



Learn Japanese (にほんご/日本語)

FALL 2026 (Mon, September 14 - Sun, December 20, 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 art 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 2026 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/>. The Modern Language Lab in B-206 is open for prospective students who are interested in exploring Japanese and other language courses.

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://t-nagano.link/GZTym>)
- Schedule
 - No in-person meeting (ELJ101.0323 (03273) / online asynchronous)
 - Tue & Thur 1:00-3:15pm (ELJ101.0324 (02206) / hybrid async)
 - Mon 5:45-7:55pm (ELJ101.5210 (02207) / online synch)
 - Sat 10:30-2:00pm (ELJ101.5211 (03271) / hybrid async)
- Schedule (Winter: Jan 4 to Feb 24 2027)
 - No in-person meeting (ELJ101.xxxx (xxxxx) / online asynchronous)
 - Mon, Tue & Wed 10:30-12:45pm (ELJ101.7504 ((03272)) / 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://t-nagano.link/GZTym>)
- Schedule
 - Tue & Thur 1:00-3:15pm (ELJ102.5213 (03405) / in-person)

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://t-nagano.link/GZTym>)
- Schedule
 - Tue 1:00pm-3:15pm (ELJ103.5214 (03331) / 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://t-nagano.link/GZTym>)
- Schedule
 - No section in Fall 2026

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.xxxx (xxxxx) / hybrid async)

Starting in the 2026-2027 academic year, ELJ103 will be offered only in fall and ELJ104 will be only in spring. Please carefully plan your schedule with this new schedule cycle in mind.

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- 🌐 **Website:** <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/>
- 🌐 **Blog:** <https://chrysanthemum.commons.gc.cuny.edu>
- 🌐 **Discord:** <https://discord.gg/5nCUjte57>
- 🐦 **Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/JapaneseLaGCC>