

Asian Studies Program



Online Summer Program June – July, 2021

What's this program?

Our Asian Studies Program has almost 50 years of experience teaching Japanese language and culture for students from overseas. Although the program has switched to online under the COVID-19 pandemic, over 600 students have participated in the program in the 2020-21 academic year. This coming summer, we will continue to offer the below-mentioned online courses taught by our well-experienced faculty members, that also come with unique opportunities to participate in virtual field trips as well as interactions with local students. Why not take advantage of this great opportunity to further pursue your academic interest in Japan?

Program Summary

Course Title	Japanese Level 1 Japanese Level 2	Learning Kansai Japanese (Kansai Dialect)	Let's Begin Learning Japanese	Introduction to Japanese Culture
Japanese Level	Introductory	Intermediate	Introductory	Taught in English
No. of Lessons	45 lessons	15 lessons	9 lessons	5 lessons
Period	June 14-July 23 (6weeks)	June 28-July 16 (3 weeks)	June 14-July 2 (3 weeks)	June 18-July 16 (5 weeks)
Time Slot (JST)*1	Monday - Friday 9:00am-10:30am 3:00pm-4:30pm	Monday - Friday 9:00am-10:30am	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00am-10:30am 3:00pm-4:30pm	Friday 10:45am-12:15pm 4:40pm-6:10pm
Credits	5 credits	Non-credit*2	Non-credit*2	Non-credit*2
Fee	JPY75,000	JPY30,000	JPY15,000	JPY15,000

*1 9:00am / 10:45am is for the Americas time zones and 3:00pm / 4:40pm is for the EU time zones.

*2 An e-certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course.

Schedule

Application Period : March 8 - April 30

Notification : May 14

Payment Period: May 17 - May 31

Orientation : June 9 Tentative



Course Descriptions

Japanese Level 1 (5 credits)

The first level of Japanese for beginners who have no formal training in the language. This course aims mainly at the development of speaking and listening skills, but also writing in hiragana, katakana and basic kanji. Approximately 300 vocabulary words will be introduced. At the end of the course, successful students will be able to function in Japanese in everyday situations such as making requests, stating reasons, describing things, etc. Also, approximately 40 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 1 through 6 of Genki I second edition.

Learning Kansai Japanese (Kansai dialect) (Non-credit e-certificate)

In the Kansai region where Kansai Gaidai is located, locals speak a different version of Japanese from the so-called hyoujungo, standard Japanese, that students diligently study in classes and textbooks. This dialect is called Kansai-ben, and it contains many differences in accent, grammar, and vocabulary from the standard version. In this course, we will focus on elevating listening ability to understand conversation in Kansai-ben. This course is suitable for those who have an intermediate mastery of Japanese grammar and syntax.

Introduction to Japanese Culture (Non-credit e-certificate)

This course introduces students to methods for observing and understanding another culture. Using these methods, students will learn some of the key values and beliefs that constitute Japanese culture, as well as make comparisons to their own cultural values. Although a non-credit course, the course is designed to be interactive with students actively engaged in class discussions based on selected readings from Learning to Bow, Inside the Heart of Japan and The Japanese Mind. Students will submit a short reflective essay at the end of the course on what they have learned about Japanese culture.

How to Apply

You can reserve your spot by filling out the following application form no later than April 30, 2021. After the submission, we will contact you shortly with more detailed information. If you have any questions, please contact us at kgsummer@kansai-gaidai.ac.jp

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/WhofZtb8Lg4nasBi9>

Japanese Level 2 (5 credits)

The second level of elementary Japanese. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to adequately handle everyday conversation to meet basic communication needs in Japanese, including expressing opinions, and talking about experiences and giving advice. Also, approximately 70 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 6 through 12 of Genki I second edition.

Let's Begin Learning Japanese (Non-credit e-certificate)

This course is for anyone who wants to begin learning Japanese! No prior knowledge of Japanese is required. During the three weeks, we will learn basic greetings and how to hold very short conversations on topics such as a self-introduction, hobbies, your daily life, etc. We will focus mainly on speaking in this course, but a brief introduction to the Japanese writing system will be given as well. Let's begin learning Japanese and have fun exploring the language and culture of Japan this summer!

Eligibility

1. Applicants should be 18-year-old or above and currently enrolled as a degree-seeking student in a college or university
2. Applicants must have studied Japanese previously for [Japanese Level 2] and [Learning Kansai Japanese (Kansai Dialect)].
3. Applicants must have adequate English proficiency for [Introduction to Japanese culture].

Free Live Demo Lesson

Live Japanese level 1 lessons will be held on March 29, April 1, 6 and 8! Reservation 3 days prior to the lesson date is required through the following link in order to receive our invitation link.

Live Demo Lesson Form: <https://forms.gle/Vr9rPcgy9gBJvYwV9>

