 8]
Japanese 405: [Lessons 9, 10]
Japanese 406: [Lessons 11, 12]
Japanese 407: [Lessons 13, 14, 15]

This level will focus on advanced and comprehensive Japanese skills through reading, writing, and discussion as well as reviewing grammar that is covered in the intermediate class. Students must possess a strong command of Japanese grammar.

Advanced Classes

ビジネス日本語 (Business Japanese)
Japanese History Class

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