

GUIDANCE for Japanese Language Learning Subjects
Fall 2023



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

—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 / II / III / IV ■ Semester-long subject

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

In Academic Writing I through IV, you will rewrite your own writings correctly.

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

《Speaking/Oral Communication》 ■ Term-long subject Online lessons in principle

Japanese Step 1 - 6

Lessons will be delivered via online using Zoom.

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

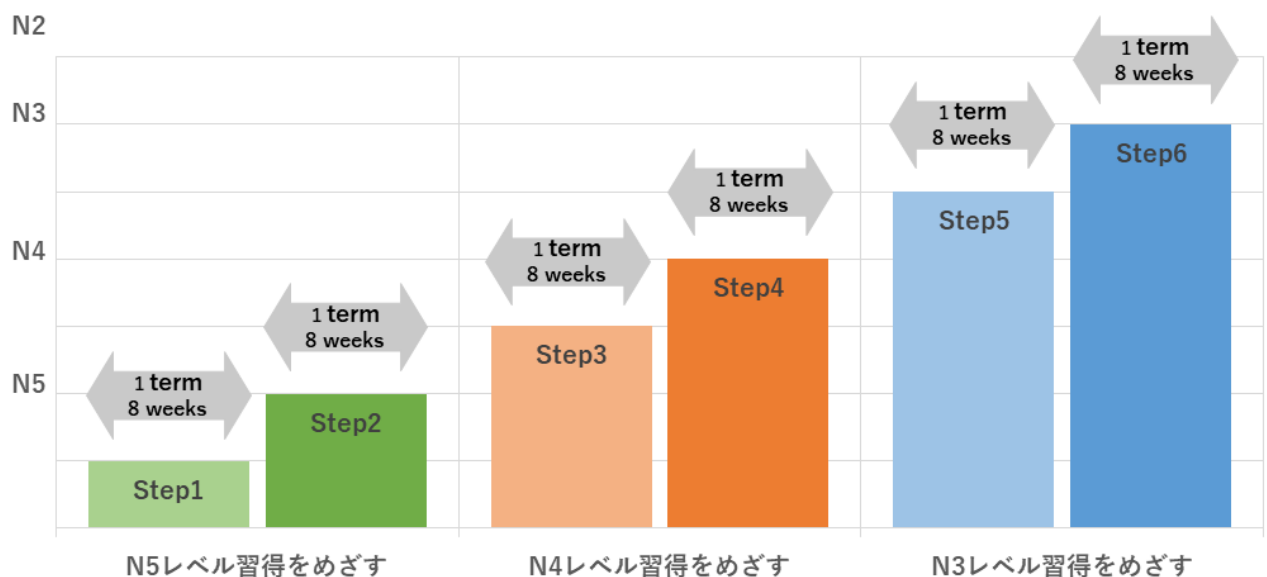
Apply by Monday, October 2 for the 3rd term subjects. Classes start on Tuesday, October 3.

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.

—Lessons for Output in Japanese—

《Comprehensive · Online》

Subject Name	Contents
<p>■Semester-long subject</p> <p>Comprehensive Japanese Language</p> <p>- Advanced B, Remote</p> <p>- Advanced-Intermediate, Remote</p> <p>- Beginner-Intermediate, Remote</p>	<p>Apply by Tuesday, October 3.</p> <p>Must attend three lessons per week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Classes start on Wednesday, October 4.</p> <p>Practice comprehensively on Japanese language skills, i.e., listening comprehension, writing, and speaking. Lessons will be delivered via online using Zoom. Students permitted to take the course should set up Zoom according to the instruction they will receive.</p>

—Lessons for acquiring further knowledge of Japanese language—

Subject Name	Contents								
<p>■Semester-long subject</p> <p>Japanese Reading Comprehension</p> <p>I / II / III / IV / V / VI</p>	<p><u>JLPT-N2 or higher is preferred.</u></p> <p>Genres vary by class I thru VI.</p> <table border="1"> <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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<p>■Term-long subject</p> <p>Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English</p> <p>Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese</p>	<p>One way lecture on Japanese Grammar in English or Chinese.</p> <p>Both English and Chinese lecture use a textbook for JLPT-N2/intermediate level.</p>								

—Lessons for acquiring knowledge for working in Japan—

Subject Name	Contents
<p>■Semester-long subject</p> <p>Business Japanese</p>	<p><u>JLPT-N2 or higher is preferred.</u></p> <p>To practice and acquire practical business Japanese skills which will be needed when being employed in Japan.</p>
<p>■Semester-long subject</p> <p>Working in Japan</p>	<p><u>JLPT-N2 or higher is preferred.</u></p> <p>To gain knowledge about job hunting in Japan, and to acquire an ability to express oneself effectively in job-hunting situations.</p>

Learning in Japanese Subjects

Cross Cultural Learning A / B / C ■Term-long subject *A: Japanese/English bilingual.

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

Intercultural Collaborative Learning A ■Term-long subject

Culture and Society in Japan A / Science and Technology in Japan B

■Semester-long subject * JLPT-N2 or higher is preferred.

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/>

[For MEXT sponsored students only*]

Intensive Japanese 0


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

All lessons are compulsory.

*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.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- The first term starts on Tuesday, October 3. Please make sure when you have your first lessons by seeing the university's Academic Calendar.
- There will be no placement test for 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.

IMPORTANT!

1 Some subjects meet in classroom, others delivered via online.

Check the classroom shown on the syllabus for a face-to-face (in-person) subject.

For subjects delivered via online, students will need a Desktop PC, Tablet PC, Laptop PC, or Smartphone.

⇒ Web camera and microphone must be installed on your PC.

NOTE: Students will be required to use Zoom for online lessons.

2 Apply for subjects through Student Web System Portal Site

Registration application period starts from September 20, 2023

Deadline

3rd- term and semester subjects: **One day ahead of the day of the first lesson**

4th- term subjects: **October 15, 2023**

《Procedures》

Step 1 Log in to [Niigata University Student Web System Portal Site](#).

Step 2 Apply for the subjects as soon as possible after September 20.

Step 3 Receive Zoom information (bulletin board icon) on the system for online lessons.
Go to the classroom shown on the syllabus for face-to-face lessons.

3 Buy Textbooks

How to Order:

⇒ [Download the Textbook Order Form](#)

⇒ Fill it out and send it to the textbook shop via E-mail.

⇒ 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.

※ If you do not find a subject name on the order form, ask the instructor on the first day.

Japanese language-learning and cross-cultural-learning subjects Second Semester 2023 (3rd Term and 4th Term)

* Course application period starts September 20, 2023 on Student Web System.

* Students should check a syllabus for each subject they wish to take.

Syllabus Search:

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

[3rd and 4th terms: October 3 - February 13] ※Apply by one day prior to the day of the first session.

Class Number	Title	Credit	Term	Day Period	Capacity	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners ✓	Conducted via Online ✓
230G4515	JLPT-N1 C	1	3,4	Fri 3	20		in-person
230G4532	JLPT-N2 D	1	3,4	Tue 2	20		in-person
230G4521	Academic Writing in Japanese I	1	3,4	Tue 2	10		in-person
230G4522	Academic Writing in Japanese II	1	3,4	Mon 2	10		in-person
230G4523	Academic Writing in Japanese III	1	3,4	Thu 3	10		in-person
230G4524	Academic Writing in Japanese IV	1	3,4	Wed 4	10		in-person
230G4525	Japanese Reading Comprehension I (News articles, etc.)	1	3,4	Mon 3	30		in-person
230G4526	Japanese Reading Comprehension II (Academic essays, etc.)	1	3,4	Fri 2	30		in-person
230G4527	Japanese Reading Comprehension III (Newspaper editorial, etc.)	1	3,4	Fri 4	30		in-person
230G4528	Japanese Reading Comprehension IV (Literature: Poetry, etc.)	1	3,4	Mon 4	30		in-person
230G4529	Japanese Reading Comprehension V (Literature: Novels, etc.)	1	3,4	Thu 2	30		in-person
230G4530	Japanese Reading Comprehension VI (Literature: <i>Waka</i> , etc.)	1	3,4	Fri 4	30		in-person
230G4518	Comprehensive Japanese Language (Advanced B, Remote)	3	3,4	Mon 4 / Wed 4 / Fri 4	30		✓ Zoom
230G4519	Comprehensive Japanese Language (Advanced-Intermediate, Remote)	3	3,4	Mon 3 / Wed 3 / Fri 3	30		✓ Zoom
230G4520	Comprehensive Japanese Language (Beginner-Intermediate, Remote)	3	3,4	Mon 4 / Wed 4 / Fri 4	30	Level: JLPT-N4 ✓	✓ Zoom
230G4531	Introduction to Japanese Language	3	3,4	Mon 5 / Wed 5 / Fri 5	20	✓	✓ Zoom
230G4533	Culture and Society in Japan A	2	3,4	Wed 2	20		✓ Zoom
230G4534	Science and Technology in Japan B	2	3,4	Wed 3	20		in-person
230G3741	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Business Communication in a Globalized World	2	3,4	Thu 3	30 (15/15)*		in-person
230G3742	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Cross Cultural Understanding through the Collaborative Learning with International Students	2	3,4	Mon 3	30 (15/15)*		in-person
230G4536	Business Japanese	2	3,4	Mon 1	15		in-person
230G4537	Working in Japan	2	3,4	Fri 1	20		in-person

* 15 international students and 15 Japanese students

[3rd term: October 3 - November 30] ※Apply by one day prior to the day of the first session.

Class Number	Title	Credit	Term	Day Period	Capacity	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners ✓	Conducted via Online ✓
233G4501	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	1	3	Wed 2	50		in-person
233G4502	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	1	3	Fri 3	50		in-person
233G4503	Learning Japanese Step1	1	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20	✓	✓ Zoom
233G4504	Learning Japanese Step2	1	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20	✓	✓ Zoom
233G4505	Learning Japanese Step3	1	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
233G4506	Learning Japanese Step4	1	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
233G4507	Learning Japanese Step5	1	3	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
233G3720	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	1	3	Wed 1	30	✓	in-person
233G3721	Active Learning C globalization and anti-globalization	1	3	Wed 2	30 (15/15)*		in-person
233G3722	What is Japan	1	3	Thu 3	100	✓	in-person
233G3725	Cross Cultural Learning A	1	3	Mon 3	30 (15/15)*	✓	in-person
233G3726	Cross Cultural Learning B	1	3	Thu 4	30 (15/15)*		in-person
233G3727	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	3	Fri 2	30 (15/15)*		✓ Zoom

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[4th term: December 4 - February 13] ※Apply by October 15.

Class Number	Title	Credit	Term	Day Period	Capacity	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners ✓	Conducted via Online ✓
234G4508	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	1	4	Wed 2	50		in-person
234G4509	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	1	4	Fri 3	50		in-person
234G4510	Learning Japanese Step2	1	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20	✓	✓ Zoom
234G4511	Learning Japanese Step3	1	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
234G4512	Learning Japanese Step4	1	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
234G4513	Learning Japanese Step5	1	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
234G4514	Learning Japanese Step6	1	4	Tue 1 · Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
234G3731	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	1	4	Wed 1	30	✓	in-person
234G3732	Active Learning B Japan as A Country Producing Something Perfect	1	4	Wed 1	30 (15/15)*		in-person
234G3733	What is Japan	1	4	Thu 3	100	✓	in-person
234G3735	Cross Cultural Learning A	1	4	Mon 3	30 (15/15)*	✓	in-person
234G3736	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	4	Fri 2	30 (15/15)*		✓ Zoom

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