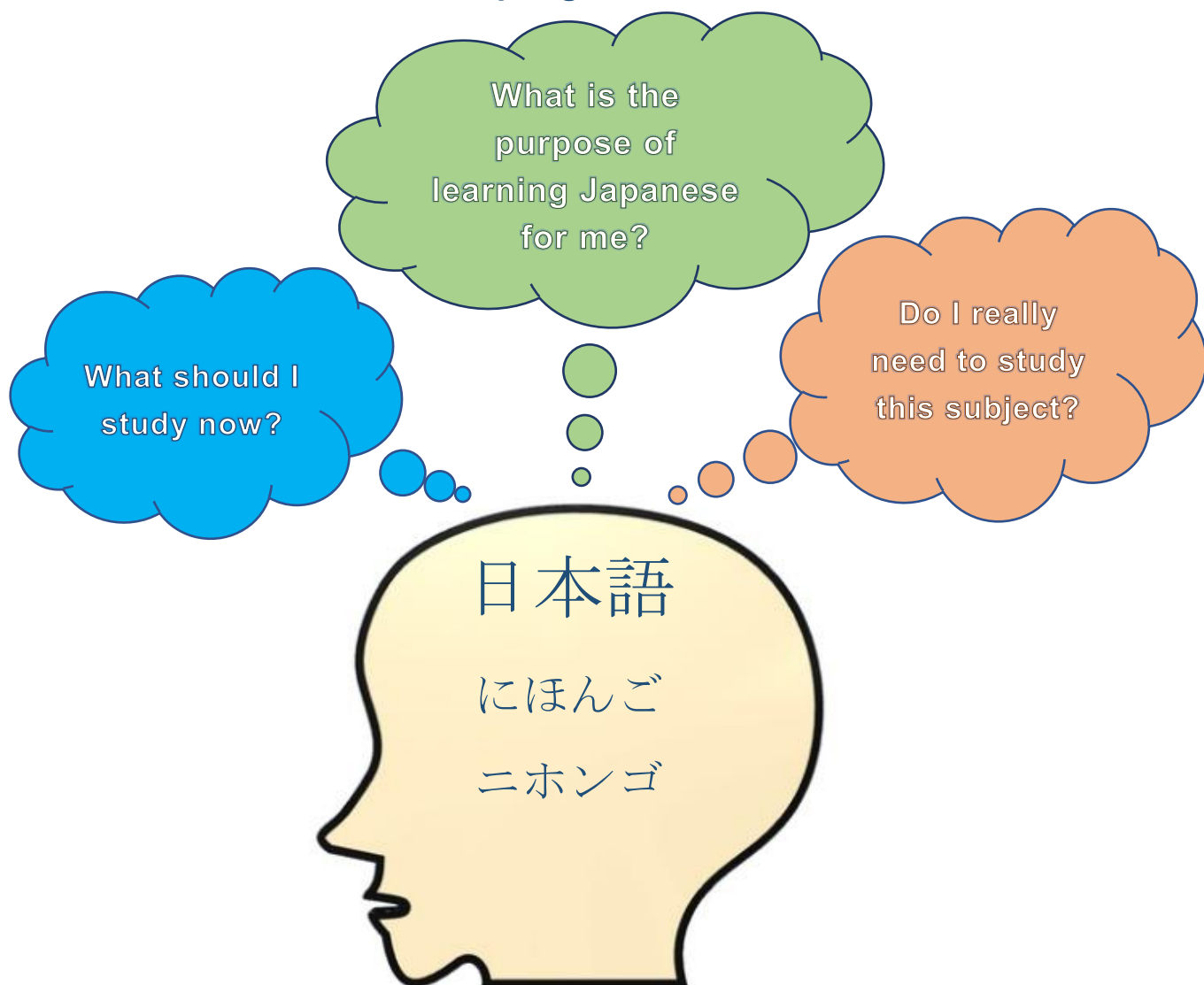


GUIDANCE for Japanese Language Learning Subjects
Spring 2023



From
Learning Japanese
to
Learning **in** Japanese

新潟大学留学センター



Our policy for teaching Japanese at Niigata University

Nowadays, it is quite easy to learn some information about a language through the Internet. However, it is not that easy to learn and acquire the ability to output your ideas and thoughts using that language all by yourself.

Here at Niigata University, all our Japanese language learning courses are aiming at cultivating students' ability to acquire that. It is true that if people want to say something in Japanese, they need to have appropriate expressions for the situation in Japanese and take that out of their brains and say it. What do you think we need to do to make it possible? Our answer to that question is that we should get rid of the old language learning style; learning grammar and accumulating the lexical knowledge.

Have you become a good Japanese user through traditional grammar based studying yourself? Have you ever questioned yourself asking "Why am I still not able to use Japanese correctly and fluently, after studying it for so long and so hard?". Studying grammar surely makes you feel that you really study a lot but you should realize that you haven't practiced language much to be able to use it in real situations. To become a good user of Japanese, you need to practice appropriate Japanese phrases depending on the situation you actually face.

If you have done some sports earnestly and eagerly, you do understand that at the beginner's level, learning correct forms are important and in the end quickest way to become a good player of that sport. And you even recognize that the practicing for learning correct forms is quite boring and tiresome activity. It is the only way that you will become a good player of that sport through boring, tiresome basic training. In language learning, that basic training is mimicking and memorizing the model sentences.

Our Japanese learning courses are in 2 main categories, which are; Learning Japanese Course and Learning in Japanese Course. We also offer Learning in English Course and Learning about Teaching Japanese Course.

Now, let's get going and learn Japanese with us and make yourself a better Japanese user.



Learning Japanese Subjects

—Lessons for Output in Japanese—

Duration varies by subject:

- Term-long subject
8 weeks: one term only
- Semester-long subject
15 weeks: two consecutive terms

《Writing》

Academic Writing in Japanese I / II / III / IV ■ Semester-long subject

Preferred to have JLPT-N1, Must have JLPT-N2

In Academic Writing I through IV, you will rewrite your own writings correctly.

You will also transcribe already written good Japanese essays without making any mistakes.

《Speaking/Oral Communication》 ■ Term-long subject Online lessons in principle

Japanese Step 1 - 6

Lessons will be delivered via online using Zoom.

2 lessons per week (1st period on Tuesday and Thursday, both compulsory.)

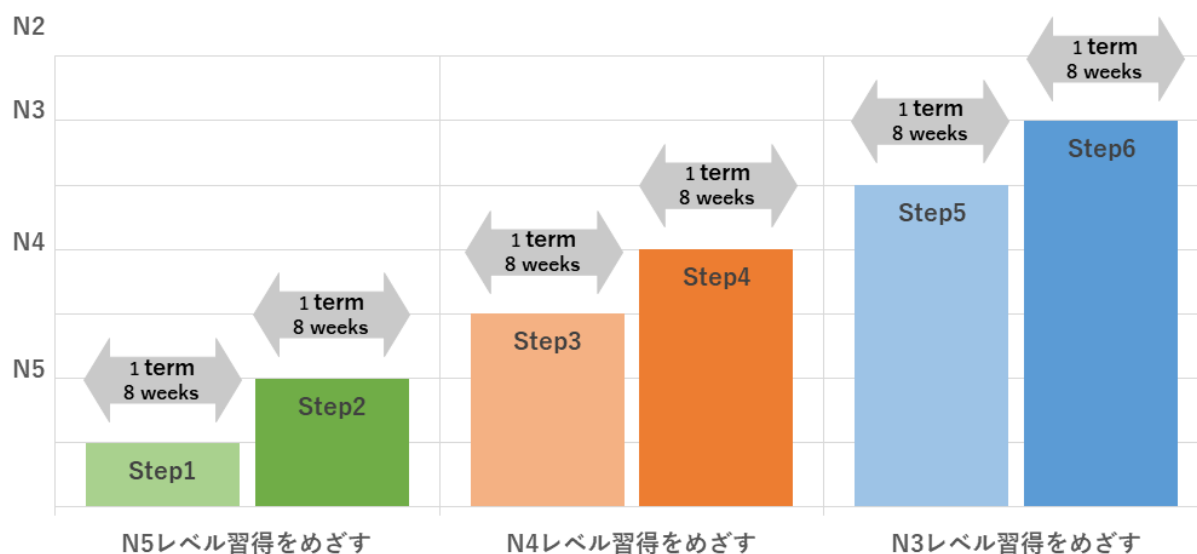
Apply by Wednesday, April 5 for the 1st term subjects. Classes start on Thursday, April 6.

Japanese Step 1 through 6 focus on reading and reciting the model text. Text memorization by itself is not good enough; reciting with the right rhythm and tone is expected.

Make sure to check your present level before selecting your Step at the JLPT webpage:

Japanese Language Proficiency Test > N1-N5: Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level

<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>



Students may take only one Step each term.

You can start at any Step.

If you did not pass one Step, you must repeat the same Step again.

—Lessons for Output in Japanese—

《Comprehensive・Online》

Subject Name	Contents
■Semester-long subject Comprehensive Japanese Language - Advanced B, Remote - Advanced-Intermediate, Remote - Beginner-Intermediate, Remote	Apply by Tuesday, April 4, 12:00PM. Must attend three lessons per week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Classes start on Friday, April 7. Practice comprehensively on Japanese language skills, i.e., listening comprehension, writing, and speaking. Use Microsoft Teams to deliver lessons. Students permitted to take the course should set up Teams according to the instruction they will receive.
■Semester-long subject Introduction to Japanese Language	Oral practice and recitation of introductory level Japanese. ZOOM will be used. Classes start on Friday, April 7. Apply by Thursday, April 6.

—Lessons for acquiring further knowledge of Japanese language—

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■Semester-long subject Japanese Reading Comprehension I / II / III / IV / V / VI	<u>JLPT-N2 or higher is preferred.</u> Genres vary by class I thru VI. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Professional/Academic Writing</td><td>Literature/Poetry</td></tr> <tr> <td>I: News Articles, etc.</td><td>IV: Poetry, etc.</td></tr> <tr> <td>II: Academic essays, etc.</td><td>V: Novels, etc.</td></tr> <tr> <td>III: News editorial, etc.</td><td>VI: Waka(HAIKU), etc.</td></tr> </table>	Professional/Academic Writing	Literature/Poetry	I: News Articles, etc.	IV: Poetry, etc.	II: Academic essays, etc.	V: Novels, etc.	III: News editorial, etc.	VI: Waka(HAIKU), etc.
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■Term-long subject Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	One way lecture on Japanese Grammar in English or Chinese. Both English and Chinese lecture use a textbook for JLPT-N2/intermediate level.								

Learning in Japanese Subjects

Cross Cultural Learning A / B / C ■Term-long subject *A: Japanese/English bilingual.

Active Learning B / C ■Term-long subject *B: Japanese/English bilingual; C: mainly Japanese

Intercultural Collaborative Learning A ■Term-long subject

Learning in English Subjects

Active Learning A ■Term-long subject

What is Japan ■Term-long subject

Be sure to check syllabus:

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/academics/syllabus/>

[For MEXT sponsored students only*]

Intensive Japanese 0E:


5 lessons per week (1 lesson every day in the afternoon during weekdays)

All lessons are compulsory.

*Students sponsored by MEXT as well as by JICA, who are degree-seeking students at NU are eligible.

*Privately-funded students including exchange students are not eligible to enroll.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The first term starts on Thursday, April 6. Please make sure when you have your first lessons by seeing the university's Academic Calendar.
- There will be no placement test for all the courses introduced in this guidance leaflet.
- To find out your level see this  JLPT's website.
<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>
- All the classes are designed for full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students and non-degree-seeking undergraduate exchange students from partner universities. Other students including graduate students are accepted only when there is vacancy in the class.
- Because of the current irregular situation, Research Students who already arrived in Japan and have started studying in Niigata are also accepted in either of Japanese Step 1 – 6 each term, when there is vacancy in the class.
- Privately-funded research students and people with no student status are not allowed to enroll.

IMPORTANT!

1 Some subjects meet in classroom, others delivered via online.

Check the classroom shown on the syllabus for a face-to-face (in-person) subject.

For subjects delivered via online, students will need a Desktop PC, Tablet PC, Laptop PC, or Smartphone.

⇒ Web camera and microphone must be installed on your PC.

NOTE: Students will be required to use Zoom or Teams for online lessons.

2 Apply for subjects through Student Web System Portal Site

Registration application period starts from April 1, 2023

Deadline

1st - term and semester subjects: **One day ahead of the day of the first lesson (which falls on any day between April 5 and 11.)** Exception for “Comprehensive Japanese Language” (Advanced B/ Advanced-Intermediate / Beginner-Intermediate) Remote, which are due April 4, 12:00PM.

2nd - term subjects: **April 11, 2023**

《Procedures》

Step 1 Log in to [Niigata University Student Web System Portal Site](#).

Step 2 Apply for the subjects as soon as possible after April 1.

Step 3 Receive Zoom information (bulletin board icon) on the system for online lessons.
Go to the classroom shown on the syllabus for face-to-face lessons.

3 Buy Textbooks

How to Order:

⇒ [Download the Textbook Order Form](#)

⇒ Fill it out and send it to the textbook shop via E-mail.

⇒ Receive E-mail from the shop

⇒ Pay by credit card (VISA/MASTER) or in cash at the time of delivery.

* Students who are not in Japan can pay by credit card (VISA/MASTER) only.

⇒ Textbooks will be delivered.

※ If you do not find a subject name on the order form, ask the instructor on the first day.

※ Students who have not arrived in Japan should inform the instructor when they will arrive and ask when the textbook should be ordered.

Japanese language-learning and cross-cultural-learning subjects

First Semester 2023 (1st Term and 2nd Term)

* Course application period starts April 1, 2023 on Student Web System.

* Students should check a syllabus for each subject they wish to take.

Syllabus Search:

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/study/syllabus/>

[1st and 2nd terms: April 6 - August 3] ※Apply by one day prior to the day of the first session.

Class Number	Title	Credit	Term	Day Period	Capacity	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners ✓	Conducted via Online ✓
230G4015	JLPT-N1 A	1	1,2	Fri 3	20		in-person
230G4016	JLPT-N2 A	1	1,2	Tue 2	20		in-person
230G4021	Academic Writing in Japanese I	1	1,2	Tue 2	10		in-person
230G4022	Academic Writing in Japanese II	1	1,2	Mon 2	10		in-person
230G4023	Academic Writing in Japanese III	1	1,2	Thu 3	10		in-person
230G4024	Academic Writing in Japanese IV	1	1,2	Wed 4	10		in-person
230G4025	Japanese Reading Comprehension I (News articles, etc.)	1	1,2	Mon 3	30		in-person
230G4026	Japanese Reading Comprehension II (Academic essays, etc.)	1	1,2	Fri 2	30		in-person
230G4027	Japanese Reading Comprehension III (Newspaper editorial, etc.)	1	1,2	Fri 4	30		in-person
230G4028	Japanese Reading Comprehension IV (Literature: Poetry, etc.)	1	1,2	Mon 4	30		in-person
230G4029	Japanese Reading Comprehension V (Literature: Novels, etc.)	1	1,2	Thu 2	30		in-person
230G4030	Japanese Reading Comprehension VI (Literature: Waka, etc.)	1	1,2	Fri 4	30		in-person
230G4018	Comprehensive Japanese Language (Advanced B, Remote) **Apply by April 4, 12PM	3	1,2	Mon 4 / Wed 4 / Fri 4	30		✓ Teams
230G4019	Comprehensive Japanese Language (Advanced-Intermediate, Remote) **Apply by April 4, 12PM	3	1,2	Mon 3 / Wed 3 / Fri 3	30		✓ Teams
230G4020	Comprehensive Japanese Language (Beginner-Intermediate, Remote) **Apply by April 4, 12PM	3	1,2	Mon 4 / Wed 4 / Fri 4	30	Level: JLPT-N4 ✓	✓ Teams
230G4031	Introduction to Japanese Language	3	1,2	Mon 5 / Wed 5 / Fri 5	20	✓	✓ Zoom
230G4032	Science and Technology in Japan A	2	1,2	Wed 3	20		in-person
230G3237	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Business Communication in a Globalized World	2	1,2	Thu 3	30 (15/15)*		TBA
230G3238	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Cross Cultural Understanding through the Collaborative Learning with International Students	2	1,2	Mon 3	30 (15/15)*		TBA

* 15 international students and 15 Japanese students

[1st term: April 6 - June 5] ※Apply by one day prior to the day of the first session.

Class Number	Title	Credit	Term	Day Period	Capacity	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners ✓	Conducted via Online ✓
231G4001	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	1	1	Wed 2	50		in-person
231G4002	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	1	1	Fri 3	50		in-person
231G4003	Learning Japanese Step1	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	20	✓	✓ Zoom
231G4004	Learning Japanese Step2	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	20	✓	✓ Zoom
231G4005	Learning Japanese Step3	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
231G4006	Learning Japanese Step4	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
231G4007	Learning Japanese Step5	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
231G3214	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	1	1	Wed 1	30	✓	in-person
231G3215	Active Learning C globalization and anti-globalization	1	1	Wed 2	30 (15/15)*		in-person
231G3216	What is Japan	1	1	Thu 3	100	✓	in-person
231G3219	Cross Cultural Learning A	1	1	Mon 3	30 (15/15)*	✓	in-person
231G3221	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	1	Fri 2	30 (15/15)*		✓ Zoom

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[2nd term: June 8 - August 3] ※Apply by April 11.

Class Number	Title	Credit	Term	Day Period	Capacity	Suitable for Japanese Intermediate-Beginners ✓	Conducted via Online ✓
232G4008	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English	1	2	Wed 2	50		in-person
232G4009	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese	1	2	Fri 3	50		in-person
232G4010	Learning Japanese Step2	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	20	✓	✓ Zoom
232G4011	Learning Japanese Step3	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
232G4012	Learning Japanese Step4	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
232G4013	Learning Japanese Step5	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
232G4014	Learning Japanese Step6	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	20		✓ Zoom
232G3223	Active Learning A Unique Japanese Cultures	1	2	Wed 1	30	✓	in-person
232G3224	Active Learning B Japan as A Country Producing Something Perfect	1	2	Wed 1	30 (15/15)*		in-person
232G3225	What is Japan	1	2	Thu 3	100	✓	in-person
232G3230	Cross Cultural Learning A	1	2	Mon 3	30 (15/15)*	✓	in-person
232G3231	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	2	Fri 2	30 (15/15)*		✓ Zoom

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