



Japanese Language Course

Presented by the Centre for Japanese Studies, University of Pretoria

Course dates: 9 March–22 June 2017
Venue: HPC Auditorium

Class times: Thursday evenings from
18:00 to 20:00

From the delicacies of eating sushi and drinking tea, to the legends of brave samurais and beautiful geishas – whether you are looking to learn Japanese for the purpose of business, travel or personal use – the **Japanese Language Course** will provide you with the practical knowledge and skills you need to communicate efficiently in this exotic language. Presented throughout structured modules, you can either gain a basic understanding of the language or continue to broaden your understanding of the language and culture with more advanced training.

With the focus on the practical use of the language and cultural awareness, you will learn the Japanese characters – the *hiragana* and *katakana* – for writing and reading, with the addition of approximately 30 Chinese characters (*kanjis*). You will also go on to develop basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Japanese through various material and activities such as origami and wearing yukata that will expose you to both traditional and contemporary Japanese cultures and societies.

Course content

Topics

- Greetings and introductions
- Asking and giving personal information
- The time
- Shopping (basic concepts)
- Ordering at a restaurant
- Describing daily routines
- Making plans for the weekend
- Inviting somebody to do something

Grammar

- Introduction to the Japanese writing system
- *Hiragana/katakana*
- 30 *kanjis*
- Japanese pronunciation
- Word order
- *Ko/so/a/do* system
- Time expressions
- Particle *ni/de/to*
- Verbs with particle *o/ni*

Culture

- Understanding some practical culture differences
- Introducing traditional and contemporary cultures

Learning outcomes

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to

- execute *hiragana* and *katakana* in reading and writing
- demonstrate the use of approximately 30 *kanji*-characters
- develop basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Japanese, and

- get to know both traditional and contemporary Japanese cultures and societies through various materials (videos, quizzes, etc.) and activities (origami, wearing *yukata*, etc.).

This course requires disciplined study habits and compulsory class participation.

Who should enrol?

This course is ideal for you if you are keen to learn Japanese as a foreign language whether you are a participant in the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, have prospective business dealings with Japanese companies/organisations or if you are a student participating or interested in an exchange programme to Japan.

Course fees

Student fee: R2 500.00 (VAT incl.)
(Proof of 2017 registration required.)
Professional/public fee: R6 000.00 (VAT incl.)
Course fees include all course material for use during contact sessions.

Course fees must be paid in full 14 days prior to course start dates. Proof of payment can be submitted to enrolments@enterprises.up.ac.za.

Admission requirements

Prospective delegates should at least have a National Senior Certificate (Grade 12) and/or relevant work experience. Delegates who do not adhere to the minimum requirements will be considered upon submission of a motivation for enrolment.

Accreditation and certification

Enterprises University of Pretoria (Pty) Ltd is wholly owned by the University of Pretoria. The University is registered as a multipurpose, public training provider in the higher education and training band. Delegates who successfully complete a course and comply with the related assessment criteria are awarded certificates by the University in recognition of their professional skills development.

Registration and enrolments

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