

Introduction to the Japanese Language

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[GSP2010 enjoying a night out in town \(picture credit: Nanae Obata\)](#)

The University of Tokyo provides an introductory course for those new to Japan which will both facilitate participation in Japanese society and introduce characteristics of the Japanese language - such as the Japanese writing system, elementary grammar, and communication patterns. With the Japanese language learnt in these classes we hope our students will be able to experience a wider range of Japanese culture. To improve students' Japanese literacy, practical lessons, such as the use of dictionaries, will also be included in this course. This will enable students to continue their study of the language when they return to their home country.

The Center for Japanese Language Education at the University of Tokyo provides an e-learning website through which students should study how to read the *Hiragana* (a Japanese phonetic character system consisting of 46 characters) and numbers up to 100 before coming to Japan. Students will be provided with a password to access restricted e-learning materials for a limited period. Please note that students are only eligible for this course if they are enrolled in other GSP course(s) offered by the University of Tokyo. [Read More >>](#)

Testimonials

"I enjoyed the course a lot and am surprised at how much we learned and are able to understand. All the teachers were extraordinarily nice and helped us a lot."

- 2010 participant from ETH Zurich

"A highly interactive and intensive language course meant for the elementary level. I highly recommend this course to students who want to learn Japanese language in a fun and interactive way."

- 2010 participant from the National University of Singapore

Summer Internship 2011

The University of Tokyo is offering a research internship opportunity for international students. Please visit <http://www.iaruni.org/internships> for more information.

THE BASICS:

Organizer: The Center for Japanese Language Education

Tuition: JPY 29,600

Accommodation:
JPY 85,000

Target audience:
This course is aimed at beginners of the Japanese language.

About the University of Tokyo:

Founded in 1877, the University of Tokyo (Todai) is a prestigious leading university that provides a full spectrum of academic activities which allows students to develop intellectual depth while acquiring professional skills. It has been a supportive collaborator in various IARU initiatives such as the Global Security and Sustainable Cities research projects. The spirit of perseverance towards the creation of a global research and education network distinguishes Todai from its peers. With its belief in the value of providing a varied academic environment, Todai brings an inherent richness of culture in its engagement with the Alliance. For more information, visit: http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html

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