

Japanese

JAPA S-103. Advanced Japanese (CRN: 31511)

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This third-year course is designed to enable students to read modern Japanese with the aid of dictionaries, write essays, understand news or short programs on television and video, and express their thoughts in a formal manner.

JAPA S-Aab. Beginning Japanese (CRN: 30051)

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This introductory course in the basic vocabulary and grammatical patterns of Japanese will emphasize all four language skills--speaking, listening, reading, and writing--and cover hiragana, katakana, and roughly 200 kanji. In class, grammar introduction is followed by pattern drills and conversation practice in smaller sections. This is an intensive course requiring high motivation.

JAPA S-102. Intermediate Japanese (CRN: 30053)

Kiyomi Nakamura MA, Lecturer in Japanese, Stanford University

A second-year course in reading and speaking Japanese to follow JAPA S-Aab, or an equivalent year of elementary Japanese. Emphasis on basic grammar patterns of Japanese. Elementary readings are introduced on various topics drawn from Japanese history, culture, and society. These readings, which are chosen to familiarize students with authentic written Japanese, are supplemented by intensive oral drills and videos on related topics. Approximately 600 kanji are introduced beyond those covered in elementary Japanese. The course is a rigorous one, requiring a substantial time commitment.

JAPA S-C. Practical Japanese (CRN: 30050)

Emi Yamanaka MA, Drill Instructor of Japanese, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University

Basic Japanese conversational skills will be taught for practical use in daily situations such as introducing oneself, shopping, ordering in restaurants, and making travel arrangements. Class time will be devoted to the introduction of basic grammatical patterns, drills, and conversation practice. Reading and writing of hiragana and katakana are introduced. This course is useful for students wishing to travel or do business in Japan or those wanting an introduction to Japanese life through the study of its language.