

The Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, are pleased to announce that a Japanese language course, taught by a native Japanese speaker and a local teacher, will be offered to the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 2021/ 2022 academic year.

**Duration and Dates:** October 2021 – June 2022 (Final test and Presentation Day will be held outside of the schedule)

1st semester: 4 October 2021 – 14 January 2022

2nd semester: 21 February 2022 - 10 June 2022

**Groups and schedule:** Please see also Course Description below.

**- Introductory Course of Japanese Language and Culture**

Wednesdays 17:50-19:20, and Fridays 19:30-21:00

**- Main Course**

**Level 1 class (Entry level course)**

Mondays 17:50–19:20, and Wednesdays 19:30–21:00

**Level 2 class**

**(Students should have equivalent knowledge to the GENKI-1 textbook, Ch. 1–8)**

Tuesdays 19:30–21:00, and Fridays 17:50–19:20

**Level 3 class**

**(Students should have equivalent knowledge to the GENKI-1 and GENKI-2 Ch. 13-16)**

Tuesdays 17:50–19:20, and Thursdays 19:30–21:00

**Level 4 class**

**(Students should have equivalent knowledge to the textbooks GENKI-1, 2 and TOBIRA Ch. 1–3)**

Mondays 19:30–21:00, and Thursdays 17:50-19:20

**-Advanced class**

**(Students should have completed Level 4 class or have equivalent knowledge to JLPT N4 level.)**

Wednesdays 19:30-21:00, and Fridays 19:30-21:00

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17:50- 19:20 (Group - teacher)	<b>Level 1 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Level 3 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Introductory-</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Level 4 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Level 2 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya
19:30- 21:00 (Group - teacher)	<b>Level 4 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Level 2 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Level 1 -</b> Ines Hadžović  <b>Advanced -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Level 3 -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya	<b>Advanced -</b> Nozomi Miyanoya  <b>Introductory-</b> Ines Hadžović

**Total number of hours (per group):**

1st semester: 90 minutes x 30 sessions

2nd semester: 90 minutes x 30 sessions

**\*The above schedules may be subject to change.**

**Place:** Faculty of Philosophy (Franje Račkog 1). Course may be held ONLINE and it depends on COVID-19 situation. Students will be given full information in due time.

**Fee:** 300 BAM for the academic year.

Payment should be made to the Faculty bank account by September 2021. Payment instructions will be provided in a timely manner.

Students are expected to pay for their own materials (textbooks).

Note: Details about methods of payment will be provided before the course starts. It is NOT possible to divide tuition by semesters.

**Languages of Instruction:**

Miyanoya's class: Japanese and English (In Level 2 class and above, instruction will be mostly provided in Japanese.)

Hadžović's class: Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian, Japanese

**Certificate:** Certificates will be issued upon completion of the course (in September

2022).

### **Registration:**

1. Please send your completed [application form](#), no later than Sunday, 26 September 2021, to [sarajevo.jplc@gmail.com](mailto:sarajevo.jplc@gmail.com)

Please type, no hand writing. You will receive a confirmation email.

2. Please attend the Orientation Day in the beginning of October 2021. There you will have a chance to get general information about the course from the lecturers, talk to them, and ask questions.

### **Course Description:**

#### **- Introductory Course of Japanese Language and Culture**

This class is aimed at those who have no or almost no knowledge of the Japanese language, and who wish to see what kind of language Japanese is without serious commitment. It contains lessons of Japanese characters, basic grammatical and conversational exercises based on a topic-based syllabus. It lasts for only one year and doesn't continue to 2nd level class. Certification of attendance will be issued at the end of the year. If the student wishes, it is possible for them to transfer to the regular course.

#### **-Main Course**

- The student must commit to take the course seriously.
- The certification will be issued to students who attended classes throughout the academic year (both 1st and 2nd semesters). Your score (A-E) evaluated by attendance/activity/test marks etc. will be included on the certificate.
- The student must check his/her email throughout the duration of the course.

#### **Level 1 class**

This class is aimed at those who have no or almost no knowledge of the Japanese language, and wish to acquire the language skills, or experience the language on a deeper level. By the end of the course, through learning basic speaking, listening, writing and reading skills, students will be able to: read and write Japanese basic letters: Hiragana and Katakana, as well as basic Kanji characters; engage in short spoken discourse about everyday topics; and use basic Japanese structures and expressions in a given context.

### **Level 2 class**

This class is for those who have completed the GENKI-1 textbook Chapters 1–8, or have equivalent knowledge of Japanese. It covers basic grammar, and Kanji characters. By the end of the course, students will be able to engage in spoken discourse on everyday topics at a deeper level and in a wider context.

### **Level 3 class**

This level is for those who have completed the GENKI-1 textbook and GENKI-2 Ch.13-16, or have equivalent knowledge of Japanese (approx. JLPT N5 level). More expressions and vocabulary will be covered, and the focus will be on academic rather than conversational skills, although verbal communication skills will also be enhanced. GENKI-2 will be used in the first semester, and “TOBIRA” will be used in the second semester as an intermediate level Japanese textbook.

### **Level 4 class**

This level is for those who have completed the textbooks GENKI-1, 2 and “TOBIRA” Ch 1–3, or have equivalent knowledge of Japanese (approx. JLPT N4 level). It covers more grammar and advanced vocabulary, with advanced communication skills as its focus.

### **Advanced class**

This level is for those who have completed Level 4 class of the course, or have equivalent knowledge to JLPT N3 level. “TOBIRA” will be used in the first semester, and real articles such as news, web articles, short novels etc. will be used for the second semester, covering advanced grammar and vocabulary, with advanced communication skills as its focus.

### **Textbook information:**

- Introductory course “MARUGOTO”

<https://www.marugoto.org/en/>

Main course

- Beginners Level “GENKI”

[http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/about\\_en](http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/about_en)

- Intermediate Level “TOBIRA”

<http://tobiraweb.9640.jp/>

### **Events and activities:**

## 1. Japanese Calligraphy Contest

This event is annually held in January. Participants will learn basic calligraphy and create their work using real Japanese calligraphy tools. The best works will be awarded by the Faculty of Philosophy and the Embassy of Japan.





## 2. Japanese Speech Contest

This event is annually held in March. Participants have a chance to voice their opinions to an audience in Japanese. It is divided into two sections: Beginner and Intermediate. The best speeches will be awarded by the Faculty of Philosophy and the Embassy of Japan.





### 3. Presentation Day

This event is held annually at the end of the course (usually in June or beginning of July). Participants will make group presentations to introduce local culture to a Japanese audience in Japanese. Sometimes, students chose to get creative and hold demonstrations (e.g. baklava tasting), poetry reading or theatre play adaptations in Japanese, adjusted to their level with the help of their teacher or upperclassmen, and the teamwork of the group.





#### 4. Yukata Workshop

The course provides more cultural workshops such as the Yukata (a summer variation of Kimono) workshop. We are open to any suggestions to expand on our activities!



## 5. Nihongo no Kai

There is a monthly gathering over coffee, tea and snacks with Japanese people called „Nihongo no Kai“, where you have a chance to use your Japanese skills in a casual conversation with real Japanese, adjusted to your level! Sometimes, traditional Japanese food and snacks, as well as games, are showcased (it is held online during the pandemic).

## 6. School Visit Project

We are visiting elementary schools and high schools to promote Japanese culture to younger generations. The project is conducted with volunteers from Japanese Language Course.



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**Teacher introduction 先生の紹介**



**MIYANOYA Nozomi / 宮野谷 希**

Graduated from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Master of Applied Linguistics, specialized in Japanese language education.

Research interest: Japanese semantics; onomatopoeia

9-years-experience in total as a Japanese lecturer in Japan, China, Serbia and BiH.

Dobar dan! I am Nozomi Miyanoya from Tokyo. I majored in Japanese education at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, and Japanese Semantics is my profession.

I can say I am an “otaku” of language who is always thinking about the meaning of words :)

I started my life in Balkans in 2012 when I started teaching Japanese at Belgrade University. I taught there for 3 years and came to Sarajevo in 2016. I fell in love with

the culture, the life, and the people here through my career. :)

Certainly, Japan is far away from here, but my wish is that the people in BiH get to feel Japan closer to your hearts through learning Japanese language and culture. The lessons are not only about words and grammars, but also full of insights of this fascinating language and culture. Besides the lessons, I am organizing Japan related events, such as on-line presentations and workshops, which helps you get in contact with Japanese people. I hope this course will be a good opportunity for the people in BiH and Japan to exchange their culture.

Join us, and start exploring Japanese world!

Vidimo se u oktobru!

みなさん、こんにちは！宮野谷 希です。とうきょうしゅっしんです。とうきょうがいこくごだいがくでにほんごをせんこうして、2012 ねんにベオグラードにきました。ベオグラードだいがくで3ねんかんにほんごをおしえて、2016 ねんにサラエボにきました。ことばについてかんがえるのがだいすきです。いつもことばのいみについてかんがえています...！ことばのオタクです。

このコースが、ボスニアとにほんのいいこうりゅうのばしょになるといいなとおもっています。

そして、このコースでにほんごやにほんぶんかをべんきょうして、もっとにほんをちかくにかんじてほしいとおもっています。

いっしょにたのしいクラスをつくりましょう！

10がつにみなさんにあえるのをたのしみにしています！

#### **Assistant teacher**

Ines Hadžović MA

Graduated from Graduate school of Languages and Linguistics at Sophia University, Tokyo. Specialized in Japanese language education. Research interests include second language acquisition and motivation in second language learning. Has work experience in teaching Japanese, as well as translating from and to Japanese.