

University-Wide Japanese Language Program, Spring Semester 2024

The Language Education Center (LEC) at Nagoya University offers Japanese language courses for international students and others.

1. Course Period

Classes begin on Wednesday, April 10 and end on Monday, August 5. Classes run for 15 weeks.

2. Eligibility

Courses are open to international students (undergraduate students, graduate students, and research students etc.) scholars and faculty members at Nagoya University. A THERS account is required for enrollment. Prospective students should apply for the course within a fixed period.

3. Registration

The registration period runs from March 22 (Fri) to 10 AM on April 1 (Mon). Registration can be completed during this period at the following URL. <http://jp.ilc.iee.nagoya-u.ac.jp/zengaku/>

To take the course as an international researcher or faculty member, please submit the 'Course Approval Form' to (uwjp-reg@iee.nagoya-u.ac.jp) by Friday, March 29. The form must be signed by the host faculty member (for researchers), department head (for faculty), or supervisor (for staff). International students will receive information about the 'Course Approval Form' after the program begins. ※ If you are only taking Self-Study Kanji (SSK) or Self-Study Reading and Writing (SSR710), you do not need to submit a 'Letter of Acceptance'.

4. Placement Test (Elementary ~ Intermediate levels only)

- Date: April 3 (Wed) 16:00~18:00 or April 4 (Thu) 16:00~18:00
- Location: April 3 (Wed) room207, International center (building)
April 4 (Thu) SIS lab, Liberal Arts and Sciences Main Building
- Placement results: Will be announced on April 8 at 13:00 on the LEC website.

◇Students who meet any of the following conditions must take the placement test.

- (1) Those enrolling in a University-wide Japanese language program for the first time (except beginners).
- (2) Those who did not pass a course in the previous semester and wish to advance to the next level.

◇Students who meet any of the following conditions, do not need to take the placement test.

- (1) Those who wish to enroll in the Elementary course (UJ100). (Beginning from hiragana and katakana.)
- (2) Those who have passed a University-wide Japanese Language Program course in a previous semester are eligible to proceed to the next level.
- (3) Those who have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

JLPT N5 certification is eligible to register for the Elementary II course, N4 certification is eligible for the Pre-intermediate course, N3 certification is eligible for the Intermediate II course, and N2 or N1 certification is eligible for the Advanced Level course.

5. Program Content

→ Refer to the next page.

6. Contact:

Call the International Office Student Exchange Division, or write to Tawarayama Yuji, Associate Professor (Japanese Language Education Division, LEC) (uwjp-reg@iee.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

7. Notes:

- Applicants must register for the course by the deadline.

Content of University-Wide Japanese Language Program (UJ), Spring Semester 2024

Elementary Levels

Courses	Course description
Elementary Japanese I (UJ100)	<p>Class meets three times per week. Lower-elementary level. Students will learn hiragana & katakana, simple introductions, and short conversations about familiar places, transportation, etc.</p> <p>Textbook: <i>Marugoto: Japanese language and culture Starter A1 Coursebook for communicative language competences</i></p>
Elementary Japanese II (UJ200)	<p>Class meets three times per week. Middle-elementary level. Students will learn how to converse about family and work, give a tour of their town to a friend, write relatively simple replies to emails, etc.</p> <p>Textbook: <i>Marugoto: Japanese language and culture Elementary1 A2 Coursebook for communicative language competences "Rikai"</i></p>
Elementary Japanese III (UJ300)	<p>Class meets three times per week. Upper-elementary level. Students will learn how to ask for a recommendation when buying an electric appliance, communicate about dining and travel, explain famous events, etc.</p> <p>※ It is recommended to take this together with Kanji I .</p> <p>Textbook: <i>Marugoto: Japanese language and culture Elementary2 A2 Coursebook for communicative language competences "Rikai"</i></p>
Pre-intermediate Japanese (UJ400)	<p>Class meets three times per week. Pre-intermediate level. Students will learn expressions for inviting and accepting invitations, discussing eating habits, asking for or providing clarification when you do not understand an announcement at the airport, etc.</p> <p>※ It is recommended to take this together with Kanji II .</p> <p>Textbook: <i>Marugoto: Japanese language and culture Pre-Intermediate A2/B1</i></p>
Kanji I (UJK1)	<p>Class meets once a week. This course is intended for learners from non-kanji backgrounds with little or no knowledge of kanji. The course covers 150 basic kanji, and includes reading, discussing, and writing about short texts. Students are expected to have a basic understanding of Japanese grammar, including question words, adjectives, arimasu/imasu, and verb te-form.</p> <p>※ It is recommended to take this together with Elementary Japanese III course. Textbook: <i>Kanji TAMAGO Beginner Level</i></p>
Kanji II (UJK2)	<p>Class meets once a week. This course is intended for students from non-kanji backgrounds who have learned 150 kanji. The course builds on this foundation by introducing an additional 150 kanji. Students will read, discuss, and write about short texts. Students are expected to have a basic understanding of Japanese grammar and vocabulary equivalent to JLPT N5 level.</p> <p>※ It is recommended to take this together with Pre-intermediate Japanese course.</p> <p>Textbook: <i>Kanji Tamago Upper Beginner to Lower Intermediate Level</i></p>
Self-study Kanji (SSK)	<p>This course is a self-paced online kanji review course. Students can choose a review course to master 100 kanji, 300 kanji, or 1,000 kanji. The study</p>

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Intermediate Levels

※ Select only the classes you intend to take.

Courses	Course description
Intermediate Japanese I (UJ501-505)	Lower-intermediate level. Five individual classes, each meeting once a week. Grammar (501): N3 level grammar and sentence structure. Writing (502): Write short reports on daily topics. Conversation (503): Express opinions on topics of interest. Reading (504): Understand the main points of short, concise newspaper articles. Listening (505): Understand the main points of news reports on familiar topics.
Intermediate Japanese II (UJ601-605)	Upper-intermediate level. Five individual classes, each meeting once a week. Grammar (601): N2-level grammar and sentence structure. Writing (602): Write an argument for or against a point of view, providing justification. Conversation (603): Discuss familiar topics. Reading (604): Understand the author's point of view from materials written on social issues. Listening (605): Understand lectures on familiar topics.
Self-study Kanji (SSK)	This course is a self-paced online kanji review course. Students can choose a review course to master 100 kanji, 300 kanji, or 1,000 kanji. The study materials include questions that assess your ability to read, understand the meaning of, and use kanji.
Japanese for Job Hunting (English) (BJE)	Japan's social structure is changing, and Japanese companies have high expectations for skilled foreign professionals. 'Japanese for Job Hunting' teaches students the necessary Japanese expressions and knowledge for job hunting, enabling them to confidently take on the challenge of finding employment. The objective is to acquire the skills necessary for human resources that companies seek. This includes knowledge about Japanese companies, the job-hunting process, how to write entry sheets and emails, and how to communicate effectively during interviews.

Advanced Levels

※ These courses are designed for those who have passed JLPT N1 or N2. Select only the classes you intend to take.

Courses	Course description
Advanced Japanese UJ701-705	Advanced level. Five individual classes, each meeting once a week. Grammar (701): N1-level grammar and sentence structure. Writing (702): Write reports with logical arguments. Conversation (703): Make clear and systematic presentations in discussions.

	<p>Reading Comprehension (704): Reading texts, changing reading style according to the purpose and type of text.</p> <p>Listening (705): Understand lectures and speeches on academic topics and social issues.</p>
<p>Introductory Lecture (IL801-804)</p>	<p>There are four Introductory Lectures on "Japanese Literature," "Japanese Communication," "Japanese Classics," and "Multiculturalism". Each course meets once a week. These are classes in specialized fields taught in easy Japanese. The content of the classes in the spring semester (II) and the fall semester (I) are different. The objectives of each course are as follows.</p> <p>Japanese Literature (801): Study the history of literature and the background of expressions and works by reading novels and other works.</p> <p>Japanese Communication Theory (802): Understand the characteristics of Japanese expressions and communication styles.</p> <p>Japanese Classics (803): Study classical works of literature and consider the background of literary expressions and works.</p> <p>Multiculturalism (804): Deepen understanding of issues related to the formation of a multicultural society.</p>
<p>Grammar for Report Writing (GAW700)</p>	<p>Class meets once a week. The purpose of this course is to enable students to write essays in Japanese with clear structure and accurate grammar and expression.</p>
<p>Japanese for Job Hunting (Japanese) (BJJ)</p>	<p>Japan's social structure is changing, and Japanese companies have high expectations for skilled foreign professionals. 'Japanese for Job Hunting' teaches students the necessary Japanese expressions and knowledge for job hunting, enabling them to confidently take on the challenge of finding employment. The objective is to acquire the skills necessary for human resources that companies seek. This includes knowledge about Japanese companies, the job-hunting process, how to write entry sheets and emails, and how to communicate effectively during interviews.</p>
<p>Self-study Reading and Writing (SSR710)</p>	<p>This is a self-paced online course. With the goal of improving reading and writing skills, each session will consist of a reading comprehension text of approximately 600 characters and questions. Students will read the text, review words and kanji characters, and answer questions that test their understanding of the text. They will also write an essay (400 characters) related to each text. The assignments will be corrected for coherence, grammar, phrases, and expressions.</p>