



Learn Japanese (にほんご/日本語)

SPRING 2026 (Early March 2026 - Mid June 2026)

Do you like anime? If so, studying Japanese opens up a whole new world for you to fully appreciate the depth and nuances of this unique form of entertainment. Beyond anime, the Japanese language provides access to rich cultural experiences, from exploring centuries-old traditions like tea ceremonies and martial arts, to discovering modern advancements in technology and fashion. Whether you are fascinated by pop culture or seeking personal and professional growth, studying Japanese will empower you to connect with a vibrant society, leading to endless opportunities and personal enrichment.

LaGuardia Community College offers Japanese courses at various levels. See the back of this page for the Fall 2024 schedule. For more information or questions, contact Prof. Tomonori Nagano at 🏢 B-234FF / ✉ tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu / 📞 718-482-5484 or visit 🌐 <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/>.

ELJ101: Elementary Japanese 1 (3 credits/4 hours)

- For beginners of Japanese language
- Learn Hiragana & Katakana and some basic language structures
- Aiming at the ACTFL Proficiency Novice-Mid (see 📄 <https://bit.ly/3RWTdbU>)
- Schedule
 - No in-person meeting (ELJ101.0357 (07252) / online asynchronous)
 - Tue & Thur 1:00-3:15pm (ELJ101.0359 (08653) / hybrid async)
 - Mon 5:45-7:55pm (ELJ101.5232 (07254) / online synch)
 - Sat 10:30-2:00pm (ELJ101.5211 (8356) / hybrid async)
- Schedule (Winter: early Jan to late Feb 2026)
 - No in-person meeting (ELJ101.7376 (10092) / online asynchronous)
 - Mon, Tue & Wed 10:30-12:45pm (ELJ101.7375 (08590) / hybrid synch)

ELJ102: Elementary Japanese 2 (3 credits/4 hours)

- Continuation of ELJ101 (ELJ101 or the placement exam is prerequisite)
- Learn about 50 kanji and varieties of language structures
- Aiming at the ACTFL Proficiency Novice-Mid to Novice-High (see 📄 <https://bit.ly/45vfMaQ>)
- Schedule
 - Tue & Thur 1:00-3:15pm (ELJ102.0360 (09568) / in-person)
 - Mon 5:45pm-7:55pm (ELJ102.5235 (07289) / hybrid async)

ELJ103: Intermediate Japanese 1 (3 credits/4 hours)

- Continuation of ELJ102 (ELJ102 or the placement exam is prerequisite)
- Learn various language structures and more kanji characters (75-100 more kanji)
- Write 400- to 600-character compositions in Japanese
- Aiming at JLPT level N4/5 or ACTFL Proficiency Novice-High (see 📄 <https://bit.ly/45vfMaQ>)
- Schedule
 - Tue 1:00pm-3:15pm (ELJ103.0361 (08652) / hybrid async)

ELJ104: Intermediate Japanese 2 (3 credits/4 hours)

- Continuation of ELJ103 (ELJ103 or the placement exam is prerequisite)
- Learn various language structures and more kanji characters
- Write a substantial amount of short (400-600-character) essays every week
- Aiming at JLPT level N4 or ACTFL Novice-High to Inter-Low (see 📄 <https://bit.ly/45v6xal>)
- Schedule
 - Mon & Wed 5:45-7:55pm (ELJ104.5243 (08146) / in-person)

ELJ250: Japanese literature in translation (3 credits)

- ENG101 is prerequisite (no knowledge in Japanese is necessary)
- Read and critically analyze modern Japanese literature in English translation
- See more information at <https://lagccml.github.io/#japanese>
- Schedule
 - Thur 5:45pm-7:55pm (ELJ250.5239 (08651) / hybrid async)

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- 🐦 **Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/JapaneseLaGCC>