

Hikari Japanese Academy

Japanese Course Offerings

Adult Courses

Total Japanese is the foundation course of Hikari Japanese Academy. Students learn the Japanese language comprehensively, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as Japanese culture and history as needed. Courses include **Elementary**, **Intermediate** and **Advanced** levels.

Japanese Conversation is designed for students who want to focus on Japanese conversation skills, rather than reading and writing. The course does not teach how to read and write Japanese, but uses textbooks written in English and *Romanized* Japanese.

Japanese-For-Travel is designed for students with no Japanese experience who are planning on traveling to Japan in the near future and want to speak some Japanese there. It is a 6-week course, and focuses on 'Japanese conversation for travel' rather than reading Japanese. The six lessons are based on six situations that foreign travelers will encounter. The course is not regularly offered.

JLPT Preparation Course is designed for students who are planning on taking the JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test). The test is offered once a year in December in the United States. This preparation course is typically offered in the Fall Quarter.

Youth Courses

Japanese for Teens is designed for motivated students aged 14 to 18. Students will learn hiragana, katakana, sentence construction and conversation. In addition, students will explore Japanese contemporary culture and are encouraged to participate in the annual Pasadena-Mishima Youth Exchange Program. Classes meet two weekdays per week for 30 to 45 minutes. Students also plan their own gatherings and activities.

Let's Learn Japanese! is designed for motivated youth aged 9 to 13. Students will learn hiragana, katakana, basic sentence structure and conversation. In addition, students will explore Japanese popular culture through weekly Japanese videos and activities. Classes meet two weekdays per week for 30 to 45 minutes. Class gatherings and field trips are also planned on weekends.