



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme – STEP INTO 2023/24

Course title: Step into Japanese – online

Dates/Times:

Wednesdays, 18:30-19:30, from w/c 29th April (10 weeks, except 29th May)

Course descriptor/objectives

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for motivated 6th formers who wish to explore Japanese for the first time.

By the end of this 10-week course (10 hours) participants will be able to:

- introduce themselves and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor, who is DBS-checked, is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

There are around 124,000,000 native speakers of Japanese and it is the national language of Japan. As

a language isolate, Japanese syntax and phonology is very different from other languages. No other country uses Japanese as a first language, although there are many Japanese communities across the world.

The writing system makes use of two syllabaries: Hiragana for pure Japanese words and Katakana for borrowed words. Both syllabaries are used together with Kanji, which is composed of characters from Chinese. The written language is also closely tied to iconic elements of Japanese culture such as manga and possibly the first ever novel: The Tale of the Genji.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for motivated 6th formers, i.e. post-16 students still in secondary education, who wish to explore Japanese for the first time.

Technical requirements:

- PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone
- Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams
Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Will be provided by the teacher

Fee:

6th form students (post-16) only: £80

Booking via the university's [online store](#)

Attendance certificate:

Students will receive a certificate of attendance on the completion of the course, if they have had 80% or higher attendance.