



The Japan Foundation & SOAS Language and Culture Course

> **Beginner Level**

こんにちは！
konnichiwa!

(Hello!)



いっしょに
いきませんか。
isshoni
ikimasen ka?

(Shall we
go together?)



もういちど
おねがいます
moo ichido onegaishimasu

(Could you
repeat that,
please?)



**Learn practical
Japanese skills
for real-life
communication!**

Every Tuesday, 19:00 - 21:00
Term 1 15 Jan - 26 Mar 2013
Term 2 23 Apr - 25 Jun 2013

Course Leaders: Dr Seiji Fukushima (Term 1) and Ms Hiroko Tanaka (Term 2), Japanese Language Advisors at the Japan Foundation London

Course Tutor: Mr Shin Okajima, SOAS Language Centre

Venue: The School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London

Course Fee: £250 per term, plus £20 for course textbook and materials

The Japan Foundation & SOAS Language and Culture Course (Beginner Level) is a new kind of course for absolute beginners (JF Standard for Japanese Language Education* A1 Breakthrough) of Japanese. It is based on the JF Standard for Japanese Language Education, rather than traditional methods of language education that focus on grammar and sentence structure. The aim of the course will be to use Japanese language skills to get to know people, visit restaurants and take part in many other Japan-related events. **At the end of every lesson, participants will be able to perform specific, practical tasks in Japanese.**

The course will not focus on language alone; learning Japanese culture will also be an important element in the lessons. The course will incorporate **videos, games and media** that will help you to learn about Japan, in addition to **social networking services** such as Facebook to give you the opportunity to use your new Japanese skills outside of the classroom. You will also be given exclusive access to the supplementary **Marugoto Plus Japanese Learning website**. Participants of this course will even be eligible for **temporary full membership of the Japan Foundation London Library** for the duration of the term they are enrolled in and will be able to borrow resources from its collection of over 9,000 Japanese language education textbooks and other learning materials.

This course is perfect for absolute beginners of Japanese who would like to use their new language skills in practical situations, and to really connect with Japanese society.

* The JF Standard for Japanese Language Education is a measure of language competence, based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) that uses Japanese language education as a tool to take part in social events and widen the world view of participants. A1 Breakthrough level is first and most basic level of JF Standard; please see overleaf for details.

> **Booking details available at www.soas.ac.uk/languagecentre**

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Course Timetable

The course is made up of 11 sessions in Term 1, followed by 10 sessions in Term 2. If there are spaces available, it might be possible to join the course from Term 2. However, we will give priority to participants who take part in Term 1.

TERM 1	
15 th January 2013 – 26 th March 2013 (every Tuesday)	
Session	Topic
1	Orientation
2	Japanese
3	
4	Myself
5	
6	Food
7	
8	House
9	
10	Daily life
11	

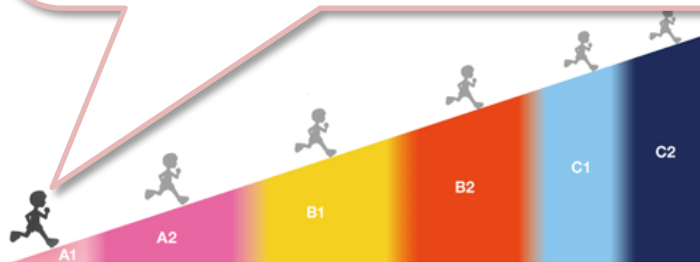
Participants will be invited to go to a Japanese restaurant during the course to try out their new Japanese skills.

TERM 2	
23 rd April 2013 – 25 th June 2013 (every Tuesday)	
Session	Topic
1	Review
2	Holiday 1
3	
4	Town
5	
6	Shopping
7	
8	Holiday 2
9	
10	Review and test

Participants will be invited to attend a Japan-related event during the course to try out their new Japanese skills.

About JF Standard A1: Basic (Breakthrough level)

- ✓ Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions in order to achieve practical tasks.
- ✓ Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has.
- ✓ Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.



All participants will be given exclusive access to the supplementary **Marugoto Plus Japanese Learning** website ▶



◀ This course uses **Marugoto Coursebook for Activities**, a new textbook published by the Japan Foundation.



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