Globally Speaking
Introductory Japanese
Boston University
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Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm in CAS B36
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Course Description:
This 8 week-introductory course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of the Japanese language. The course offers students basic survival knowledge of the Japanese language while introducing students to various aspects of Japanese culture. The course attempts to raise students’ interest and encourage them to consider pursuing the study of Japanese formally. Each week has a theme which will focus on speaking, reading/writing, and custom related to the theme.

Requirements:
Your body and mind in the classroom.
* no previous knowledge
* no assignment
* no quiz or exam

Recommendations
Sense of humor, politeness, being open minded and curiosity

Themes of Sessions:

(Session 1: 9/16) Greetings, Celebrations, Pop Culture
- How to greet people
- Holidays and vacations
- Contemporary aka strange Japan

(Session 2: 9/23) Writing System, Fashion
** Class will be held at CAS425 **
- Characters used in Japanese: Hiragana, Katakana & Kanji
- Kimono to Lolita

(Session 3: 9/30) Shopping, Money
- How to buy things
- ¥!!
<Session 4: 10/7> Travel, Transportation
- Geography
- Place to visit
- Public transportation system

<Session 5: 10/14> Food, Restaurants
- SUSHI
- and other food
- How to order food

<Session 6: 10/21> School, Work
- Education
- Job hunting to retirement

<Session 7: 10/28> Dating, Marriage, Family
- Dating tips
- Marriage ceremony
- Typical household

<Session 8: 11/4> Art, Calligraphy
- Calligraphy workshop