

For international students wishing to study Japanese language at the
Japanese Language Education Center in Term 1 and/or Term 2, 2025

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 first and second terms are as follows.

	4 periods/1 week 2 credits/1 term	2 periods /1 week 1 credits/1 term				1 periods /week 1 credits/2 term
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		Writing
Japanese C		Reading Comprehension	Grammar	Listening Comprehension / Conversation		Writing
Japanese B	Rikai	Katsudou				Kanji
Japanese A	Rikai	Katsudou				Kanji

※Note : About 'Rikai' and 'Katsudou' in Japanese A and B class

“Rikai”: Course for language competences, aimed at improving ability language knowledge


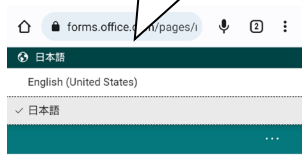
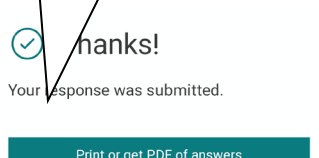
“Katsudo”: Course for communicative language activities, aimed at improving ability language performance

(Textbook: <https://marugoto.jpf.go.jp/> A class→A1 level / B class→A2 Level)

- 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.
- “*Rikai*”, offered in Japanese A and Japanese B, is a subject where the classes will meet four periods a week for a total of two credits. Students who wish to take this class must attend all the four periods of the class. Enrolling in this subject without attending all four 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 21, 12:00pm (Japan time)**.

<p>【Application form】</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>【2025Spring/STEPS】 Application for the Intensive Japanese Language Course</p> </div> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/sjzBkrjv5t</p>	<p>【 Points when applying 】</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>【 1 】 Click here to select Japanese or English</p>  <p><small>* 必須</small></p> <p><small>1. Student ID Number (If you don't still have student ID, please Leave out blank)</small></p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>【 2 】 After answering, click here to save your answer.</p>  <p><small>Print or get PDF of answers</small></p> <p><small>Submit another response</small></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 until **Wednesday, March 26**.

Students are required to submit the answers via the website until **Tuesday, April 1, 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 **Friday, April 4** by E-Mail.

Students who are accepted into the Intensive Japanese Language Course should participate in their class orientation program that will be held on **Tuesday, April 8** via zoom online system. Students will select their subjects with their Japanese language instructors during the orientation period.

Note that during the first week of classes, students are free to move one level up or one level down from their assigned class level. Students who may move classes should also attend an orientation for that level.

Schedule

Application deadline	Friday, March 21, 12:00pm (Japan time)	
Placement test	From Wednesday, March 26 until Tuesday, April 1, 9:00 pm	
Class announcement	Friday, April 4	
Class orientation	Tuesday, April 8	
	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