

Overview of Japanese Language Course

1. About Okayama University Japanese Language Course

- (1) This course can be taken by the following categories of students who need to study Japanese language.

| Division of enrollment status | |
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| Undergraduate students | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Discovery Program (GDP) students• EPOK students• Japanese Studies Students• undergraduate students of other overseas study programs |
| Graduate students, research students, and others | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular graduate students of Okayama University• O-NECUS students• graduate students of other overseas study programs• research students• Teacher Training Students• Intensive Japanese Language Course Students |

- (2) International students enrolled in a four-year degree program other than the Global Discovery Program can only select Applied Japanese (Reading), Applied Japanese (Listening), Applied Japanese (Writing), and Applied Japanese (Speaking).
- (3) As a general rule, [those who can attend all classes in session](#) are allowed to take our Japanese Language Courses.
- (4) If you require special consideration in classes, please provide the relevant medical certification to the instructor or coordinator for the respective class for discussion.
- (5) If you have studied Japanese before, but this is the first time to study in the Okayama University Japanese Language Course, [please take the Japanese placement test](#) before the beginning of Term 1 or Term 3. However, if you have never studied Japanese before, you are not required to take it.

(6) If you wish to register, or change/cancel your registration, follow the link below.

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| Undergraduate Students | <p>■ “Academic Affairs System”</p> <p>https://kyomu.adm.okayama-u.ac.jp/portal/</p> |
| Graduate students, research students, and others | <p>■ “Okayama University Japanese Language Course”</p> <p>Okayama University Japanese Language Course</p> <p>https://www.ipec.okayama-u.ac.jp/language/?p=147</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>履修登録<small>りしゅうとうろく</small> Registration</p> <p>履修登録変更・取消<small>りしゅうとうろくへんこう とりけし</small> Registration Change/Cancellation</p> <p>履修取消<small>りしゅうとりけし</small> Registration Cancellation</p> |

(7) Make sure to check the syllabus before registering for a course from the “Academic Affairs System.”

“Academic Affairs System” > Syllabus

<https://kyomu.adm.okayama-u.ac.jp/portal/>

(8) Multiple registrations for the same course are not accepted.

(9) In order to pass a class, students must not be absent for more than 1/3 (34%) of their classes, in addition to getting a final score of 60% or above.

(10) All of the students can check the grade with their Okadai ID and password from the “Academic Affairs System.”

“Academic Affairs System” > Grades information

<https://kyomu.adm.okayama-u.ac.jp/portal/>

2. Japanese Levels

- (1) There are seven levels of the Okayama University Japanese Language Courses, from level 1 (elementary) to level 7 (advanced). Students who have studied Japanese before must take a placement test in order to enter a class at the most appropriate level.

【Japanese Levels for the Okayama University Japanese Language Course】

| Japanese Level | | Japanese Score on a Placement Test |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Elementary | Level 1 | 0 – 30 |
| | Level 2 | 31 – 47 |
| Intermediate | Level 3 | 48 – 58 |
| | Level 4 | 59 – 68 |
| | Level 5 | 69 – 74 |
| Advanced | Level 6 | 75 – 82 |
| | Level 7 | 83 – 100 |

*As of the beginning of Term 1 and Term 3 registration

- (2) Please take [Japanese classes at your level](#). [In principle, you are not permitted to enroll in Japanese language courses above or below your level.](#) Please refer to pages 6-9 for the timetable of each level.
- (3) In the following cases, please take a placement test before the beginning of Term 1 or Term 3:
- 1) You failed a level but want to advance to the next level.
 - 2) You would like to advance two or more levels.
 - 3) You took the Japanese Language Course classes a year or more ago but do not know your current Japanese level.
- (4) If the level determined by your placement results is too difficult and [you wish to change to a lower level](#), please talk to the instructor in charge of the class as soon as possible before the registration deadline.

3. Japanese Language Classes

(1) There are integrated classes and skills-based/topic-based classes in the Japanese Language Course.

| Class Type | Description | Frequency |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Integrated classes | Students learn reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills <u>in an integrated manner</u> while also studying grammar and vocabulary. | Four classes per week <i>*You must attend every class.</i> |
| Skills-based/ topic-based classes | Students learn Kanji, grammar, and Japanese society and culture <u>for a specific skill or on a specific topic.</u> | Once or twice per week <i>*You must attend every class.</i> |

(2) You do not have to take the integrated class and the skills-based/topic-based classes at the same time. Please choose classes in accordance with your own schedule and objectives.

(3) Students taking the Japanese Language Course should start from the integrated course “Japanese ○-1.” Students cannot start from “Japanese ○-2.”

(4) If you want to advance to a higher level, you must take and pass one of the integrated classes (Japanese 1-2 / 2-2 / 3-2 / 4-2 / 5-2 / 6-2) that are offered in Term 2 or Term 4.

(5) See the “Academic Affairs System” (<https://kyomu.adm.okayama-u.ac.jp/portal/>) for the syllabus and grading method of each class. During the first class, the instructor will explain what will be covered during each class in detail.

(6) If you would like to study Kanji and vocabulary at a level below your current level, you may register for the classes below if there is availability and upon receiving consultation and approval. Students who wish to take the class should consult with the instructor of said class.

Ex.) A student at level 4 wants to study lower-level Kanji and vocabulary and so they register for Basic Kanji and Vocabulary at level 2 or 3.

| Class Name | Japanese Level |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Reading & Writing 1 | 1 , 2 |
| Reading & Writing 2 | 2 , 3 |
| Basic Kanji and Vocabulary | 2 , 3 |
| Intermediate Kanji and Vocabulary | 4 , 5 |

【Japanese Language Classes for Each Term】

◆ Term 1 and Term 2 in 2026 academic year

| Level | | Integrated Classes (classes per week) | Skill-based and Topic-based Classes (classes per week) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Elementary | 1 | Japanese 1 (8) | Survival Japanese (2) | Reading and Writing 1 (4) | | | | |
| | 2 | Japanese 2 (8) | Basic Kanji and Vocabulary (2) | | Reading and Writing 2 (4) | | | |
| Intermediate | 3 | Japanese 3 (8) | | Intermediate Kanji and Vocabulary (2) | | Study of Japan (2) | Extensive Reading 1 (2) | Japanese through Films 1 (2) |
| | 4 | Japanese 4 (8) | | | | | | |
| | 5 | Japanese 5 (8) | | | | | | |
| Advanced | 6 | Japanese 6 (8) | | | Extensive Reading 2 (2) | Japanese through Films 2 (2) | Intermediate Grammar 2 (2) | Media Literacy 2 (2) |
| | 7 | Applied Japanese (Reading A) (2) | | Study of Japan (2) | | | | |
| | | Applied Japanese (Listening A) (2) | | | | | | |
| | | Applied Japanese (Writing B) (2) | | | | | | |
| Applied Japanese (Speaking B) (2) | | | | | | | | |

◆ Term 3 and Term 4 in 2026 academic year

| Level | | Integrated Classes (classes per week) | Skill-based and Topic-based Classes (classes per week) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elementary | 1 | Japanese 1 (8) | | | Reading and Writing 1 (4) | | | | |
| | 2 | Japanese 2 (8) | Basic Kanji and Vocabulary (2) | Reading and Writing 2 (4) | | | | | |
| Intermediate | 3 | Japanese 3 (8) | | | Intermediate Kanji and Vocabulary (2) | Study of Okayama (2) | Extensive Reading 1 (2) | Japanese through Films 1 (2) | Intermediate Grammar 1 (2) |
| | 4 | Japanese 4 (8) | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | Japanese 5 (8) | | | | | | | |
| Advanced | 6 | Japanese 6 (8) | | | Extensive Reading 2 (2) | Japanese through Films 2 (2) | Intermediate Grammar 2 (2) | Media Literacy 1 (2) | |
| | 7 | Applied Japanese (Reading B) (2) | | Study of Okayama (2) | | | | | |
| | | Applied Japanese (Listening B) (2) | | | | | | | |
| | | Applied Japanese (Writing A) (2) | | | | | | | |
| Applied Japanese (Speaking A) (2) | | | | | | | | | |

4. Japanese Placement Test

- (1) [If you have studied Japanese before, but this is the first time to study in the Okayama University Japanese Language Course](#), please take the Japanese placement test. The test should be taken before the beginning of Term 1 or Term 3 before you register for classes. NOTE: If you have never studied Japanese before, you are not required to take it.
- (2) The Japanese placement test [can be taken online from Japan or overseas](#). Students taking the placement test should click on their TYPE (2,3,5,or 6) on the website (<https://www.ipec.okayama-u.ac.jp/language/?p=147>) to take the test.

| Division of enrollment status | Have you taken the Japanese Language Course in the past? | Have you taken a Japanese language class in the past? | TYPE |
|--|--|---|-------|
| 1. Undergraduate students Global Discovery Program (GDP) students EPOK students Japanese Studies Students students of other overseas study programs | No | No | TYPE1 |
| | No | Yes | TYPE2 |
| | Yes | Yes | TYPE3 |
| 2. Graduate students, research students, and others Regular graduate students of Okayama University O-NECUS students graduate students of other overseas study programs research students Teacher Training Students Intensive Japanese Language Course Students | No | No | TYPE4 |
| | No | Yes | TYPE5 |
| | Yes | Yes | TYPE6 |

- (3) After taking the test, you must [fill out the application form](#) and [submit your score by attaching the PDF score report file](#).
The form used will vary depending on your enrollment status at Okayama University.

1) Undergraduate students:

Global Discovery Program (GDP), EPOK, Japanese Studies Students, students of other overseas study programs

Japanese Placement Test Results Report Form (for undergraduate students):

<https://gakumu.moushikomi.csv.okayama-u.ac.jp/shinsei-b/>

2) Graduate students, research students, and others:

Regular graduate students of Okayama University, O-NECUS, graduate students of other overseas study programs, research students, Intensive Japanese Language Course students, Teacher Training Students

Okayama University Japanese Language Course website>Registration:

<https://www.ipcc.okayama-u.ac.jp/language/?p=147>

- (4) Students should select and register for classes [at the level determined by their test results.](#) [In principle, you are not permitted to enroll in Japanese language courses outside your assigned level.](#)

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- (5) Class registration in Term 1 and Term 2 requires Japanese placement test results taken before Term 1. Class registration in Term 3 and Term 4 requires Japanese placement test results taken before Term 3. However, please remember, test results are only valid for two months. Results from two months or longer before registration will not be accepted.