

Calligraphy Online Course

As part of its Japanese language program, the Japanese German Center Berlin (JDZB) offers an open access calligraphy course that requires no prior knowledge of calligraphy or Japanese. You will learn to use a brush as if painting a picture, while naturally picking up Japanese characters as you go. Students are instructed individually and get to choose their own days of instruction.

To register, please contact Ms. SEKIKAWA Fujiko (Head of Language Services at JDZB, fsekikawa@jdzb.de). Alongside your registration form, you will receive relevant information on data privacy protection. Please fill in and submit the registration form.

Requirements to participate in online classes

Online classes are taught on **ZOOM**. Using ZOOM for classes is free of charge. We recommend downloading and installing the App “Zoom-client for meetings” from https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting on an internet-enabled device before the first class. For a stable internet connection, it is advisable to use a LAN cable rather than WiFi. Please make sure your webcam and sound are working, as without **seeing or hearing** anything you cannot participate!

You will need access to a **printer**, so you can print out example characters for practicing.

Before you start classes, make sure you have the following things at hand:

- **Brush**
- **Ink stone** and **ink stone dish for grinding**; or **liquid ink** and **plastic dish**
- **Calligraphy paper**– for practicing, you may also use regular printing or copying paper, or newspapers
- **Paperweights** –Large pebbles or jam jars will also work.

Languages of instruction are **German, English, and Japanese**.

Date

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Only registered students may participate

As detailed above, when you first register for an online course with us, you are required to fill in a registration form (please email: fsekikawa@jdzb.de).

As group sizes are limited to 7 students (age: 16+) per class, please register for each class you want to attend by 5 p.m. the previous day (email: fsekikawa@jdzb.de). On the day of the class (Thursday) you will receive a ZOOM link to participate. If, due to group size limitations, registration is no longer possible for a class, you will be notified immediately after sending your registration email.

Fees

Fees for one class are € 10. You may purchase books of 5 or 10 class tickets:

- **Book of 5 class tickets** (valid for 3 months): **€ 50 (reduced price: € 40)**
- **Book of 10 class tickets** (valid for 5 months): **€ 90 (reduced price: € 70)**

Tickets at reduced prices are available to school and university students, students enrolled in vocational training, volunteers on the Voluntary Social Year or the Voluntary Ecological Year program, the unemployed, the severely disabled, and holders of the Berlin-Pass. When you first register, please present proof of your status.

Purchasing a book of 5 or 10 class tickets: This is a "virtual ticket". The students and the teacher (Calligraphy Master Ms. MINAGAWA Saiu) are in charge of keeping track of participation dates.

Please transfer your course fees to:

Account holder	Japanisch-Deutsches Zentrum Berlin
IBAN	DE71 100500006000042513
SWIFT	BELADEBEXX

The books of 5 or 10 class tickets are also valid for the calligraphy classes currently taught on JDZB premises (Wednesday 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m.) at Japanisch-Deutsches Zentrum Berlin, Saargemünder Straße 2, 14195 Berlin, in accordance with Covid-19 health protection guidelines.

For questions or registration, please contact Ms. SEKIKAWA Fujiko (Head of Language Services at JDZB, email: fsekikawa@jdz.de).

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