

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 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 System for Students and Faculty](#) (*Kyomu Web System* in Japanese) if you wish to obtain credits.

Grades will be given as “pass” or “fail”. The scores are available on JCOS.

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

Reserve a Japanese class that is suitable for your Japanese proficiency level on JCOS.

After your class enrollment is confirmed by the course lecturer, register for "Japanese Culture and Language 1-4 (LAJ.C601(1Q)/ LAJ.C602(2Q)/ LAJ.C603(3Q)/ LAJ.C604(4Q))" on *Kyomu Web System*: do not register for 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 (Prior application required)
	LAJ.J402	Intensive Japanese Course B1	0-1-0	2,3,5	Intensive course (Prior application required)
	LAJ.J403	★ Intensive Japanese Course A2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Intensive course (Prior application required)
	LAJ.J404	Intensive Japanese Course B2	0-1-0	2,3,5	Intensive course (Prior application 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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