

Instructions for Japanese Placement Test

This instruction is in three parts. Part I is about what you should keep in mind when you take the test. Part II is about how to find the test and start it. You should read both Part I and II thoroughly before you take the test. Part III is about what materials you should be familiar with to be placed in your target level.

Part I:

Just like any other kind of test, you are not allowed to receive any unauthorized assistance from any individual or services. You are also not allowed to use any form of aides including but not limited to dictionaries, translation software and textbooks. (Exception: In sections 69 and 70 of the test, you are allowed to look up words and kanji, using dictionaries, etc., even though you are not allowed to use any form of translation software or services that would translate a whole clause or a sentence.)

In order to take this online placement test, you are required to know how to type in Japanese. If that is a problem for you, write to Prof. Mariko Tamate (mariko.tamate@rochester.edu) so that she can suggest other means to take the test.

You have 2 hours to complete this exam. The test will shut off automatically at the 2-hour mark.

This test is common for all levels, and it will become progressively more advanced as you proceed. You may stop anytime you feel you've done enough.

In order to stop, click on "Save and Submit" button at the bottom right of your screen.

A good test strategy is to not spend too much time on each question. If you do not know the answer to a particular question, skip it and move on, or provide a partial answer.

Once you submit the test, you will not be able to go back and change your answers or take the test again.

You should read the instruction for each question carefully. For some sections, for instance, you are allowed to use only hiragana and katakana, and not kanji. You may also be required to use particular words or grammatical structures in your answers.

When you are required to use a particular word or structure in your answer, you may have to conjugate (change the form of) the given word to be grammatically correct.

Anytime during the test, you may Email Prof. Mariko Tamate (mariko.tamate@rochester.edu) for questions. However, depending on her availability, she may or may not be able to respond immediately. If your 2-hour limit comes before you hear back from her, submit your test anyway. She will get back to you when she can and may give you the chance to redo the section in question, if she feels it appropriate.

Once you submit the test, expect a correspondence by Email from Prof. Tamate regarding how you did. If you do not hear from her within 24 hours, feel free to write to her.

Part II:

In order to take the online placement test, you need to have an account on Blackboard. Follow the instruction below to find the test and start it.

- 1) Login to Blackboard -> <https://learn.rochester.edu/>. Find the blue button marked, "Click here to login with NetID" and click on that.
- 2) Type in your username and password, and leave that web page open for now.
- 3) Now click on this link here to trigger the enrollment process for the Japanese Placement test on ->
[Click here to enroll in JPN Placement test](#)
- 4) Click the dark colored "Submit" button (lower right corner) to add yourself to the Placement Test website.
- 5) You will see a status message, and further directions on what to do next, you must scroll down and look for the "OK" button on the lower right corner. Click on "OK" to go to the Placement test site on Blackboard.
- 6) Look along the left-side for a navigation link: Japanese Placement Test (click on that link).
- 7) You'll see a new link appear in the middle page: Japanese Placement Test. Click on that link and read these directions.

Once started, this test must be completed in one sitting.

Do not leave the test before clicking Save and Submit.

Click Begin to start: Japanese Placement Test.

Click Cancel to go back.

- 8) Click the dark-colored button labeled "Begin" to start the test

If you come across any problem or need any assistance, let Prof. Mariko Tamate (mariko.tamate@rochester.edu) know.

Part III:

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 table on the next page indicates the materials 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
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) 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.

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