

GUIDANCE for Japanese Language Learning Subjects
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From
Learning Japanese
to
Learning **in** Japanese

新潟大学留学センター

Our policy for teaching Japanese at Niigata University

Nowadays, it is quite easy to learn some information about a language through the Internet. However, it is not that easy to learn and acquire the ability to output your ideas and thoughts using that language all by yourself.

Here at Niigata University, all our Japanese language learning courses are aiming at cultivating students' ability to acquire that. It is true that if people want to say something in Japanese, they need to have appropriate expressions for the situation in Japanese and take that out of their brains and say it. What do you think we need to do to make it possible? Our answer to that question is that we should get rid of the old language learning style; learning grammar and accumulating the lexical knowledge.

Have you become a good Japanese user through traditional grammar based studying yourself? Have you ever questioned yourself asking "Why am I still not able to use Japanese correctly and fluently, after studying it for so long and so hard?". Studying grammar surely makes you feel that you really study a lot but you should realize that you haven't practiced language much to be able to use it in real situations. To become a good user of Japanese, you need to practice appropriate Japanese phrases depending on the situation you actually face.

If you have done some sports earnestly and eagerly, you do understand that at the beginner's level, learning correct forms are important and in the end quickest way to become a good player of that sport. And you even recognize that the practicing for learning correct forms is quite boring and tiresome activity. It is the only way that you will become a good player of that sport through boring, tiresome basic training. In language learning, that basic training is mimicking and memorizing the model sentences.

Our Japanese learning courses are in 2 main categories, which are; Learning Japanese Course and Learning in Japanese Course. We also offer Learning in English Course and Learning about Teaching Japanese Course.

Now, let's get going and learn Japanese with us and make yourself a better Japanese user.

Learning Japanese Subjects

[For Regular Students] *Exchange students are eligible.

—Lessons for Output in Japanese—

Duration varies by subject:

■ Term-long subject

8 weeks: one term

■ Semester-long subject

15 weeks: two consecutive terms

《Writing》

Academic Writing in Japanese I - IV ■ Semester-long subject

Preferred to have JLPT-N1, Must have JLPT-N2

In Academic Writing I —IV, we are going to make you rewrite your own writings correctly.

You will also transcribe already written good Japanese essays without making any mistakes.

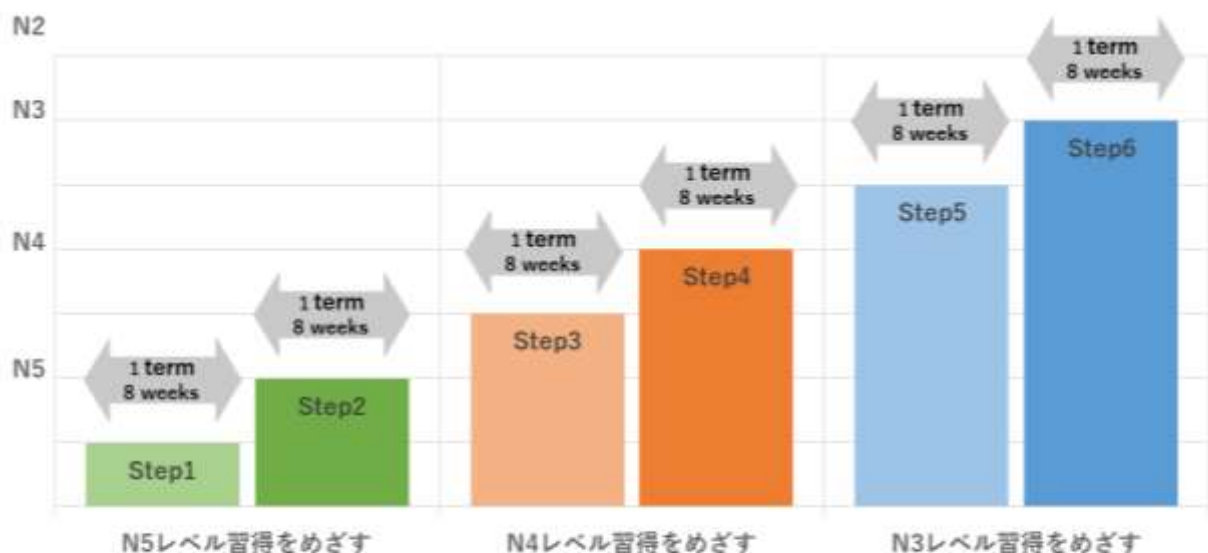
《Speaking/Oral Communication》 ■ Term-long subject

Japanese Step 1 - 6

2 lessons/week (the 1st period on Tuesday and Thursday, both compulsory.)

Japanese Step 1 through 6 focus on reading and reciting the model text.

Text memorization by itself is not good enough; reciting with the right rhythm and tone is expected.



Students may take only one Step each term.

You can start at any Step.

If you did not pass one Step, you must repeat the same Step again.

[For Regular Students] *Exchange students are eligible.

—Lessons for acquiring further knowledge of Japanese language—

Subject Name	Contents								
■Semester-long subject JLPT-N1 JLPT-N2	Preparatory courses for JLPT-N1/N2								
■Semester-long subject Japanese Reading Comprehension I / II / III / IV / V / VI	<u>JLPT-N2 or higher is preferred.</u> Genres vary by class I thru VI. <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Professional/Academic Writing</td> <td>Literature/Poetry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I: News Articles, etc.</td> <td>IV: Poetry, etc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>II: Academic essays, etc.</td> <td>V: Novels, etc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>III: News editorial, etc.</td> <td>VI: Waka(HAIKU), etc.</td> </tr> </table>	Professional/Academic Writing	Literature/Poetry	I: News Articles, etc.	IV: Poetry, etc.	II: Academic essays, etc.	V: Novels, etc.	III: News editorial, etc.	VI: Waka(HAIKU), etc.
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■Term-long subject Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	One way lecture on Japanese Grammar in English or Chinese.								

Learning in Japanese Subjects


Cross Cultural Learning A / C
 Active Learning A / B / C
 Studies of Multicultural Societies
 Intercultural Collaborative Learning A / B

Learning in English Subjects

What is Japan

Be sure to check syllabus on the website:
<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/academics/syllabus/>

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be no placement test in all the courses introduced in this guidance leaflet.
- To find out your level see this  JLPT's website.
<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>
- All the classes are designed for full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students and non-degree-seeking undergraduate exchange students from partner universities. Other students including graduate students are accepted only when there is vacancy in the class.
- Because of the current irregular situation, Research Students who already arrived in Japan and have started studying in Niigata are also accepted in either of Japanese Step 1 – 6 each term, when there is vacancy in the class.
- Privately-funded research students and people with no student status are not allowed to enroll.

[For MEXT sponsored students only*]

Intensive Japanese 0

5 lessons per week (1 lesson every day in the afternoon during weekdays)

All compulsory, not allowed to skip any of the lessons.

Application is accepted only through eligible students' faculty or graduate school.

*Students sponsored by MEXT as well as institutions such as JICA, who are degree-seeking students at NU are eligible.

*Privately-funded students including exchange students are not eligible to enroll

IMPORTANT!

1. All the lessons will be held ON-LINE synchronously.
You need a Desktop PC, Tablet PC, Laptop PC, or Smartphone.
⇒ Web camera and microphone must be installed on your PC.
⇒ Tablet or Smartphone users must have downloaded Zoom application before lessons.
※ Zoom will be used for lessons.

2. Subject Registration must be done through Student Web System Portal Site

Registration period starts from April 1, 2022.

Deadline

1st - term and semester subjects: **One day ahead of the day of the first lesson
(Any day between April 6 and 12.)**

2nd - term subjects: **April 12, 2022**

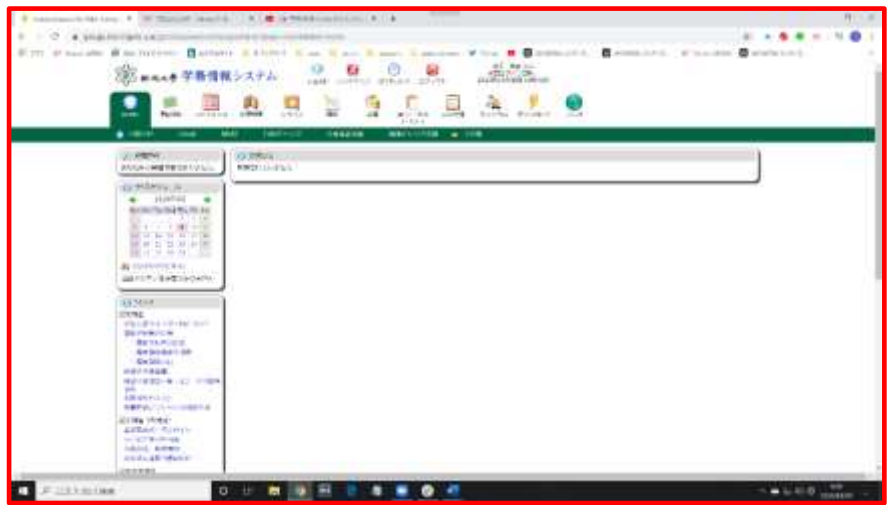
《Procedures》

- Step 1 Log in to [Niigata University Student Web System Portal Site](#).
- Step 2 Register your subjects you would like to take.
- Step 3 Receive announcement from the lecturer via Student Web System.
- Step 4 Join the lessons as instructed.

※ If you do not receive announcement from the lecturers, you are not registered.



Install Zoom



Student Web System (Portal Site)

3. Buy Textbooks

Check if the course requires a textbook (see Page 6).

How to Order:

- ⇒ [Download](#) the Textbook Order Form
- ⇒ Fill it out and send it to the shop via E-mail.
 - * Students who are not in Japan should ask the shop how to pay.
- ⇒ Receive E-mail from the shop
- ⇒ Pay by credit card (VISA/MASTER) or in cash at the time of delivery.
 - * Students who are not in Japan can pay by credit card (VISA/MASTER) only.
- ⇒ Textbooks will be delivered.

Japanese language-learning and global communication subjects First Semester 2022 (1st Term and 2nd Term)

* Registration period starts April 1, 2022 on Student Web System.

* Search syllabus:

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/study/syllabus/>

* Some of the following subjects will require buying a textbook.

* Learn details from the guidance booklet which will be posted at the following website.

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/study/japanese-language/>

[1st and 2nd terms: April 7 - August 8] ※Register by one day prior to the day of the first session.

Class Number	Course Title	Term	Day Period	Textbook Required✓	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners✓	Conducted Online via Zoom ✓
220G4016	JLPT-N1	1,2	Mon 1	✓		✓
220G4017	JLPT-N2	1,2	Tue 2	✓		✓
220G4021	Academic Writing in Japanese I	1,2	Mon 1	✓		✓
220G4022	Academic Writing in Japanese II	1,2	Mon 2	✓		✓
220G4023	Academic Writing in Japanese III	1,2	Wed 3	✓		✓
220G4024	Academic Writing in Japanese IV	1,2	Wed 4	✓		✓
220G4025	Science and Technology in Japan A	1,2	Wed 3			✓
220G4028	Japanese Reading Comprehension I (News articles, etc.)	1,2	Mon 3	✓		✓
220G4029	Japanese Reading Comprehension II (Academic essays, etc.)	1,2	Wed 4	✓		✓
220G4030	Japanese Reading Comprehension III (Newspaper editorial, etc.)	1,2	Fri 4	✓		✓
220G4031	Japanese Reading Comprehension IV (Literature: Poetry, etc.)	1,2	Mon 4	TBA		✓
220G4032	Japanese Reading Comprehension V (Literature: Novels, etc.)	1,2	Wed 4	TBA		✓
220G4033	Japanese Reading Comprehension VI (Literature: <i>Waka</i> , etc.)	1,2	Fri 4	TBA		✓
220G4015	Introduction to Japanese	1,2	Mon 5 Wed 5 Fri 5	TBA	✓	✓
220G3244	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Business Communication in a Globalized World	1,2	Thu 3			✓
220G3245	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Cross Cultural Understanding through the Collaborative Learning with International Students	1,2	Mon 3		✓	✓

[1st term: April 7 - June 8] ※Register by one day prior to the day of the first session.

Class Number	Course Title	Term	Day Period	Textbook Required✓	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners✓	Conducted Online via Zoom ✓
221G4001	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	1	Wed 2	✓		✓
221G4002	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	1	Fri 2	✓		✓
221G4003	Learning Japanese Step1	1	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓Use the same book	✓	✓
221G4004	Learning Japanese Step2	1	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓Use the same book	✓	✓
221G4005	Learning Japanese Step3	1	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓Use the same book		✓
221G4006	Learning Japanese Step4	1	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓Use the same book		✓
221G4007	Learning Japanese Step5	1	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
221G3213	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	1	Wed 1		✓	✓
221G3214	Active Learning C globalization and anti-globalization	1	Wed 1			✓
221G3215	What is Japan	1	Thu 3		✓	✓
221G3219	Cross Cultural Learning A * Face-to-face(F372) ; 1st lesson will be by Zoom	1	Mon 3			Classroom F372
221G3221	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	Fri 1			✓

[2nd term: June 13 - August 8] ※Register by April 12.

Class Number	Course Title	Term	Day Period	Textbook Required✓	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners✓	Conducted Online via Zoom ✓
222G4008	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	2	Wed 2	✓		✓
222G4009	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	2	Fri 2	✓		✓
222G4010	Learning Japanese Step2	2	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
222G4011	Learning Japanese Step3	2	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
222G4012	Learning Japanese Step4	2	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
222G4013	Learning Japanese Step5	2	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
222G4014	Learning Japanese Step6	2	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
222G3222	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	2	Wed 1		✓	✓
222G3223	Active Learning B Japan as A Country Producing Something Perfect	2	Wed 1			✓
222G3224	What is Japan	2	Thu 3		✓	✓
222G3231	Cross Cultural Learning A * Face-to-face(F372) ; 1st lesson will be by Zoom	2	Mon 3			Classroom F372
222G3232	Cross Cultural Learning C	2	Fri 1			✓