

Japanese Placement Test

---Frequently Asked Questions---

Q1: Who needs to take the test?

A: If you are hoping to take JPNS101 (Elementary Japanese I) this fall, you do not have to take the placement test. Only if you have studied Japanese prior to coming to the UR and are hoping to enroll in a Japanese-language course other than JPNS101, you must take the placement test.

Q2: Does my AP Japanese Test score count in placement?

A: No. We depend solely on your placement-test result to determine your placement. You may, however, earn AP credit if you satisfy certain conditions.

Q3: When can I take the Placement Test?

A: The best time for you to take the test is during our Zoom Placement Hours.

Friday, June 31 (1:00PM-4:00PM)

*The link to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the HP of the Dept. of Modern Languages and Cultures (MLC).

If you cannot take the test during the above hours, make an appointment by emailing Prof. Mariko Tamate at: mariko.tamate@rochester.edu

Q4: Do I need an appointment to take the test during the Zoom Placement Hours?

A: You are welcome to walk in without an appointment, but it would be helpful if you can fill out the "Preliminary Questions" beforehand and email it to Prof. Mariko Tamate at: mariko.tamate@rochester.edu

This way both you and us can save lots of time on the day of the test. You may download the form from the MLC HP or request one from Prof. Tamate.

Q5: What is the test procedure?

A: (1) When you join our Zoom Placement Hours, you will be in our "Waiting Room". We will admit one person at a time into our Main Room to meet and greet. There will be three of us Japanese language instructors to greet you.

(2) After a very brief initial interview (in English or Japanese), you will be sent to a "Breakout Room" in Zoom. At this point we will send you two things in pdf format either by "Chat" within Zoom or email: 1. Preliminary Questions (if you have not sent it to us beforehand). 2. The Placement Test

(3) You are to stay in the "Breakout Room" while you work on your test. You will be on your own in the "Room" except when one of us hop in to check on how you are doing. You may

let us know when you need help or have questions.

(4) There are three ways you can fill in the “Preliminary Question” and/or provide answers to the test.

1. Type your answers directly to the pdf files.
2. Write in your answers by using stylus on your device such as a tablet.
3. Print out the files, write in your answers, scan the pages and send them back to us.

Note: We ask that you don’t send us pictures of your test, etc. If you cannot do any of the above three, please consult us. We also prefer not to receive any answers written on blank sheets of paper instead of the test itself.

You will be sending your form/test back to Prof. Mariko Tamate at:

mariko.tamate@rochester.edu

Q6: What does the test entail?

A: The test will be all written. Our primary interest is to assess your ability to form sentences in Japanese with correct grammar. You may be answering questions in Japanese or translating sentences from English to Japanese. You may also be selecting correct particles to complete sentences. There may be a section about kanji, but your knowledge of kanji is not our primary concern.

The following table indicates the materials that you need to be familiar with depending on the level of the course you are hoping to take.

Target Course: (You are hoping to take:)	The materials you need to know to pass the test:
JPNS 101: Elementary I (Offered only in the fall)	NO TEST IS REQUIRED.
JPNS 102: Elementary II (Offered only in the spring)	“Genki I” (3rd Edition) by Eri Banno---Lesson 1 through 6 *You may use the 2nd edition to study for the test, but you will need the 3rd edition in case you are placed in JPNS101/102 courses.
JPNS151: Intermediate I (Offered only in the fall)	“Genki I” (3rd Edition) ---Lesson 1 though 12 *You may use the 2nd edition to study for the test, but you will need the 3rd edition in case you are placed in JPNS101/102 courses.
JPNS152: Intermediate II (Offered only in the spring)	“Genki I” (2 nd Edition) ---Lesson 1 though 12 “Genki II” (2 nd Edition) ---Lesson 13 through 18
JPNS201: Advanced-Intermediate I (Offered only in the fall)	“Genki I” (2 nd Edition) ---Lesson 1 though 12 “Genki II” (2 nd Edition) ---Lesson 13 through 23
JPNS 202: Advanced-Intermediate II (Offered only in the spring) JPNS 205: Advanced I (Offered only in the fall) JPNS 206: Advanced II (Offered only in the spring)	Aside from your knowledge in basic grammar, your skills in translating multiple-clause sentences from Japanese to English and from English to Japanese will be tested. You may use your (paper or electronic) dictionaries that are not connected to internet.

*For Grammar Index of Genki I and II, please go to:
http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/about_en/about06_en

Q7: How soon will I know the result of my Placement Test?

A: You will be notified of the result by email by the end of the same day.

Q8: All the JPNS101 classes are “closed” according to my course search through US Student. Does that mean I cannot take any Japanese course in case I don’t pass the Placement Test?

A: We have some seats set aside for incoming freshmen, so you can still sign up for JPNS101 until those seats are filled. When we send you your test result, we will tell you what to do to sign up for the course you are placed in.

*For more questions, contact Prof. Mariko Tamate at: mariko.tamate@rochester.edu.