

JAPANESE LANGUAGE

OBJECTIVE:

The goal of this course is for the students to gain knowledge of basic Japanese grammar, and to acquire basic Japanese language skills (listening, speaking, writing, and reading). By the end of this course, the students will be able to communicate short messages on highly predictable, everyday topics that affect them directly. The students will be able to read a limited amount of information from highly predictable texts in which the topic or context is very familiar. They will be able to meet limited basic practical writing needs using lists, short messages, postcards, and simple notes.

PRE-REQUISITES:

The course is built for beginner level, although prior knowledge would help.

OVERVIEW:

Japanese is an East Asian language spoken by about 128 million people, primarily in Japan, where it is the national language. It is a member of the Japonica (or Japanese-Ryukyuan) language family, and its relation to other languages, such as Korean, is debated. Japanese has been grouped with language families such as Ainu, Austroasiatic, and the now-discredited Altaic, but none of these proposals has gained widespread acceptance.

Little is known of the language's prehistory, or when it first appeared in Japan. Chinese documents from the 3rd century recorded a few Japanese words, but substantial texts did not appear until the 8th century.

Why to take this course?

- Gives a better insight and understanding of a new language.
- Makes the learner proficient with the basic LSRW module of the language.

What you will learn in this course?

- Communicative part of the language to help in the communication
- understand the essentials of grammar and syntax;
- understand short texts in the target language
- understand spoken language
- show a range of vocabulary and strategies for dealing with unknown vocabulary

Who this course is for:

- student who are willing to learn a new language

- students who are aiming at higher education abroad
- students seeking for jobs as a translator in the same

Course Outline:

Chapter 1	Learning the alphabets and the letter combinations	5 hours
Chapter 2	Understanding the Greetings	3 hours
Chapter 3	Talking about directions	2 hours
Chapter 4	Simple sentence constructions	2 hours
Chapter 5	Gender/ Number of nouns	2 hours
Chapter 6	Commonly used words	3 hours
Chapter 7	Complex sentence structures	2 hours
Chapter 8	Pronunciation	4 hours
Chapter 9	Grammar	2 hours
Chapter 10	Revision	5 hours