

# Hiragana (ひらがな) & Katakana (カタカナ) Pre-Study for Beginners in Japanese

**At Waseda University, all Japanese Language Courses are taught in Japanese, not English, even at the beginner's level. Without basic knowledge of Japanese, you may find it very difficult to follow the classes. We strongly recommend that you learn to read and write all **Hiragana(ひらがな) & Katakana(カタカナ)** characters before coming to Japan. Please note that it is expected to take about one month to learn them.**

The following are useful websites where you can learn *Hiragana & Katakana*.

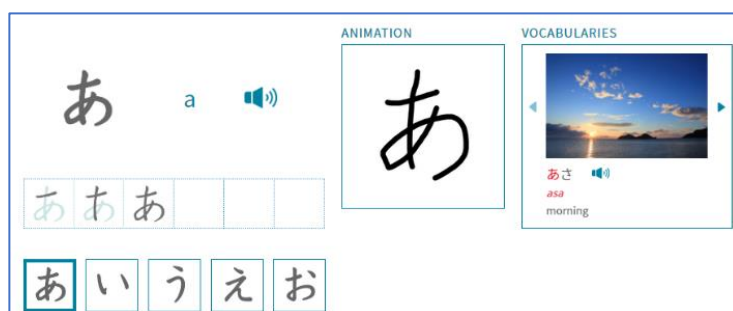
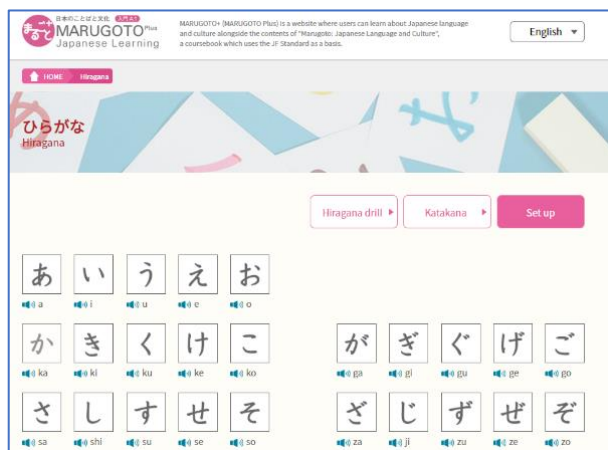
\*These are not websites provided by Waseda University, so if you have any questions, please contact the website operators.

## (1) Marugoto Plus

■Hiragana <https://a1.marugotoweb.jp/en/hiragana.php>

■Katakana <https://a1.marugotoweb.jp/en/katakana.php>

\*Adobe Flash Player is required to view the contents of this site.

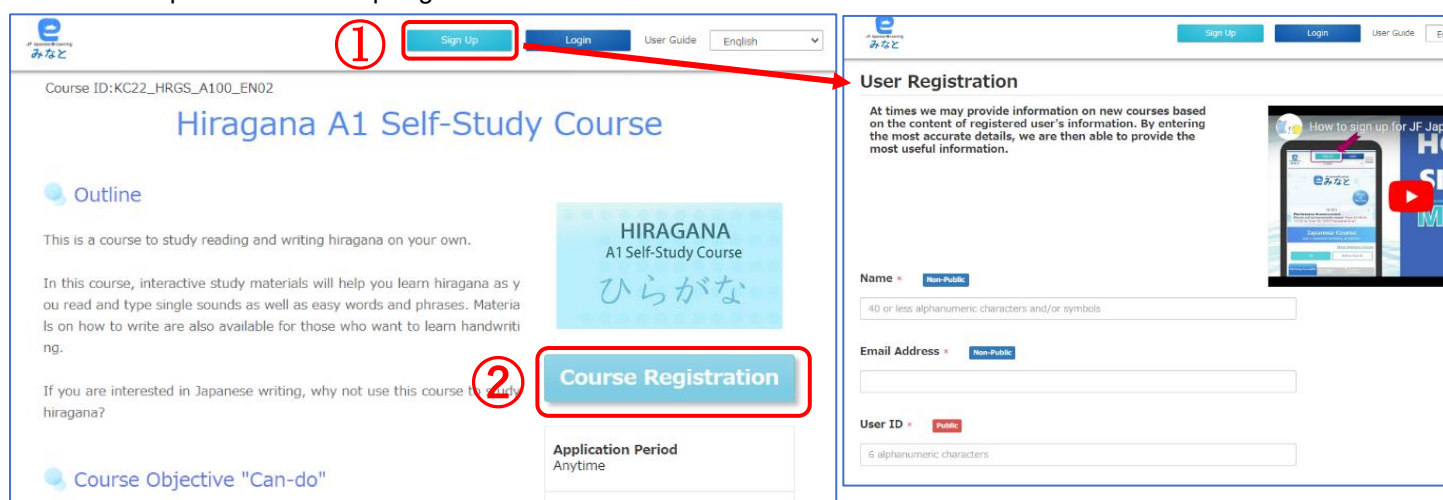


## (2) Minato

■Hiragana [https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/KC25\\_HRGS\\_A100\\_EN01](https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/KC25_HRGS_A100_EN01)

■Katakana [https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/KC25\\_KTKS\\_A100\\_EN01](https://minato-jf.jp/CourseDetail/Index/KC25_KTKS_A100_EN01)

\* This site requires membership registration.



### (3) edX

<https://www.edx.org/>

- ① This site requires membership registration.
- ② Search for the course named “**Steps in Japanese for Beginners1 Part1**”.
- ③ Enroll the course.
- ④ You can learn Hiragana & Katakana in the “Japanese Characters” part of Introduction section.

