

PAAS138: Intensive Beginner Japanese I

PAAS238: Intensive Beginner Japanese II

PAAS338: Intermediate Japanese

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Course description:

We offer Japanese-language courses **from PAAS138 to PAAS 338** in an intensive format. That means that each course meets 2 hours per day and 3 times per week. When you successfully finish each level, you will gain 3 units, as well as gaining the ability to speak with increasing confidence and sophistication with new friends from Japan. Each course includes practices in the four language skills; reading, writing, speaking, and listening.



PAAS138 is the course for those of you who have never studied Japanese before. It starts with the basics: from how to read and write Japanese letters, to simple sentences and vocabulary—but, by using these simple sentence patterns, by the end of term, you'll be able to talk about yourself, your family, and your daily activities. By the end of **PAAS338**, you will be comfortable with the basic Japanese sentence patterns and will build a strong foundation for more complex patterns and expressions and be ready to challenge yourself to deal with authentic materials from Japan. You'll be ready to talk about a wide range of issues in Japanese, to travel, to write emails, and even to start reading short stories and other work.

If you are not sure which level is the right place for you to start, you can contact our Japanese Language Placement Coordinator, Dr. Mamoru Hatakeyama, and we'll be happy to discuss about your placement.

Evaluation :

We use various types of evaluation formats to evaluate students. Those include following tasks.

- Quizzes (including oral and aural quizzes)
- Mid-Term Exam & Final Exam (may be replaced by Big Quizzes)
- Assignments
- Skit
- Composition Writing
- Attendance

Textbooks used:

Banno, Eri, Yoko Ikeda, Yutaka Ohno, Chikako Shinagawa, and Kyoko Tokashiki.

Genki vol.1: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (third edition), The Japan Times.

Genki vol.1: Workbook (third edition), The Japan Times

Genki vol.2: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (third edition), The Japan Times.

Genki vol.2: Workbook (third edition), The Japan Times

* If you buy used textbooks, please make sure to buy the *third edition*.