

## INTENSIVE JAPANESE II A & B

The Department of Media and Cultural Studies and Birkbeck Languages Unit are pleased to announce the inauguration of its new intensive summer classes in Japanese II. These specially designed classes enable you to complete and pass Japanese II – currently available only in the regular academic year (October-June) – over twelve weeks in the summer.

### Distinctive Features:

- Enables you to complete and pass Japanese II during the summer
- Ideal for those wishing to accelerate their progress to Japanese III
- May be used to fulfil requirements of your Cert HE or BA programme\*
- A and/or B may be taken as a grammar, vocabulary, kanji, and practice refresher for those in Japanese III or above
- Helps you progress during the long summer break

\* Part-time Cert HE and BA students may take a maximum of 105 credits per academic year. Please consult with your supervisor to see if you are eligible to enrol in Intensive Japanese II A & B.

**Structure** – Intensive Japanese II is conveniently divided into two sections, A (6 weeks in June/July for 15 credits) and B (6 weeks in July/August for 15 credits).

- For 30 Credits – you may enrol in A&B together at the beginning of the summer
- For 15 Credits – you can enrol in just A and if you would like to continue, you can enrol in B later (for another 15 credits). NOTE: You cannot enrol only in B.

### **Attendance:**

A&B            12 weeks for 6 hours each week (72 hours total)  
A Only         6 weeks for 6 hours each week (36 hours total)

**Entry Requirements:** pass Japanese I or demonstrate equivalent. Students new to Birkbeck should complete the placement test for Japanese II.

**Teaching and Assessment:** We employ a variety of methods and media with the aim of introducing and building up your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. You will become familiar with the language in a variety of settings. All courses are taught in Japanese. Japanese IIA and IIB are each assessed by a combination of coursework and exit examination.

**Indicative List of Learning Outcomes:** you will be expected on successful completion of this course, to develop fluency and proficiency in:

- *Speaking* – make yourself understood in a variety of less complicated social and work situations with a reasonable level of accuracy, including topics like hobbies and interests, describing people and past activities, giving opinions and directions, and communicating your intentions;
- *Listening* – you will increase your listening comprehension in face-to-face situations;
- *Reading & Writing* – using the grammatical and vocabulary knowledge acquired, you will read texts that you may encounter in everyday life and some business settings, and compose messages and basic documents
- *Kanji* – read and write basic kanji in practical tasks (approximately 200 kanji)

In **Japanese IIA**, you will aim specifically to give advice and opinions; express obligation and prohibition; describe what you are able to do, your previous experiences, and changes in conditions; talk about your habits and activities; and begin to learn the difference between plain and polite forms.

**Japanese IIB** continues from Japanese IIA. You will aim specifically to develop proficiency in the following areas: giving advice and opinions; expressing obligation and prohibition; describing what you are able to do, your previous experiences, and changes in conditions; talking about your habits and activities; and begin to learn the difference between plain and polite forms.

NOTE: Japanese IIA & B together covers the same material as Japanese II. The accelerated pace at which the intensive class is conducted permits less time for in-class review.

**Fees for all courses: all fees are payable in advance when you enrol.**

- A&B - £TBC
- A only or B only - £TBC

**Schedule:**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Intensive Japanese II</b>	Saturdays (10.00-17.00)* Start Date: 9 June 2012 TBC  *with one-hour break	Saturdays (10.00-17.00)* Start Date: 25 August 2012 TBC  *with one-hour break

**When and how to apply:** please apply as soon as possible online.

**For information on enrolment,** please contact the Birkbeck Language Unit at 020 7079 0786, or or write to [languagecourses@blu.bbk.ac.uk](mailto:languagecourses@blu.bbk.ac.uk)

NOTE: We reserve the right to withdraw or alter any course without prior notice as required. Fees are not transferable and we cannot undertake to give refunds for language courses unless a course withdrawn or is full.