

Academic Year 2025: Japanese Language Course

Japanese language courses for students who have never studied Japanese before or whose Japanese proficiency level is N5. There are two levels within N5, so make sure you know which class you are in.

*The N5 level allows students to take the following courses. Registration codes vary from department to department, so please check the materials of your department.

*** Students marked N5A should take N5A classes and those marked N5B should take N5B classes.**

【Note】

1. Detailed information is also available on the web.
2. Please refer to the Student Handbook (Gakusei Binran) for information about classes in your department. If you are not sure about the number of credits you need, ask your undergraduate advisor.
3. The administrative office of your department will explain to you how to register for courses.
4. Courses that meet twice or four times a week may not be registered for only a portion of those sessions. Please be sure to register for all of them.

* S1 refers to the first quarter, S2 to the second quarter, F1 to the third quarter, and F2 to the fourth quarter.

*If you feel that your class is too difficult or too easy, you can change the class, so please consult with your instructor after attending the first class or two.

【Courses offered in F1】

1. **Course Title:** Fundamentals of Japanese A (N5A)

A number of credits: 4

Class Code: 100353801

Name of faculty member: Prof. Sato & Kozuka

Day of the week/period: Tuesday and Thursday: 3rd period Wednesday & Friday: 2ndperiod

Course description:

This is a 0-start Japanese class for English speakers. In this class, students will learn Japanese in English. Also, this class is a 4-session per week face-to-face + on-demand practice class. The textbook will be "Genki I". The emphasis is not on mere memorization, but on learning to use Japanese in a proper context.

2. **Course Title:** Fundamentals of Japanese C (N5B)

A number of credits: 4

Class Code: 100354002

Name of faculty member: Prof. Saito & Tozawa

Day of the week/period: Mon.- Thu. 2nd period

Course description:

This class is open to learners who have either passed this previous class or are recognized as having equivalent ability. Students will learn beginner level Japanese in English and basic Japanese. The class also aims to improve the four skills while enhancing basic communication skills.

3. Course Title: JLPT Preparation A (N5B and possibly N5A)

A number of credits: 2

Class Code: 100354401

Name of faculty member: Prof. Sakamoto

Day of the week/period: Mon. & Wed.: 4th period

Course description:

This class aims to achieve the N4 level of the JLPT while achieving visualization of learning outcomes. The objective is to raise all of your Japanese language skills to the N4 level, although test preparation will of course be conducted. In this class, we will meet face-to-face twice a week. However, students are expected to study the on-demand materials properly on their own. Therefore, active learning is required in the class. Please note that this is not a passive class, and you will not be able to keep up with the class if you do not constantly study the on-demand material.

4. Course Title: JLPT Preparation B (N5B and possibly N5A)

A number of credits: 2

Class Code: 100354503

Name of faculty member: Prof. Goto

Day of the week/period: Mon. & Wed.: 4th period

Course description:

This class aims to achieve the N4/N3 level of the JLPT while achieving visualization of learning outcomes. While test preparation will of course be conducted, the goal is to raise all of your Japanese language skills to N3 level or higher. In this class, we will meet face-to-face twice a week. However, students are expected to study the on-demand materials by themselves. Therefore, active learning is required in the class. Please note that this is not a passive class, and you will not be able to keep up with the class if you do not constantly study the on-demand material.

【Courses offered in F2】

1. Course Title: Fundamentals of Japanese B (N5A)

A number of credits: 4

Class Code: 100353901

Name of faculty member: Prof. Sato & Tozawa

Day of the week/period: Mon. & Tue.: 2nd period Wednesday & Thursday: 3rd period

Course description:

This class is a continuation of the FOJA class. In this class, students will learn Japanese in English. Also, this class is a 4-session per week face-to-face + on-demand practice class. The textbook will be "Genki I". The emphasis is not on mere memorization, but on learning to use Japanese in a proper context.

2. Course Title: Fundamentals of Japanese D (N5B)

A number of credits: 4

Class Code: 100354102

Name of faculty member: Prof. Saito & Tozawa

Day of the week/period: Mon. - Tur.: 3rd period Wed. & Fri.: 3rd period

Course description:

This class is a continuation of the FOJC class. This class is open to learners who have either passed this previous class or are recognized as having equivalent ability. Students will learn beginner level Japanese in English and basic Japanese. The class also aims to improve the four skills while enhancing basic communication skills. This class consists of either 8 or 4 sessions per week plus 4 on-demand (flipped classroom) sessions. Please check the online syllabus in advance to determine which format will be used. The textbook will be "Genki II.

3. Course Title: Japanese Project Education A (N5A & N5B)

A number of credits: 2

Class Code: 100367401

Name of faculty member: Prof. Sakamoto

Day of the week/period: Mon. & Wed.: 4th period

Course description:

This class can be taken by all English-speaking learners of Japanese. The class is designed to help students learn Japanese through a variety of tasks. In this class, we will meet face-to-face twice a week. Therefore, active learning is required in the class. Please note that this is not a passive class, and you will not be able to keep up with the class if you do not constantly study the material and assignments handed out in this class.