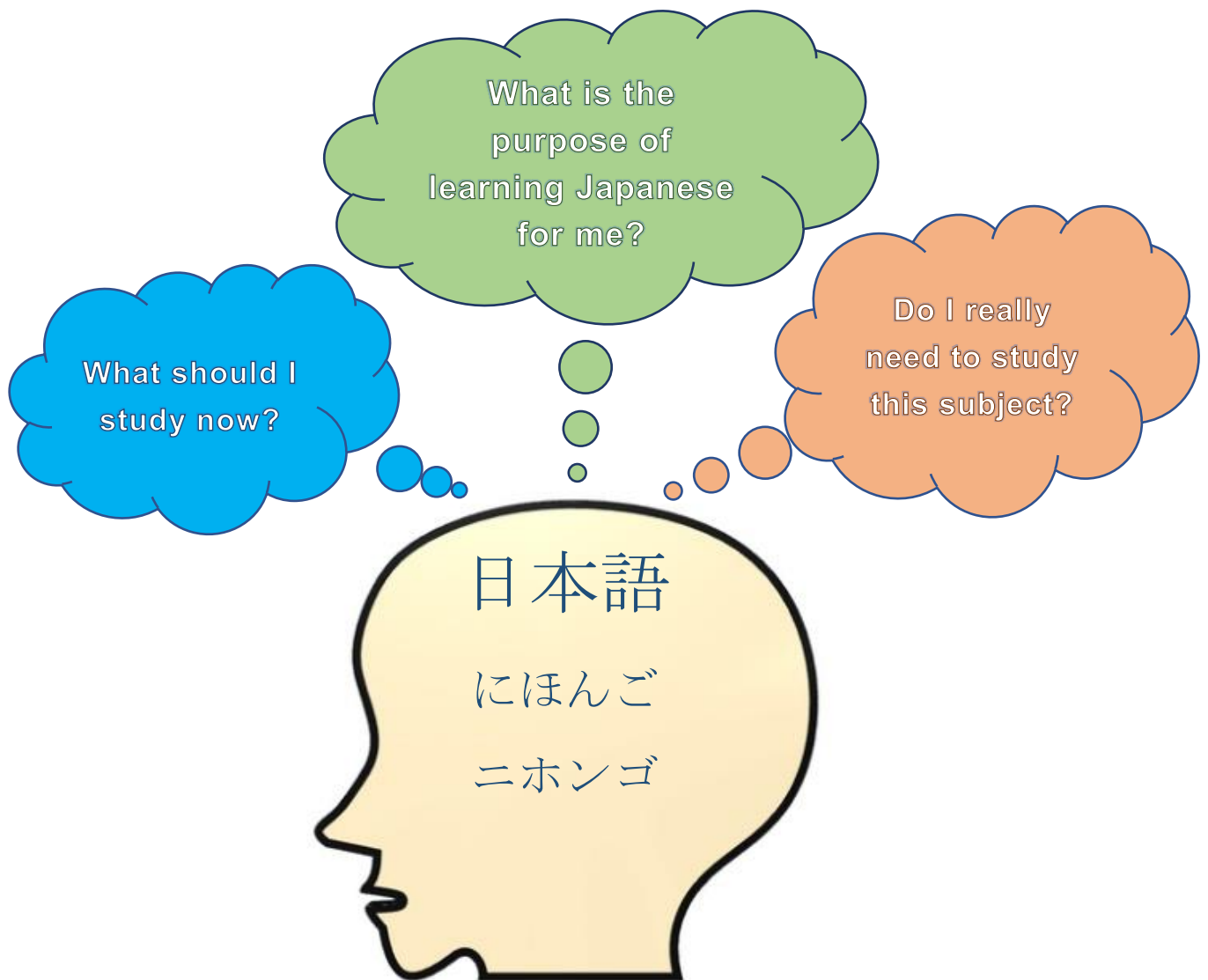


GUIDANCE for Japanese Language Learning Subjects  
Fall 2022



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 only

■ Semester-long subject

15 weeks: two consecutive terms

### 《Writing》

#### Academic Writing in Japanese I

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

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

In Academic Writing I and 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 1<sup>st</sup> period on Tuesday and Thursday, both compulsory.)

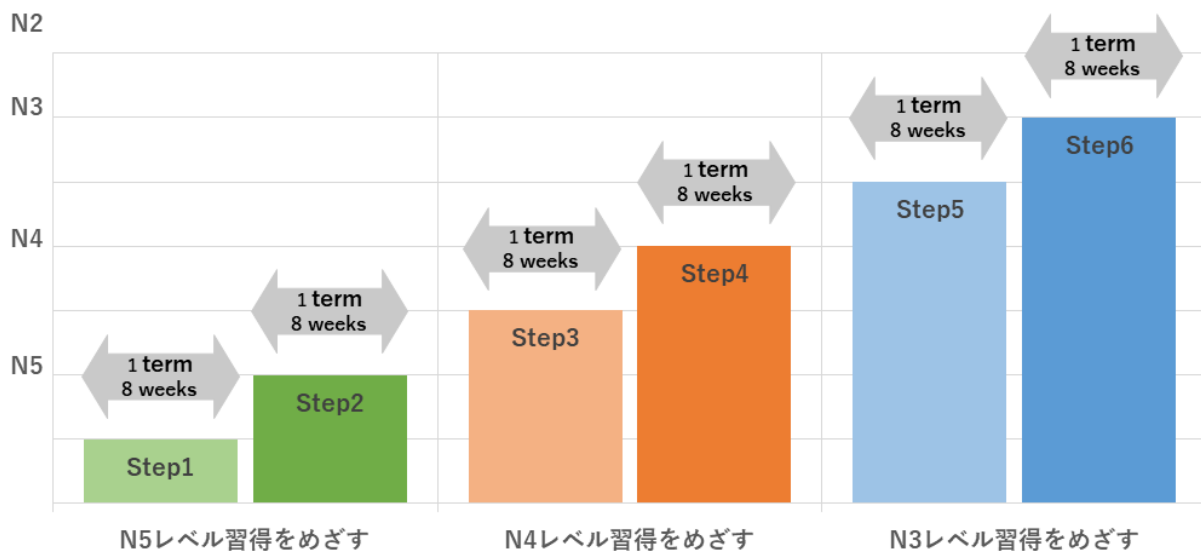
Japanese Step 1 through 6 focus on reading and reciting the model text.

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

Make sure to check your present level before selecting your Step at the JLPT webpage:

Japanese Language Proficiency Test > N1-N5: Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level

<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>



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.

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—Lessons for acquiring further knowledge of Japanese language—

Subject Name	Contents								
■Semester-long subject <b>Japanese Reading Comprehension</b> <b>I / II / III / IV / V / VI</b>	<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 <b>Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English</b> <b>Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese</b>	One way lecture on Japanese Grammar in English or Chinese. Both English and Chinese lecture use a textbook for JLPT-N2/intermediate level.								

### **Learning in Japanese Subjects**

**Cross Cultural Learning A / C** ■Term-long subject \*Advanced (JLPT-N1 is preferred.)

**Active Learning B / C** ■Term-long subject \*B: Japanese/English bilingual; C: mainly Japanese

**Intercultural Collaborative Learning B** ■Term-long subject

### **Learning in English Subjects**


**Active Learning A** ■Term-long subject

**What is Japan** ■Term-long subject

Be sure to check syllabus:

<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\*]

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

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

- Intensive Japanese 0: 5 lessons per week (1 lesson every day in the afternoon during weekdays)
- Introduction to Japanese Language: 3 lessons per week (Mon, Wed, Fri for 4<sup>th</sup> period)

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

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

# IMPORTANT!

1. Most of the subjects in this booklet 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.  
※ Students will be required to use Zoom for lessons.

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

### Registration period starts from September 20, 2022

Note: Registration is possible starting October 1 for students whose Enrollment Date is October 1.

#### Deadline

3<sup>rd</sup> - term and semester subjects: **One day ahead of the day of the first lesson  
(Any day between October 2 and 6.)**

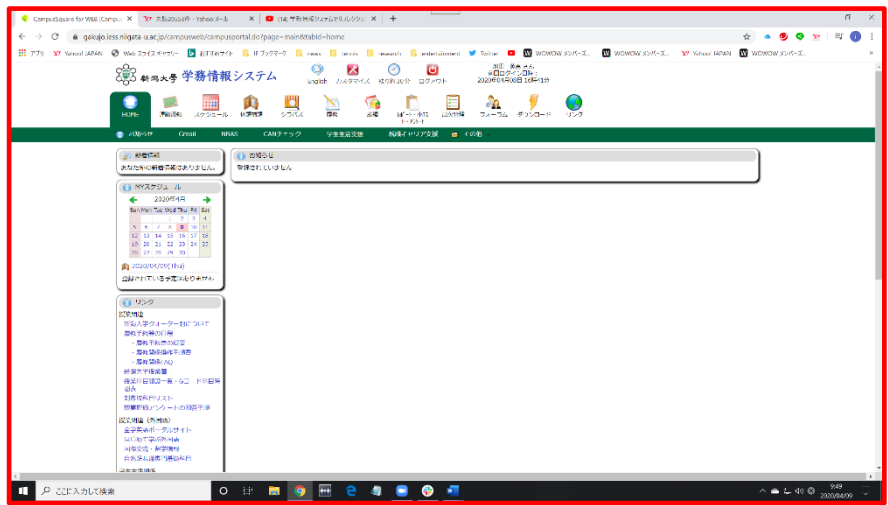
4<sup>th</sup> - term subjects: **October 6, 2022**

#### 《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.
- ※ You should be able to see announcement on the system if you are 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 textbook 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 cross-cultural-learning subjects Second Semester 2022 (3rd Term and 4th Term)

\* Registration period starts September 20, 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.

**[3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> terms: October 3 - February 13, 2023] ※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 ✓
220G4520	Academic Writing in Japanese I	3,4	Mon 1	TBA		✓
220G4523	Academic Writing in Japanese IV	3,4	Wed 4	TBA		✓
220G4524	Culture and Society in Japan A	3,4	Wed 2			✓*
220G4525	Science and Technology in Japan B	3,4	Wed 3			✓*
220G4528	Japanese Reading Comprehension I (News articles, etc.)	3,4	Mon 3	✓		✓
220G4529	Japanese Reading Comprehension II (Academic essays, etc.)	3,4	Wed 4	✓		✓
220G4530	Japanese Reading Comprehension III (Newspaper editorial, etc.)	3,4	Fri 4	✓		✓
220G4531	Japanese Reading Comprehension IV (Literature: Poetry, etc.)	3,4	Mon 4			✓
220G4532	Japanese Reading Comprehension V (Literature: Novels, etc.)	3,4	Wed 4	TBA		✓
220G4533	Japanese Reading Comprehension VI (Literature: <i>Waka</i> , etc.)	3,4	Fri 4			✓
220G3744	Intercultural Collaborative Learning B: Business Communication in a Globalized World	3,4	Thu 3			✓
220G3745	Intercultural Collaborative Learning B: Cross Cultural Understanding through the Collaborative Learning with International Students	3,4	Mon 3		✓	✓

\*Updated on Sept.16

**[3<sup>rd</sup> term: October 3 - December 1] ※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 ✓
223G4501	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	3	Wed 2	✓		✓
223G4502	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	3	Fri 2	✓		✓
223G4503	Learning Japanese Step1	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓	✓	✓
223G4504	Learning Japanese Step2	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	same book	✓	✓
223G4505	Learning Japanese Step3	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
223G4506	Learning Japanese Step4	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	same book		✓
223G4507	Learning Japanese Step5	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
223G3720	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	3	Wed 1		✓	✓
223G3721	Active Learning C globalization and anti-globalization	3	Wed 1			✓
223G3722	What is Japan	3	Thu 3		✓	✓
223G3725	Cross Cultural Learning A	3	Mon 3			✓
223G3727	Cross Cultural Learning C	3	Fri 1			✓
223G3728	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Considering the Japanese and Chinese Language and Culture with International Students	3	Tue 3			✓

**[4<sup>th</sup> term: December 5 - February 13, 2023] ※Register by October 6.**

Class Number	Course Title	Term	Day Period	Textbook Required✓	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners✓	Conducted Online via Zoom ✓
224G4508	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	4	Wed 2	✓		✓
224G4509	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	4	Fri 2	✓		✓
224G4510	Learning Japanese Step2	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓	✓	✓
224G4511	Learning Japanese Step3	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓		✓
224G4512	Learning Japanese Step4	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	same book		✓
224G4513	Learning Japanese Step5	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	✓Use the same book		✓
224G4514	Learning Japanese Step6	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1			✓
224G3732	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	4	Wed 1		✓	Face-to-face*
224G3733	Active Learning B Japan as A Country Producing Something Perfect	4	Wed 1			Face-to-face*
224G3734	What is Japan	4	Thu 3		✓	✓
224G3736	Cross Cultural Learning A	4	Mon 3			✓
224G3737	Cross Cultural Learning C	4	Fri 1			✓

\*Plan to conduct face-to-face lessons is subject to change.