

## INTRODUCTION TO HIRAGANA AND KATAKANA SCRIPTS

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### **Prior Knowledge and Skills**

This course is for learners with no knowledge or minimal knowledge of Japanese scripts.

#### **Proficiency Level**

This course is a preparation course for Level 1 Japanese.

#### **Course Aim**

At the end of the course learners should be able to recognise and read the two basic Japanese alphabets, hiragana and katakana, and to read simple words written in hiragana, katakana and words combining both scripts.

#### **Course Details**

No set textbook. Materials will be provided during the course.

- Tasks and resources will be provided in class.
- Recommendations regarding useful study apps and tips for memorising scripts will be provided by the teacher.
- The IML library located on level 1 in the Joyce Ackroyd Building also has books, magazines, kits, CDs, DVDs and videos for loan to IML students.

#### **Revision**

Language is learned best with maximum contact and usage. Home exercises will be designed for revision and consolidation of each course segment. Revision is most effective when undertaken regularly in short sessions.

#### **Assessment**

There will be no formal assessment for this course. Students will regularly monitor their own progress during each session.

#### **Further Study Options**

This course is an excellent precursor to any Japanese Level course that introduces or uses scripts. Learners who wish to pursue further studies of this language can enrol in any of the IML Japanese Level 1 Courses.

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## COURSE CONTENT

TOPIC	LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
<b>Introduction to Japanese writing</b>	Looking at Japanese in context – emails, online news, manga, hardcopy newspapers, story books and novels
<b>Hiragana</b>	あいうえおかきくけこさしすせそたちつてとなにぬねの はひふへほまみむめもやゆよらりるれろわをん
<b>Katakana</b>	アイウエオカキクケコサシスセソタチツテトナニヌネ ノハヒフヘホマミムメモヤユヨラリルレロワ（ヲ）ン