

## **Japanese language and culture courses**

Japanese Language and Culture Courses can be recognized as Humanities and Social Science Courses as corresponding 400, 500, and 600-level courses. International graduate students can obtain credits from Japanese subjects upon their successful completion. A research student/researcher may join these classes but cannot obtain credits. Students, however, who earned a degree (undergraduate) at Tokyo Institute of Technology or other universities in Japan and also students who are judged to have higher Japanese abilities can not attend the class.

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

## **Reservation and registration procedure for taking Japanese classes**

1. Create an account on Japanese Class Online System: <http://cuckoo.js.ila.titech.ac.jp/~yamagen/regist-h/>

1.1 Students who already made your account may continue the below.

1.2 If you acquired a NEW Tokyo Tech student ID (i.e., your status changed from a research student to a master student, or a master student to a doctoral candidate), please inform the system admin your new ID number.

2. Log in to Japanese Class Online System and choosing classes that suit your Japanese level. By doing this, you make reservations for both the first/second, and third/fourth quarter. The available number of seats are limited. When a class has reached the limit, you will be put on the waiting list.

2.1 If it is your first time to take a Japanese class at Tokyo Tech, you need to first take an Online Japanese Placement Test to assess your language ability. If you are a true beginner of Japanese or have ever passed the JLPT N1 and N2, you do not need to take the test.

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

3. Attending the classes you have reserved

3.1 Please **do not miss the first class**. Missing your first class will result in your reservation status changed to “waiting” status even if you have reserved the class earlier than other students.

3.2 In the first class, the instructor in charge of teaching may assess your level, and if your language skill does not fit to the class you have chosen, you may be advised to change to appropriate class, or not allowed to attend the class.

3.3 When you are on the waiting list, you **cannot attend the class** until you receive a notification email message, which permits you to attend the class.

4. Registering on Web Services for Student and Faculty (*Kyomu Web System* in Japanese) for credits.

4.1 You need to register those class(es) on the Web Services for Student and Faculty (Kyomu Web System).

4.2 The results will be shown pass or fail. The scores are available on Japanese Class Online System.

5. Registering Japanese Culture and Language (600-level)

5.1 Students who wish to register in Japanese Culture and Language (600) must reserve one of Japanese language courses that fits to your language level on Japanese Class Online System in advance.

5.2 Students must attend the first lesson and ask the instructor for permission that you will attend the class as 600-level. With that permission, you will be allowed to register Japanese Culture and Language (600-level) on Web Services for Student and Faculty (*Kyomu Web System* in Japanese).

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

Course category	Course number	Course title		Credits	Competencies	Comments
400 level	LAJ.J411		Basic Japanese 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J412		Basic Japanese 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J413		Basic Japanese 3	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J414		Basic Japanese 4	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J421		Intermediate Japanese 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J422		Intermediate Japanese 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J423		Intermediate Japanese 3	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J424		Intermediate Japanese 4	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T401		Topic Oriented Japanese 1: Basic Conversation	0-1-0	1,2,5	Suspended
	LAJ.T411		Topic Oriented Japanese 11: Daily life in Japanese society 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T412		Topic Oriented Japanese 12: Daily life in Japanese society 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T413		Topic Oriented Japanese 13: Supplementary lessons in intermediate 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T414		Topic Oriented Japanese 14: Supplementary lessons in intermediate 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T415		Topic Oriented Japanese 15: Kanji basic 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T416		Topic Oriented Japanese 16: Kanji basic 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T421		Topic Oriented Japanese 21: Intermediate listening comprehension and conversation 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T422		Topic Oriented Japanese 22: Intermediate listening comprehension and conversation 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T423		Topic Oriented Japanese 23: Culture for intermediate 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T424		Topic Oriented Japanese 24: Culture for intermediate 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T425		Topic Oriented Japanese 25: Conversation and speech 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T426		Topic Oriented Japanese 26: Conversation and speech 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T427		Topic Oriented Japanese 27: Kanji intermediate 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T428		Topic Oriented Japanese 28: Kanji intermediate 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T431		Topic Oriented Japanese 31: Culture and society 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T432		Topic Oriented Japanese 32: Culture and society 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	

	LAJ.T433			Topic Oriented Japanese 33: Culture and society 3	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T434			Topic Oriented Japanese 34: Culture and society 4	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T435			Topic Oriented Japanese 35: Kanji intermediate 3	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T436			Topic Oriented Japanese 36: Kanji intermediate 4	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T441			Topic Oriented Japanese 41: Pronunciation for presentation	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T442			Topic Oriented Japanese 42: Listening comprehension for news	0-1-0	2,3,5	
	LAJ.T443			Topic Oriented Japanese 43: Cross cultural understandings 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T444			Topic Oriented Japanese 44: Cross cultural understandings 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T445			Topic Oriented Japanese 45: Critical reading and discussion 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T446			Topic Oriented Japanese 46: Critical reading and discussion 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T447			Topic Oriented Japanese 47: Reading and writing on current affairs 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	Suspended in AY 2018
	LAJ.T448			Topic Oriented Japanese 48: Reading and writing on current affairs 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	Suspended in AY 2018
500 level	LAJ.J511			Intermediate Japanese 5	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J512			Intermediate Japanese 6	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J501			Advanced Japanese 1: Academic listening	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J502			Advanced Japanese 2: Academic writing and discussion	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J503			Advanced Japanese 3: Academic presentation	0-1-0	1,2,5	Suspended in AY 2018
	LAJ.T501		★	Topic Oriented Japanese 51: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture 1	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.T502		★	Topic Oriented Japanese 52: Strategic approach to Japanese and culture 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	

Note :

• ★ : offered in English

• Competencies: 1 = Intercultural skills; 2 = Communication skills; 3 = Specialist skills; 4 = Critical thinking skills;

5 = Practical and/or problem-solving skills

• The character preceding the three digits in the course number denotes the course's subdiscipline: i.e., LA (Liberal Arts), J (Japanese language and culture courses), J (Japanese language regular courses), T (Topic Oriented Japanese 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	1,2,5	
	LAJ.C602			Japanese Culture and Language 2	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.C603			Japanese Culture and Language 3	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.C604			Japanese Culture and Language 4	0-1-0	1,2,5	
	LAJ.J601			Advanced Japanese 4: How to write papers and a thesis	0-1-0	1,2,5	Suspended
	LAJ.J602			Advanced Japanese 5: How to publish research papers	0-1-0	1,2,5	Suspended
Note :							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Competencies: 1 = Intercultural skills; 2 = Communication skills; 3 = Specialist skills; 4 = Critical thinking skills; 5 = Practical and/or problem-solving skills</li><li>The character preceding the three digits in the course number denotes the course's subdiscipline: i.e., <b>LA (Liberal Arts), J (Japanese language and culture courses), J (Japanese language regular courses), T (Topic Oriented Japanese courses)</b></li></ul>							

## **Overview of Curriculum System**

Table 3 : Japanese Language levels

Level	Regular class	Topic-Oriented Japanese
Beginner: B1, B2	Basic Japanese *1 / *2	TOJ *01, 51
Upper-elementary: B3, B4	Basic Japanese *3 / *4	TOJ 15,16, 51, 52
Pre-intermediate: I1, I2	Intermediate Japanese 1 / 2	TOJ 11-16, 21-28, 52
Lower-intermediate: I3, I4	Intermediate Japanese 3 / 4	TOJ 21-28, 31-36
Upper-intermediate: I5, I6	Intermediate Japanese 5 / 6	TOJ 41-48
Pre-advanced: U1, U2	Advanced Japanese 1-5	-

It takes two quarters (approximately four months) to finish one language level; \* two classes per week;  
Japanese culture and language 1-4 are prepared for students who wish to attend classes at the 600 level;  
TOJ 51 and 52 are offered in English.