

JAPANESE LANGUAGE

COURSE

BEGINNER LEVEL

CEFR Level A1



11 two-hour
sessions per
semester

Prerequisites: A desire to learn a new writing system and different characters. An interest in Japanese language and culture and discovering a foreign country. An active and positive attitude (not afraid to make mistakes in pronunciation or syntax, as mistakes are a source of progress).

General objectives :

- Discover Japanese language and culture.
- Acquire the basics of Japanese writing and pronunciation
- Know the basics of Japanese grammar.

Learning objectives:

- Discover the use of the three types of Japanese characters: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji.
- Learn to read and write all Hiragana, Katakana, and some simple Kanji.
- Learn spoken expressions for greeting people, introducing yourself and explaining simple things.

Teaching methods:

- Progressive learning of new vocabulary words.
- Kanji writing exercises and learning their meanings and usage.
- Acquisition of the basics of Japanese grammar.
- Oral and written exercises to apply lexical and grammatical knowledge.
- Listening to a conversation to try to understand it.

At the end of the course, students will have acquired: Connaissance par cœur des 46 Hiragana et 46 Katakana.

- Be able to read and write Hiragana and Katakana, as well as some simple Kanji.
- Be able to greet people, introduce yourself and explain simple things.
- Understand simple instructions given by the teacher in Japanese.
- Know numbers and figures; know how to tell the time, date, day and age.
- Be able to hold a very simple conversation.
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Teaching materials:

The course will be based on the following textbook: *Minna no Nihongo Shokyû 1 Honsatsu*, Tokyo : 3A Corporation, 2014 (seconde édition). This Japanese language textbook and related volumes (translation and grammar notes, kanji book) are available for consultation in the language library.

Photocopies of the manual will be distributed during class.

Level assessment:

The four skills (CO, EO, CE, EE) will be assessed.