

Information on Japanese Placement Test

If you wish to take JPNS 101, you do not have to take a test.
You will have to take the test only if you are hoping to take JPNS 102 or a higher level.

[1] General Procedure

Step 1) Fill out “[Preliminary Questions](#)” and email it as an attachment to Professor Mariko Tamate at mariko.tamate@rochester.edu.

Step 2) After you receive an email notification from Professor Tamate, you will be able to take the online placement test* on Blackboard.

Note: If you are not proficient in typing in Japanese, an in-person test can be arranged during the orientation week. You are expected to be able to write in *hiragana* and *katakana* at least.

*See Sections [2] and [3] for more information on the test.

Step 3) Email Professor Tamate to let her know that you have completed the online test. It usually takes one to two days for Professor Tamate to evaluate your test and get back to you with the result.

[2] Materials You Need to Know

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
JPNS151: Intermediate I (Offered only in the fall)	“Genki I” (3rd Edition)—Lesson 1 though 12
JPNS152: Intermediate II (Offered only in the spring)	“Genki I” (3rd Edition)—Lesson 1 though 12 “Genki II” (3rd Edition)—Lesson 13 through 18
JPNS201: Advanced- Intermediate I (Offered only in the fall)	“Genki I” (3rd Edition)—Lesson 1 though 12 “Genki II” (3rd Edition)—Lesson 13 through 23
JPNS 202: Advanced- Intermediate 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.
JPNS 205: Advanced I (Offered only in the fall)	
JPNS 206: Advanced II (Offered only in the spring)	

*For Grammar Index of Genki I and II, please see:

https://bookclub2.japantimes.co.jp/download/files/genki3/genki-3rd_syllabus_J.pdf

Note: We are primarily interested in assessing your knowledge of grammar and ability to form sentences. If your knowledge of kanji is limited, you should not be too concerned about it.

[3] Before Taking the Test

Please note the following:

1. The test needs to be taken in one sitting. You cannot close it and get back to it later. The time limit for the test is 2 hours, and it will automatically shut off after 2 hours.
2. Depending on your target level, you do not have to complete the whole test. You may stop and submit your test whenever you feel that you've reached your level.
3. Read the instructions on each section of the test carefully. In some sections, you are NOT allowed to type in kanji. Only *hiragana* and *katakana* are allowed in such sections.

*For questions email Professor Mariko Tamate at mariko.tamate@rochester.edu.