

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 and exchange 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. If you feel that the determined level based on the placement test is not appropriate, please consult the professors of Japanese courses.

2.3 We recommend that you consult your academic supervisors in advance 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 JCOS.

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

5.1 You are required to obtain 2 credits from Humanities and social science courses to complete the doctoral degree program, and can substitute this requirement by taking Japanese language and culture courses.

5.2 If you wish to take Japanese Culture and Language 1-4, **reserve a Japanese class that is suitable for your language level** on JCOS in advance. On the reservation page of JCOS, select "600-level" from the pull-down menu of "credit".

5.3 Once you are allowed to take the class, register for "Japanese Culture and Language 1-4 (LAJ.C601(1Q)/ LAJ.C602(2Q)/ LAJ.C603(3Q)/ LAJ.C604(4Q))" on Web Services for Student and Faculty (*Kyomu Web System*): do not register for the course you are actually attending.

5.4 This procedure is allowed only once in each quarter for only one course. For example, once you get a credit for LAJ.C601 in 1Q, you cannot get another credit for the same LAJ.C601 again in 1Q of any later years.

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	
	LAJ.J403	★	Intensive Japanese Course A2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.J404		Intensive Japanese Course B2	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	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.T417		Japanese kanji: Basic 3	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T418		Japanese kanji: Basic 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T421		Japanese conversation: Intermediate 1	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T422		Japanese conversation: Intermediate 2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	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	Suspended
	LAJ.T436			Japanese kanji: Intermediate 4	0-1-0	2,3,5	Suspended
	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 = Liberal arts skills, 3 = Communication skills, 4 = Applied skills (inquisitive thinking and/or problem-finding skills), 5 = Applied skills (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 = Liberal arts skills, 3 = Communication skills, 4 = Applied skills (inquisitive thinking and/or problem-finding skills), 5 = Applied skills (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 (Liberal Arts)**, **J (Japanese language and culture courses)**, **J (Japanese language regular courses)**, **T (Specific skill courses)**, **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: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture ★
Upper-elementary: B3, B4	Basic Japanese *3 / *4	Japanese conversation: Pre-intermediate 1 / 2 Japanese kanji: Basic 1 ~ 4 Japanese culture 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 ~ 4 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-U8	-	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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