# Language Studies

## Study Japanese at Niigata University

The Japanese Language Program offers students an interactive way to learn and practice Japanese. Our teachers are experienced instructors in teaching Japanese as a foreing language. Students from a variety of linguistic backgrounds come together to acquire the language skills necessary for academic success in Japan.

The Japanese Language Program is divided into two courses: Intensive Course and Non-Intensive Course.

## Intensive Course

The Intensive Course is available for beginners through upper intermediate students.

*JLPT stands for the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test that certifies Japanese language proficiency.

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| Levels | 4 Levels<br>- Level 0: Beginner (little or no knowledge of Japanese)<br>- Level 1: Elementary (JLPT* N4/N5 level)<br>- Level 2: Intermediate (JLPT N3/N4 level)<br>- Level 3: Upper intermediate (JLPT N2/N3 level) |
| Hours/Week | 7.5 to 15 hours per week |
| Average Class Size | 20 |
| Length | 15 weeks (April - July / October - February) |
| Eligibility | Exchange students |

Note: - Upon arrival, students will be given a placement test and placed into the appropriate level based on the results.
- The advanced level class is provided for those who have attained level N1 of the JLPT.
- Eligibility for the course depends on student status.

## Non-Intensive Course

The Non-Intensive Course is a Japanese test preparation course for the JLPT exam.

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| Levels | 3 Levels<br>- Level 1: Elementary (for students aiming for level N4 or N5 of the JLPT)<br>- Level 2: Intermediate (for students aiming for level N2 or N3 of the JLPT)<br>- Level 3: Upper intermediate (for students aiming for level N1 of the JLPT) |
| Hours/Week | 4.5 hours per week |
| Average Class Size | 20 |
| Length | 10 weeks (May - July / October - December) |
| Eligibility | All international students |

Note: - Eligibility for the course depends on student status.
- The advanced level classes are provided for those who have attained level N2 of the JLPT.