



The Summer Japanese Language Program 2026

The Summer Japanese Language Program will be held at the University of Sarajevo in September 2026.

The Program offers the opportunity to learn Japanese language and culture with the aim to contribute to the building of friendship between the people of BiH, its neighboring countries and Japan. The Program is organised within the framework of a collaborative agreement between the University of Sarajevo, BiH and Sophia University (上智大学), Tokyo, Japan.

Program Overview and Course Schedule

The Program is practice-oriented and provides participants with the opportunity to experience Japanese culture. It offers 3 courses of different levels from very beginners to more advanced. Each course consists of 9 classes over the period of 3 weeks. The 4 graduate students specialised in Japanese language pedagogy from Japan will teach these courses. Please see details of each course below.

From 1st September To 20th September 2026.



◆ Time Table

	S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
Beginner A・B ★Momoka★				A 17:30~18:40 B 18:50~20:00		A 17:30~18:40 B 18:50~20:00	A' 10:00~11:10 B' 11:20~12:30
Upper-Beginner/Intermediate C・D ★Chisa★				C 17:30~18:40 D 18:50~20:00		C 17:30~18:40 D 18:50~20:00	C' 10:00~11:10 D' 11:20~12:30
Upper-Intermediate/Advanced E・F ★E: Momoka★ ★F: Chisa★				E,F 16:10~17:20		E,F 16:10~17:20	E',F' 13:30~15:00

◆ Course Description

- ・Beginner A, B *Wednesdays and Fridays*
- ・Beginner A', B' *Saturdays*

This course is for **absolute beginners who want to learn both the basic Japanese writing system and everyday conversation.** Students will study Hiragana and Katakana thoroughly, including reading and writing practice. They will also be introduced to simple Kanji with furigana (small Kana characters showing pronunciation). Along with language learning, students will enjoy cultural activities like origami, Japanese sweets tasting, and traditional games. **The classes will be conducted in Japanese and English.**

- ・Upper-Beginner/Intermediate C, D *Wednesdays and Fridays*
- ・Upper-Beginner/Intermediate C', D' *Saturdays*

This course is for **beginners who want to start learning simple Japanese conversation with very easy and basic expressions.** The focus is on listening and speaking everyday Japanese in a simple way. Students will be introduced to Hiragana and Katakana, but reading and writing are not required at this stage. Kanji will be lightly introduced without furigana, mainly to familiarize students with basic shapes and characters. Cultural activities like origami, Japanese sweets tasting, and traditional games will also be included to make learning fun and engaging. **The classes will be conducted in Japanese and English.**

- **Upper-Intermediate/Advanced E, F Wednesdays and Fridays**
- **Upper-Intermediate/Advanced E', F' Saturdays**

This course is designed **for students whose Japanese level is upper-beginner to intermediate**. This course aims to improve speaking and listening skills. Students will learn Japanese phrases used in ordinary situations through conversational practices. The topic of each lesson will be Japanese culture, customs, college life, and so on. We can arrange the topic to your needs, requests, and interests. The knowledge of the Japanese writing system (ひらがな) is required. Other writing forms (カタカナ&漢字) are not required, but we are likely to touch on daily uses of them such as for names and places.

The classes will be conducted mostly in Japanese.

※Courses will be offered on both weekdays and weekends with the same contents considering participants' availability.

**In addition to Japanese lessons,
Japanese cultural events will also be held♪**



◆Online Time Table

	S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
Beginner 【G】	10:00-11:30 Kondo						10:00-11:30 Kondo
Upper-Beginner /Intermediate 【H】	13:30-15:00 Kondo						13:30-15:00 Kondo
Upper-Intermediate /Advanced 【I】						13:00-14:30 Serita	13:00-14:30 Serita

◆ Online Course Description

- **Beginner Class 【G】**
Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00–11:30

This class is for students who have never learned Japanese before. You will start by learning basic Japanese phrases for everyday conversations, as well as hiragana (e.g., あいうえお). In addition to learning Japanese, you will also learn about Japanese culture, daily life, cities, food, and more. I can also adjust some of the cultural topics based on your interests. Students with a little experience learning Japanese are also welcome, including those who have studied Japanese for less than six months. The class will be conducted in English and held on Zoom.

- **Upper-beginner Class 【H】**

Saturdays and Sundays, 13:30–15:00

This class is suitable for students who already know some hiragana and katakana and have a basic understanding of Japanese. The main goal of the course is to improve your speaking and listening skills. You will learn useful Japanese expressions for everyday situations through conversation practice. In addition to learning Japanese, you will also learn about Japanese culture, daily life, cities, food, and more. I can also adjust some of the cultural topics based on your interests. The class will be conducted in English and held on Zoom.

- **Upper Intermediate／Advanced Class 【I】**

Fridays and Saturdays, 13:00–14:30

The goal is to help students communicate smoothly and interact confidently in real-life social situations in Japan. The course is designed for students who are interested in a short- to medium-term stay in Japan in the future. Students will practice practical conversations for situations they may encounter in daily life. For example, lessons may cover studying abroad, working part-time, and participating in an internship at a company. But very welcome to learners just for intercultural exchange too. Current news topics will also be included. Students will develop the ability to express their own opinions on topics that interest them. Lessons can be arranged according to each student's needs and interests. The level and difficulty of the class will be adjusted after discussing each student's goals and preferences, so please feel free to join it. **The classes will be conducted in Japanese and English and held on Zoom.**

Meet the Teachers!

A Warm Welcome from Sophia University(☒Ⓜ > ˘ < Ⓜ)✧♡

This September, 4 Japanese teachers will come to Sarajevo from Sophia University.
We all are looking forward to seeing you and having a wonderful time with you!



下田 百花
Momoka Shimoda

こんにちは！A・B・Eコースを担当するMOMOです！
私は食べることに料理をすることが大好きです。サラエボの美味しい食べ物をぜひたくさん教えてください！また、アニメも好きなので、みなさんと一緒にアニメについてお話しできるのを楽しみにしています。
授業では、たくさん日本語を使って楽しく勉強しましょう！みなさんとサラエボでお会いできることを楽しみにしています。
よろしくお願いします！

Hello! My name is MOMO, and I will be teaching the A,B,E courses.
I love eating delicious food and cooking, so please tell me about your favorite foods and restaurants in Sarajevo! I also enjoy watching anime, and I would love to talk about it with you.
Let's have fun learning Japanese together and use as much Japanese as we can in class. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in Sarajevo!
Nice to meet you!



麻生 知佐
Chisa Aso

みなさんこんにちは！
B・C・Fコースを教えます、ちさです！
音楽が大好きで、旅行と食べることが好きです。
昔、茶道と書道をやっていました。
みなさんにも、日本の文化や伝統についてお話しできたらと思っています。
サラエボに行くのは初めてなので、とても楽しみにしています！
よろしくお願いします！
Hello everyone!
I'm Chisa, and I'll be teaching the B,C,F courses.
I love music, traveling, and trying different kinds of food.
I used to practice the Japanese traditional arts of tea ceremony and calligraphy.
I would be happy to share Japanese culture and traditions with you.
This is my first time in Sarajevo, so I'm very excited to be there.
I'm looking forward to seeing you all!





はじめまして、近藤穂香です。オンラインで初級と初中級のクラスを担当します。趣味は刺繍です。皆さんと日本語で話せるのを楽しみにしています。

My name is Honoka Kondo, and I will be teaching the beginner and upper-beginner online Japanese classes. I love embroidery, and I'm looking forward to talking with all of you in Japanese.

近藤 穂香
Honoka Kondo



芹田 綾乃
Ayano Serita

はじめまして。芹田綾乃です。みなさまと一緒に学習することを楽しみにしています。オンラインで中上級を担当します。出版社での勤務経験が長いです。和食からエスニックフードまで、食べることが大好きです。日本の食文化とともに、今の日本人がどのように働いているか、企業文化などもお伝えしたいとおもいます。

My name is Ayano Serita. I am very much looking forward to learning together with all of you. I will be teaching Intermediate/Advanced Class.

I have many years of experience working in the publishing industry.

I enjoy many kinds of food, especially Japanese food and ethnic cuisine.

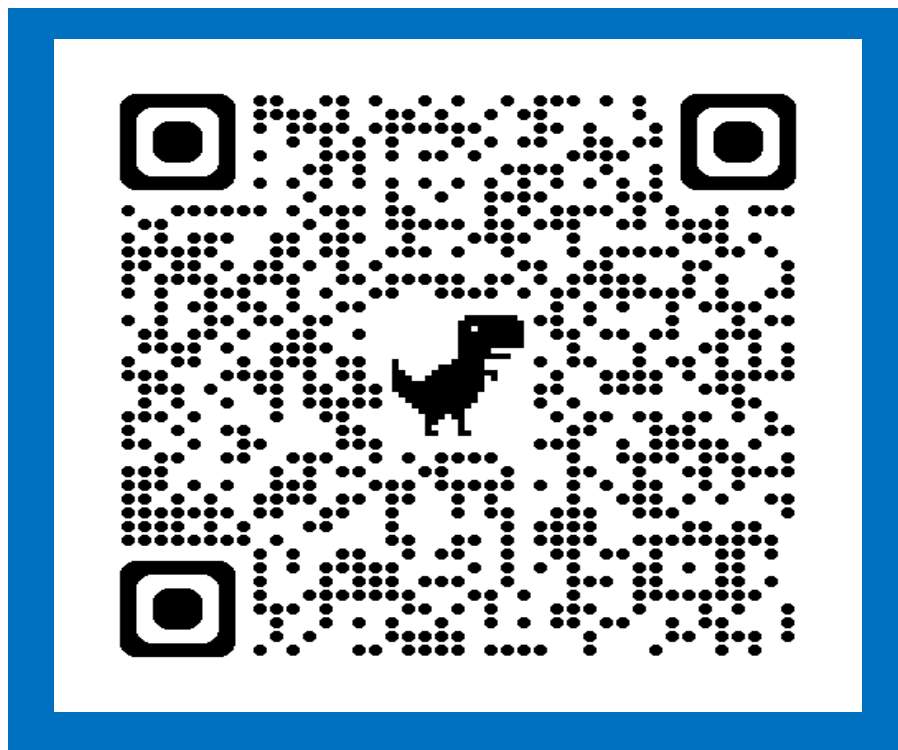
I hope I can share many aspects of Japan with you, including its food culture, today's working styles, and company culture.

◆ Registration

Please fill out an application form from URL below or this QR code.



Face to Face: <https://forms.gle/AE4ZVt3PzcYUP4pt5>



Online: <https://forms.gle/1sYjgioLQiesAnfd9>

Applications must be submitted no later than **15th of August.**

※ Please use G-mail as possible as you can.

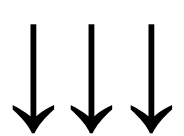
◆ Course fee

All Class is **free.**



◆ How to contact us

If you have any questions, please contact us at this Gmail address below.



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