

JAPN1088 Japanese language I (Part 1)

First semester of 2026-27

This introductory course is designed for students who have no prior experience in studying the Japanese language and are interested in pursuing a major or minor in Japanese Studies. We strongly advise students to enroll in all prerequisite courses for the Major in Japanese Studies or Minor in Japanese Language.

If you have prior knowledge of the language, please register for the appropriate placement test, which the details will be available in [SMLC News & Events](#) around mid-August. We reserve the right to drop you from the course or assign a failing grade if we discover that you have prior knowledge of the language. To help you determine if this course is suitable for you, please refer to **Appendix 1** below.

Year 2 students must declare their major/minor before submitting their course application. Any changes made to your major/minor declaration after receiving approval may result in the revocation of your initial approval.

Upon approval for this course, you will be required to complete an online survey about your language-learning background. Failure to complete the survey or concealing your language-learning background may result in the revocation of your approval.

Regardless of your approval status, you are advised to attend all classes from the first week if you intend to take this course.

We will be **unable** to respond to individual inquiries regarding your application status, result, reasoning for disapproval, or any appeals for reconsideration after being disapproved. However, you may continue to re-apply until the add/drop period ends, and there is still a possibility of approval, though it is not guaranteed.

This course does not support a "Late Drop" after the add/drop period. Therefore, please make a thoughtful decision about committing to the course before the add/drop period ends.

Skill class (Tutorial) registration

JAPN1088 also provides students with one Skill class in addition to two Grammar classes per week. The skill class will start in **the week of September 7, 2026.**

1) Registration Period

Please follow the path below and sign up for the skill class from **9 AM, September 4 to 4 PM, September 15, 2026.** Places will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Login in Portal → go to 'My service' → click 'My eLearning' → Tutorial Sign-up → Click the 'Register' hyperlink and access to choose tutorial groups.

2) Schedule

Class	Day	Time
Skill A (001)	MON	12:00 – 13:50
Skill B (002)	MON	15:00 – 16:50
Skill C (003)	TUE	12:00 – 13:50

Skill D (004)	TUE	15:00 – 16:50
Skill E (005)	THU	10:00 – 11:50
Skill F (006)	THU	12:00 – 13:50
Skill G (007)	THU	14:00 – 15:50
Skill H (008)	FRI	10:00 – 11:50
Skill I (009)	FRI	12:00 – 13:50

The schedule is subject to change. Please check the schedule and venue on Portal again when it is close to the registration period.

Appendix-1

JAPN1088 For complete beginners

- Cover textbook: Minna no Nihhongo (大家的日本語：初級 1): Chapters 1-10
- A list of levels of the Japanese core language courses is posted on the online registration for the placement test. If you have prior knowledge of the Japanese language, please check which test is suitable for you before signing up. For more details of the placement test, please refer to the School website.