

# The Japan Foundation & SOAS Language and Culture Course

## Beginner Level

こんにちは！  
konnichiwa!

(Hello!)



どこに  
すんで いますか。  
dokoni sunde  
imasu ka?

(Where do  
you live?)



(It's delicious!)

おいしいです！  
oishii desu!



**Learn practical  
Japanese skills for  
real-life communication!**

Every Thursday, 19:00 - 21:00

**Term 1** 9th October 2014 – 11th December 2014

**Term 2** 15th January 2015 – 19th March 2015

**Term 3** 23rd April 2015 – 23rd June 2015

**Course Leader:** Mr Shinichiro Okajima, SOAS Language Centre    **Venue:** SOAS, University of London

**Course Fee:** £330 per term, including course textbook and materials

**The Japan Foundation & SOAS Language and Culture Course (Beginner Level)** is a new kind of course for absolute beginners (JF Standard for Japanese Language Education A1 Breakthrough) of Japanese. It is based on the JF Standard for Japanese Language Education, rather than traditional methods of language education that focus on grammar and sentence structure. The aim of the course will be to use Japanese language skills to get to know people, visit restaurants and take part in many other Japan-related events. **At the end of every lesson, participants will be able to perform specific, practical tasks in Japanese.**

The course will not focus on language alone; learning Japanese culture will also be an important element in the lessons. The course will incorporate **videos, games and media** that will help you to learn about Japan and to give you the opportunity to use your new Japanese skills outside of the classroom. You will also have access to the supplementary **MARUGOTO+ Japanese Learning website**.

*"I liked the pace of the course and was surprised we learned hiragana and katakana [Japanese writing] so quickly. As it was an introductory course, I felt the balance was right for people who were complete beginners and self-studying students like myself who had a little bit of language under my belt already. I certainly feel, after learning about ordering food, that I would be able to do this in Japan."* - JP Rutter, former course participant.

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## Course Timetable

The course is made up three Terms, and each term has 10 sessions. If there are spaces available, it might be possible to join the course from Term 2 or Term 3. However, we will give priority to participants who take part in Term 1.

TERM 1: 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 – 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	
Session	Topic
1	Japanese
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4	Myself
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7	Food
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Participants will be invited to go to a Japanese restaurant during the course to try out their new Japanese skills.

TERM 2: 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 – 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	
Session	Topic
1	House
2	
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4	Daily Life
5	
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7	Holidays and Days Off 1
8	
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Participants will be invited to attend a Japan-related event during the course to try out their new Japanese skills.

TERM 3: 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2015 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2015	
Session	Topic
1	Towns
2	
3	
4	Shopping
5	
6	
7	Holidays and Days Off 2
8	
9	
10	Review

Participants will be invited to go to a Japanese restaurant during the course to try out their new Japanese skills.



This course uses **Marugoto Coursebooks for Activities and Competences**, a new textbook series published by the Japan Foundation.

> Booking details available at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/languagecentre/languages/japanese>



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