

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 Course

[For MEXT sponsored students only\*] \*Exchange students are NOT eligible.

### *Intensive Japanese 0*

10 lessons per week (2 lessons every day in the morning)

All compulsory, not allowed to skip any of the lessons

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

[For Regular Students] \*Exchange students are eligible.

—Lessons for Output in Japanese—

### 《Writing》

#### *Academic Writing in Japanese I-IV*

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

In Academic Writing I-IV, we are going to make you rewrite your own writings correctly. We also ask you to transcribe already written good Japanese Essays without making any mistakes.

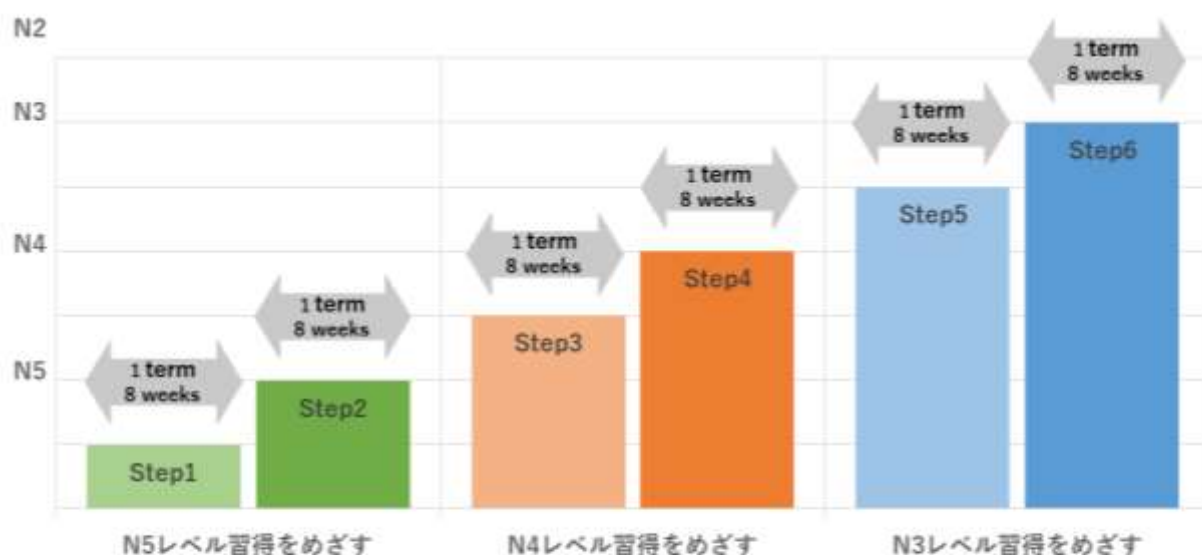
### 《Speaking/Oral Communication》

#### *Japanese Step 1 – 6*

2 lessons/week (the 1<sup>st</sup> period on Tuesday and Thursday)

Both compulsory. Students are not allowed to skip either of the lessons.

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.



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.

[For Regular Students]      \*Exchange students are eligible.

—Lessons for Input more Japanese—

*JLPT-N1/N2:*

日本語能力検定試験対策講座

*Japanese Reading Comprehension:*

Read a lot of writings and essays. JLPT-N2 or more is preferred.

*Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English/Chinese:*

One way lecture on Japanese Grammar in English/Chinese.

### **Learning in Japanese Course**

*Cross Cultural Learning A/B/C*

*Active Learning A/B/C*

*Studies of Multicultural Societies*

*Intercultural Collaborative Learning A/B*

### **Learning in English Course**

*What is Japan*

### **Learning Teaching Japanese Course**

*Introduction to Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language for Future Teachers*


*Teaching Japanese I –A*

*Teaching Japanese I –B*

*Teaching Japanese II*

Be sure to check syllabus  
on the website:

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

- There will be no placement test in 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. Therefore 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 Step1 – 6 each term, when there is vacancy in the class.
- Privately funded research students and people with no student status are not allowed in the class.

## IMPORTANT!

1. All the lessons will be held ON-LINE synchronously.  
You need a Desktop PC, Tablet PC, Laptop PC, or Smartphone.  
⇒ Web camera and microphone must be installed on your PC.  
⇒ Tablet or Smartphone users must have downloaded Zoom application before lessons.  
※ Zoom will be used for the lessons.

## 2. Buy Textbooks

Check if the course requires a textbook on Page 6.

How to Order:

- ⇒ [Download](#) the Textbook Order Form
- ⇒ Fill it out and send it to the shop via E-mail.
  - \* Students who are not in Japan should ask the shop how to pay.
- ⇒ 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.

## 3. Subject Registration must be done through Student Portal Site (Web System)

Registration period starts from April 1, 2021.

(Student Portal Site will be unavailable between April, 2 at 17:30 and April 4 at 23 : 59 for maintenance)

**Deadline for 1<sup>st</sup>- term Courses: One day ahead of the day of the first lesson.**

**Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup>- term Courses: April 13, 2021**

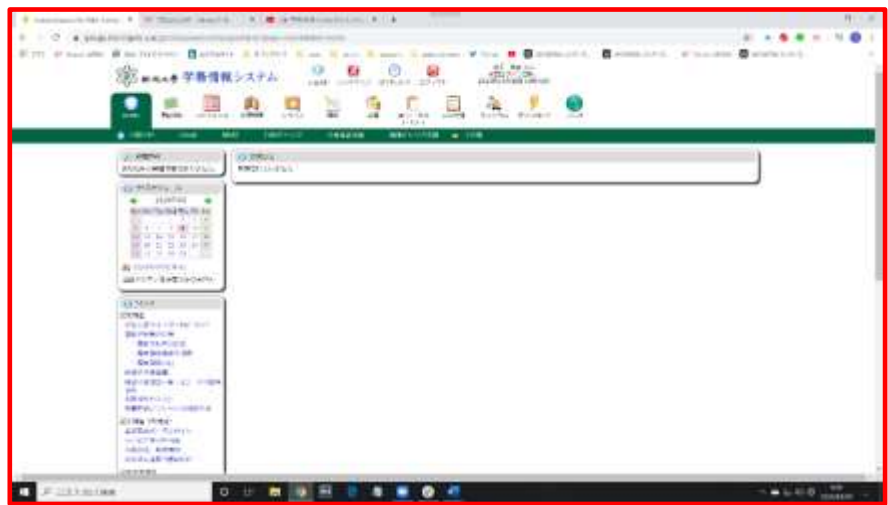
《Procedures》

- Step 1 Log in to Niigata University Student Portal Site.
- Step 2 Register your subjects you would like to take.
- Step 3 Receive E-mail from the lecturer.
- Step 4 Join the lessons as instructed.

※ If you do not receive E-mail from the lecturer(s), you are not registered.



Install Zoom



Student Portal Site

## Comprehensive List of Courses in Japanese language and studies for Spring Semester

◆ 『Textbook required』・・・Order a textbook by email using the order form. In some courses, students may be asked to buy a textbook after the beginning of the term.

◆ Some subjects are scheduled to be conducted face-to-face in a classroom in the 2nd Term. However, the first session will be conducted remotely using ZOOM. Don't go to a classroom on the first session even in these subjects.

**【1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> terms】 ※Register courses by one day ahead of the day of the first session.**

Class Number	Course Title	Credit	Term	Day・Period	Instructor	Textbook required	Face-to-face instruction	
							1 <sup>st</sup> term	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
210G4019	JLPT-N1 A	1	1,2	Mon 1	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	×	×
210G4020	JLPT-N2 A	1	1,2	Mon 1	SASAKI Kaori	○	×	×
210G4026	Academic Writing in Japanese I	1	1,2	Mon 1	HARAGUCHI Kozue	TBA	×	●
210G4027	Academic Writing in Japanese II	1	1,2	Mon 2	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	×	●
210G4028	Academic Writing in Japanese III	1	1,2	Wed 3	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	×	●
210G4029	Academic Writing in Japanese IV	1	1,2	Wed 4	WAKUI Yuuko	TBA	×	●
210G4030	Japanese Reading Comprehension	1	1,2	Mon 3	YING Jun	○	×	×
210G4031	Science and Technology in Japan A	2	1,2	Wed 3	KOBAYASHI Kenta		×	×
210G3249	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Business Communication in a Globalized World	2	1,2	Thu 3	MENG Yun		×	●
210G3250	Intercultural Collaborative Learning A: Cross Cultural Understanding through the Collaborative Learning with International Students	2	1,2	Mon 3	MENG Yun		×	●

**【1<sup>st</sup> term】 ※Register courses by one day ahead of the day of the first session.**

Class Number	Course Title	Credit	Term	Day・Period	Instructor	Textbook required	Face-to-face instruction	
							1 <sup>st</sup> term	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
211G4001	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English a	1	1	Wed 2	IKEDA Ruth	○	×	／
211G4002	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese a	1	1	Fri 2	YING Jun	○	×	／
211G4004	Learning Japanese Step1	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	IKEDA Hideki	○	×	／
211G4005	Learning Japanese Step2	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	×	／
211G4006	Learning Japanese Step3	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	ARITA Kayoko	○	×	／
211G4007	Learning Japanese Step4	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	×	／
211G4008	Learning Japanese Step5	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	SASAKI Kaori	○	×	／
211G4009	Learning Japanese Step6	1	1	Tue 1・Thu 1	IKEDA Hideki	○	×	／
211G3215	Active Learning A: Unique Japanese Cultures	1	1	Wed 1	IKEDA Ruth		×	／
211G3216	Active Learning C: Globalization and anti- globalization	1	1	Mon 3	ADACHI Yuuko		×	／
211G3217	What is Japan	1	1	Thu 3	IKEDA Ruth		×	／
211G3222	Cross Cultural Learning A	1	1	Mon 5	HIROKAWA Satoshi		×	／
211G3223	Cross Cultural Learning B	1	1	Tue 5	ARITA Kayoko		×	／
211G3224	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	1	Fri 1	SEMBIRING Ai		×	／

**【2<sup>nd</sup> term】 ※Register courses by April 13.**

Class Number	Course Title	Credit	Term	Day・Period	Instructor	Textbook required	Face-to-face instruction	
							1 <sup>st</sup> term	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
212G4010	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in English b	1	2	Wed 2	IKEDA Ruth	○	／	×
212G4011	Lecture on Japanese Grammar in Chinese b	1	2	Fri 2	YING Jun	○	／	×
212G4013	Learning Japanese Step1	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	IKEDA Hideki	○	／	●
212G4014	Learning Japanese Step2	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	／	●
212G4015	Learning Japanese Step3	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	ARITA Kayoko	○	／	●
212G4016	Learning Japanese Step4	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	HIROKAWA Satoshi	○	／	●
212G4017	Learning Japanese Step5	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	SASAKI Kaori	○	／	●
212G4018	Learning Japanese Step6	1	2	Tue 1・Thu 1	IKEDA Hideki	○	／	●
212G3225	Active Learning A: Unique Japanese Cultures	1	2	Wed 1	IKEDA Ruth		／	●
212G3226	Active Learning B: Japan as A Country Producing Something Perfect	1	2	Wed 1	IKEDA Hideki		／	●
212G3227	What is Japan	1	2	Thu 3	IKEDA Ruth		／	×
212G3234	Cross Cultural Learning A	1	2	Mon 5	HIROKAWA Satoshi		／	●
212G3235	Cross Cultural Learning C	1	2	Fri 1	SEMBIRING Ai		／	●