

For international students wishing to study Japanese language at the
Japanese Language Education Center in Term 1 and/or Term 2, 2024

Overview of the Intensive Japanese Language Course

The Japanese Language Education Center at Saitama University offers an “intensive Japanese language course” for international students who wish to study the Japanese language.

Students who can study Japanese language at the Japanese Language Education Center are restricted to those who are allowed by their respective faculties to register for Intensive Japanese Language Course and can earn credits. Attending course without registration is not permitted.

All classes in the “Intensive Japanese Language Course” have enrollment limits to ensure effective teaching and smooth class operation. If the number of applicants is over 20, students may be selected by the screening.

The “intensive Japanese language course” is designed for those who wish to study the Japanese language comprehensively on a continuous basis in a series of six classes: Japanese A to Japanese S, from beginner to the advanced level. The levels and learning goals are as follows:

Level	Class	Prospective Participant	Goal upon Completion of the Course
Advanced	Japanese S	Students who have completed Japanese E (those with JLPT N1 or equivalent proficiency in the Japanese language) and wish to study the Japanese language at a higher level	To attain Japanese language proficiency required to study and conduct research at a Japanese university and to do business in the Japanese language in the future.
Upper Intermediate	Japanese E	Students who have completed Japanese D (those with JLPT N2 or equivalent proficiency in the Japanese language)	To attain Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N1 (C1 in the CEFR or JF Standard for Japanese Language Education).
Intermediate	Japanese D	Students who have completed Japanese C (those with JLPT N3 or equivalent proficiency in the Japanese language)	To attain Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N2 (B2 in the CEFR or JF Standard for Japanese Language Education).
	Japanese C	Students who have completed Japanese B (those with JLPT N4 or equivalent proficiency in the Japanese language)	To attain Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N3 (B1 in the CEFR or JF Standard for Japanese Language Education).
Elementary	Japanese B	Students who have completed Japanese A (those with JLPT N5 or equivalent proficiency in the Japanese language)	To attain Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N4 (A2 in the CEFR or JF Standard for Japanese Language Education).
	Japanese A	Students with no prior knowledge of the Japanese language	To attain Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N5 (A1 in the CEFR or JF Standard for Japanese Language Education).

Subjects Offered

The subjects that will be offered in the Intensive Japanese Language Course in the third and fourth terms are as follows. Classes for each subject will meet two periods a week (except A class and B class).

Credits	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Blocks(per week) Class	2 Blocks	2 Blocks	2 Blocks	2 Blocks ("Kanji" is 1 Block)
Japanese S	Japanese I Reading Comprehension	Japanese I Writing	Japanese II Listening Comprehension	Japanese II Composition
Japanese E	Reading Comprehension	Grammar	Listening Comprehension / Conversation	/
Japanese D	Reading Comprehension	Grammar	Listening Comprehension / Conversation	/
Japanese C	Reading Comprehension	Grammar	Listening Comprehension / Conversation	/
Japanese B	Comprehensive Japanese			Kanji
Japanese A	Comprehensive Japanese			Kanji

(The subjects with a shaded background are not to be taken individually.)

- Prospective students can select subjects according to their needs and schedule from among the subjects that are offered in the class in which they are placed based on the result of their placement test. Japanese studies students and teacher training students, however, cannot select subjects on their own. Their subjects will be designated by the Japanese Language Education Center.
- Students who wish to improve their Japanese language comprehensively in the four areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing; students who are planning to do research and business in Japanese language; and students who wish to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) are required to take all the subjects offered in their respective class.
- *Comprehensive Japanese*, offered in Japanese A and Japanese B, is a subject where the classes will meet six periods a week for a total of three credits. Students who wish to take this class must attend all the six periods of the class. Enrolling in this subject without attending all six class periods is not permitted.
- The Japanese Language Education Center may advise students to take certain subjects offered in other classes based on their Japanese language proficiency in the four areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students are not allowed to take subjects offered in other classes for personal reasons.

Application

- To take the Intensive Japanese Language Course offered by the Japanese Language Education Center, students must apply from the URL below by **Friday, March 1, 12:00pm (Japan time)**.

<p style="text-align: center;">【Application form】</p> <div style="background-color: #008080; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>[2024SPRING]Application for the Intensive Japanese Language Course for STEPS</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">https://forms.office.com/r/O1SifAxSXh</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">【 Points when applying 】</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 45%; padding: 5px;"> <p>【 1 】 Click here to select Japanese or English</p> <p><small>* 必須 1. Student ID Number (If you don't still have student ID, please Leave out blank)</small></p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; padding: 5px;"> <p>【 2 】 After answering, click here to save your answer.</p> </div> </div>
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The Japanese Language Education Center will send URL of the placement test to students who have submitted the application form. Students are required to submit the answers via the website until **Friday, March 21, 9:00 pm (Japan time)**.

Those who have taken a Japanese language course at the Japanese Language Education Center, Saitama University in the previous terms do not have to take the placement test. However they are required to apply from the above URL.

Class placement will be announced on **Wednesday, April 3** by E-Mail. Students who are accepted into the Intensive Japanese Language Course are encouraged to participate in their class orientation program that will be held on **Friday, April 5** via zoom online system. Students will select their subjects with their Japanese language instructors during the orientation period (subjects to be taken by Japanese studies students or teacher training students, however, will be designated by the Japanese Language Education Center).

Schedule

Application deadline	Friday, March 1, 12:00pm (Japan time)	
Placement test	From Monday, March 25 until Friday, March 29, 9:00pm	
Class announcement	Friday, April 3	
Class orientation	Friday, April 5	
	10:00~11:00	Class A, Class C
	11:00~12:00	Class S, Class B
	13:00~14:00	Class D
	14:00~15:00	Class E