

Japanese language and culture courses

Japanese Language and Culture Courses are designed for international students, providing programs designated to build up Japanese communication skills and to deepen cultural understandings. These courses consist of three types: regular courses (Basic 1-4 and Intermediate 1-8), specific skill courses (i.e. Conversation, Kanji, Japanese seminar, etc.), and Japanese culture courses. All Japanese courses are organized according to proficiency levels ranging from Beginner to Pre-advanced. Successful completion of a regular course is required to advance to the next level.

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 our institute or other universities in Japan, as well as students who are judged to have higher Japanese abilities cannot attend the courses.

For latest information about registration procedures, please refer to Japanese language and culture courses website:
<https://js.ila.titech.ac.jp/~web/japanese.html>

Summary of reservation and registration procedures

1. Create an account on Japanese Class Online System (simply referred to as “JCOS”, and details are specified on [our website](#)) and take Japanese placement tests.

If you are assigned with a new student ID, you have to change your registered student ID on 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.

3. Attend the classes you have reserved.

During the first class, the course lecturer 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.

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

The results will be shown as “pass” or “fail”. The scores are available on JCOS.

5. Japanese Culture and Language 1-4 (600-level)

5.1 Reserve a Japanese class that is suitable for your Japanese proficiency level on JCOS in advance. On the reservation page of JCOS, select "600-level" from the pull-down menu of "credit".

5.2 After your class enrollment is confirmed by the course lecturer, register for "Japanese Culture and Language 1-4" on *Kyomu Web System*: do not register for both "Japanese Culture and Language 1-4" and the specific course you are actually attending.

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	Intensive course Pre-interview and application are required.
	LAJ.J402		Intensive Japanese Course B1	0-1-0	2,3,5	Intensive course Pre-interview and application are required.
	LAJ.J403	★	Intensive Japanese Course A2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Intensive course Pre-interview and application are required.
	LAJ.J404		Intensive Japanese Course B2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Intensive course Pre-interview and application are required.
	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: Vocabulary and grammar mastery	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T450			Japanese seminar 10: Vocabulary and grammar mastery	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., LAJ (Japanese language and culture courses), J (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 lecturer prior to registration.
- The characters preceding the three digits in the course number denote the course's subdiscipline: i.e., LAJ (Japanese language and culture courses), J (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 / 2 / 3 / 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 kanji: Basic 1 / 2 / 3 / 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 / 2
Mid-intermediate: I5, I6	Intermediate Japanese 5 / 6	Japanese seminar 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 9 / 10
Upper-intermediate: I7, I8	Intermediate Japanese 7 / 8	Japanese seminar 1 ~ 10
Pre-advanced: U1-U8	-	Japanese seminar 1 / 2 / 7 / 8 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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