



# STUDY GUIDE

## *Introduction to Japanese Language & Culture*

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## 1. IDENTIFYING DATA.

· Course Name.	<i>Introduction to the Japanese Language &amp; Culture</i>
· Coordinating University.	<i>Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France</i>
· Partner Universities Involved.	<i>None</i>
· Course Field(s).	<i>Language</i>
· Related Study Programme.	<i>NA</i>
· ISCED Code.	<i>0230-Languages</i>
· SDG.	<i>NA</i>
· Study Level.	<i>Open to Bachelor (B), Master (M) or Doctorate (D) students</i>

· Number of ECTS credits allocated.	<i>2 ECTS credits</i>
· Mode of Delivery.	<i>Online live</i>
· Language of Instruction.	<i>English and Japanese</i>
· Course Dates.	<i>27/02, 6/03, 13/03, 20/03, 27/03, 3/04, 10/04, 24/04, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 5/06</i>
· Schedule of the course.	<i>18h (12x1h30)</i>
· Key Words.	<i>Japanese Language, Japanese culture, Foreign language learning</i>
· Catchy Phrase.	<i>Unlock Japan: Dive into Japanese language and culture in an engaging, beginner-friendly class!</i>

· Prerequisites and co-requisites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Have at least B2 level in English</i></li> <li>- <i>Have an interest in Japan and/or learning a new language</i></li> <li>- <i>Previous knowledge of Japanese language is not required</i></li> </ul>
· Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course.	<i>20</i>
· Course inscription procedure(s).	<i>EUNICE web site</i>

## 2. CONTACT DETAILS.

· Department.	<i>UPHF IRO</i>
· Name of Lecturer.	<i>Estelle LE MEUR</i>
· E-mail.	<a href="mailto:Estelle.lemeur@uphf.fr"><i>Estelle.lemeur@uphf.fr</i></a>
· Other Lecturers.	<i>None</i>



### 3. COURSE CONTENT.

- *Japanese Writing Systems: Introduction to Hiragana, Katakana, and basic Kanji.*
- *Pronunciation: Japanese sounds, vowel/consonant practice, basic greetings.*
- *Basic Grammar: Simple sentence structure, particles, present-tense verbs.*
- *Everyday Vocabulary: Numbers, days, common expressions.*
- *Politeness and Essential Phrases: Self-introductions, polite vs. informal speech.*
- *Cultural Insights: Basic Japanese manners and social norms.*

### 4. LEARNING OUTCOMES.

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- *Read and Write Kana (Hiragana and Katakana)*
- *Engage in Basic Conversations for introductions and daily interactions.*
- *Apply Simple Grammar and polite speech forms.*
- *Understand Japanese Culture basics.*

### 5. OBJECTIVES.

- *Familiarize students with Japanese basics in writing, speaking, and grammar.*
- *Equip students with essential phrases for daily conversation.*
- *Provide insights into Japanese culture to enrich language learning.*

### 6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

#### UNITS

1.	<i>Introduction to Japanese writing systems</i>
2.	<i>Basic vocabulary</i>
3.	<i>Introduction to katakana</i>
4.	<i>Basic grammar, introducing yourself</i>
5.	<i>Numbers and time</i>
6.	<i>Useful expressions</i>
7.	<i>Talking about your family</i>
8.	<i>Japanese etiquette, politeness and related vocabulary</i>
9.	<i>Introduction to Kanji</i>
10.	<i>Asking for directions</i>



11.	<i>Exam</i>
12.	<i>Japanese culture</i>
<b>LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS.</b>	
<p><i>All learning tools will be given during each classes.</i>  <i>Students can also check out the following websites:</i>  <a href="https://jisho.org/">https://jisho.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.tofugu.com/learn-japanese/">https://www.tofugu.com/learn-japanese/</a>  <a href="https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/">https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/</a></p>	
<b>PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS.</b>	
<p><i>Individual exercises</i>  <i>Peer practice</i>  <i>Group work</i></p>	

<b>7. ASSESSMENT METHODS, CRITERIA AND PERIOD.</b>
<p><i>Students will have a written exam during sessions 4 and 8.</i>  <i>The final exam in session 11 will be an oral exam in the form of a dialogue in pairs or groups.</i></p>
<b>OBSERVATIONS.</b>

<b>8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.</b>
<i>Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese</i>

