

Japanese language and culture courses

Japanese language and culture courses can be recognized as equivalent to the Humanities and Social Science Courses, corresponding to 400, 500, and 600-level courses. International graduate students can obtain credits upon their successful completion of the courses. Research students/researchers may join these courses but cannot obtain credits. Students, however, who earned a degree (undergraduate) at Tokyo Institute of Technology or other universities in Japan, as well as students who are judged to have higher Japanese abilities cannot attend the courses.

Japanese language and culture courses website: <https://js.ila.titech.ac.jp/~web/>

Reservation and registration procedures

1. Create an account on Japanese Class Online System (“JCOS”): <https://cuckoo.js.ila.titech.ac.jp/~yamagen/regist-h/>

1.1 If you are assigned with a new Tokyo Tech student ID (i.e., your status at Tokyo Tech changed from a research/undergraduate student to a master student, or a master/research student to a doctoral candidate), you have to send a “Request for Student ID Change” through JCOS. You must not create another account using a different email address.

2. Log in to JCOS and reserve the class(es) that are suitable for your Japanese level.

2.1 If you wish to secure your place in the following quarter, you can reserve the classes for the next 2 quarters (i.e. the first/second and the third/fourth quarters). The number of seats is limited, and you will be put on the waiting list when the class of your choice becomes full.

2.2 If you want to check your current Japanese level, take an online Japanese placement test on JCOS.

2.3 We recommend you to consult your academic supervisor beforehand and gain their consent before registering for Japanese classes.

3. Attend the classes you have reserved.

3.1 **Do not miss the first class.** If you miss the first class, your reservation status might be changed to “waiting” so as to give a chance to the next person on the waiting list.

3.2 During the first class, the instructor will assess your level. If your language skills are not suitable for the class you have chosen, you may be advised to change to classes that are more suitable for you, or may not be allowed to attend the class.

3.3 While you are on the waiting list, you **cannot attend the class.** When there is a vacancy, an approval notice will be sent to the next candidate on the waiting list. Once you receive the approval notice, you may attend the class.

4. Register for the courses on Web Services for Student and Faculty (*Kyomu Web System* in Japanese) if you wish to obtain credits.

4.1 The results will be shown as “pass” or “fail”. The scores are available on Japanese Class Online System.

5. Supplementary procedures to register for Japanese Culture and Language 1-4 (600-level)

5.1 If you wish to register for Japanese Culture and Language 1-4, **reserve a Japanese class that is suitable for your language level** on JCOS in advance.

5.2 Attend the first class and ask the instructor for permission to attend the class as 600-level. With that permission, you are allowed to register for Japanese Culture and Language 1-4 (LAJ.C601~604) on Web Services for Student and Faculty (*Kyomu Web System*).

Table 1: Master's Degree Program courses (400- and 500-levels)

Course category	Course number	Course title	Credits	Competencies	Comments
400 level	LAJ.J401	★ Intensive Japanese Course A1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J402	Intensive Japanese Course B1	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.J403	★ Intensive Japanese Course A2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J404	Intensive Japanese Course B2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.J411	★ Basic Japanese 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J412	★ Basic Japanese 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J413	Basic Japanese 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J414	Basic Japanese 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J421	Intermediate Japanese 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J422	Intermediate Japanese 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J423	Intermediate Japanese 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J424	Intermediate Japanese 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T411	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T412	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T413	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T414	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T415	Japanese kanji: Basic 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T416	Japanese kanji: Basic 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T421	Japanese conversation: Intermediate 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T422	Japanese conversation: Intermediate 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T423	Japanese oral expression: Intermediate 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T424	Japanese oral expression: Intermediate 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T425	Japanese listening comprehension: Intermediate 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T426	Japanese listening comprehension: Intermediate 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T427	Japanese kanji: Intermediate 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T428	Japanese kanji: Intermediate 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	

	LAJ.T433		Japanese conversation: Intermediate 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T434		Japanese conversation: Intermediate 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T435		Japanese kanji: Intermediate 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T436		Japanese kanji: Intermediate 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T441		Japanese seminar 1: Oral expression	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T442		Japanese seminar 2: Listening comprehension	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T443		Japanese seminar 3: Oral expression	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T444		Japanese seminar 4: Oral expression	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T445		Japanese seminar 5: Writing skills	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T446		Japanese seminar 6: Writing skills	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T447		Japanese seminar 7: Career development	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T448		Japanese seminar 8: Career development	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T449		Japanese seminar 9: Japanese companies and industries	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T450		Japanese seminar 10: Japanese companies and industries	0-1-0	2,3,5	
500 level	LAJ.J511		Intermediate Japanese 5	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J512		Intermediate Japanese 6	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J513		Intermediate Japanese 7	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J514		Intermediate Japanese 8	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T501	★	Japanese culture 1: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T502	★	Japanese culture 2: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.C501		Japanese culture 3: Multi-cultural collaboration	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.C502		Japanese culture 4: Multi-cultural collaboration	0-1-0	2,3,5	

Note :

• ★ : offered in English

• Competencies: 1 = Specialist skills, 2 = Intercultural skills, 3 = Communication skills, 4 = Critical thinking skills, 5 = Practical and/or problem-solving skills

• The characters preceding the three digits in the course number denote the course's subdiscipline: i.e., LA (Liberal Arts), J (Japanese language and culture courses), J (Japanese language regular courses), T (Specific skill courses), C (Japanese culture courses)

Table 2: Doctoral Degree Program courses (600-level)

Course category	Course number	Course title	Credits	Competencies	Comments
600 level	LAJ.C601	Japanese Culture and Language 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.C602	Japanese Culture and Language 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.C603	Japanese Culture and Language 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.C604	Japanese Culture and Language 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	

Note :

- Competencies: 1 = Specialist skills, 2 = Intercultural skills, 3 = Communication skills, 4 = Critical thinking skills, 5 = Practical and/or problem-solving skills
- Japanese culture and language 1-4 are prepared for students who wish to attend classes at the 600 level, and students are required to consult the course instructor prior to registration.
- The characters preceding the three digits in the course number denote the course's subdiscipline: i.e., LA (**L**iberal Arts), J (**J**apanese language and culture courses), J (**J**apanese language regular courses), T (**T** Specific skill courses), C (**C** Japanese culture courses)

Table 3: Japanese Language levels and curriculum

Level	Regular courses	Specific skill / Japanese culture courses
Beginner: B1, B2	Basic Japanese *1 / *2 ★	Japanese culture 1 / 2: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture ★
Upper-elementary: B3, B4	Basic Japanese *3 / *4	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 1 / 2 Japanese kanji: Basic 1 / 2 Japanese culture 1 / 2: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture ★
Pre-intermediate: I1, I2	Intermediate Japanese 1 / 2	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 1 / 2 Japanese conversation: Intermediate 1 / 2 Japanese kanji: Basic 1 / 2 Japanese kanji: Intermediate 1 / 2 Japanese culture 2: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture ★
Lower-intermediate: I3, I4	Intermediate Japanese 3 / 4	Japanese conversation: Intermediate 3 / 4 Japanese kanji: Intermediate 1 ~ 4
Mid-intermediate: I5, I6	Intermediate Japanese 5 / 6	Japanese seminar 1 ~ 10 (Eligibility is limited based on the level.)
Upper-intermediate: I7, I8	Intermediate Japanese 7 / 8	Japanese seminar 1 ~ 10
Pre-advanced: U1-U4	-	Japanese seminar 1 ~ 10 (Eligibility is limited based on the level.) Japanese culture 3/4: Multi-cultural collaboration

It takes two quarters (approximately four months) to finish one language level; * two classes per week;

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