

## Start Learning Japanese!

### Minato [Marugoto A1-1] for Eligible Countries in Central and Eastern Europe

#### What Kind of Course Is It?

The “The “Marugoto A1-1 (Katsudoo & Rikai) Teacher Support Course” is a comprehensive course for learning Japanese language and culture. In addition to online self-study, this course provides regular teacher-led assignment feedback and live lessons. Registration and application for the course are done through the Japanese learning platform "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato."

In this course, you'll self-study Japanese using online materials, while regularly attending online group live lessons with Japanese instructors from the Japan Foundation, Budapest. Your self-study will be conducted using the "Marugoto Japanese Online Course."

If you'd like to know more about the online materials, please try the trial version here:

<https://www.marugoto-online.jp/info/jp/>

Please be aware that the explanation language during live lessons will be Japanese or English.

The explanation language used in the online learning materials is also English.

In this course, you will receive the following online support from your teacher:

- Course Guidance
- Live Lessons
- Assignment Feedback
- Oral Tests

#### What are Live Lessons?

Live lessons(online group lessons) are held approximately once every two weeks. This course provides 7 live lessons. Each lesson is 60 minutes long. In this course, you will study a total of five topics.

■Class 1: Wednesdays 17:00–18:00 (CEST)

5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29

■Class 2: Wednesdays 19:00–20:00 (CEST)

5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29

■Class 3: Thursdays 17:00–18:00 (CEST)

5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/30

■Class 4: Thursdays 19:00–20:00 (CEST)

5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/30

\*The first session of the course will be a Course Guidance.

\*The final session will be an Oral Test. This test will be conducted one-on-one with the teacher, lasting approximately 15 minutes per student.

\*Please select a class during registration that allows you to attend both the initial orientation and all 6 live lessons.

### 1. Eligibility

This course is specifically for learners in the following 5 Central and Eastern European countries. Participants from other countries cannot join.

Eligible Countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia, Serbia

### 2. Target Level

This course is for those who study Japanese for the first time

### 3. Application

Period: April 1, 2026, 0:00 – April 19, 23:59 (CEST)

Method: Please apply via this URL:

[https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/BP26\\_MGRT\\_A101\\_EN51](https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/BP26_MGRT_A101_EN51)

You will be redirected to the Japanese learning platform "Minato."

You will first need to register a new account on "Minato." Please watch the video for detailed registration instructions(<https://youtu.be/gPfa-MvtWMI?si=yyvMC0bXKW4-t1RL>).

### 4. Selection

Students for the course are selected through a lottery system. Notification regarding the results of the selection will be sent on April 21.

### 5. Course Fee: Free

While there is no course fee, the Japan Foundation will send a separate email to confirm your intention to participate. Your registration will be complete upon your reply to that email, so please be sure to respond.

### Contact Information:

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### Registration Form:

[https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/BP26\\_MGRT\\_A101\\_EN51](https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/BP26_MGRT_A101_EN51)

(※Dead Line: April 19, 23:59)