

2025-2026 SPRING SEMESTER

JAPANESE FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (JSL)

Compulsory for all students

2001 JSL 1 (Introductory Japanese)

This is a one semester course for those who have no or very little prior experience studying Japanese. You will learn fundamental Japanese for everyday life. The focus will be on listening and speaking, however the course will also aim to introduce fundamental reading and writing skills.

2002 JSL 2 (Beginner Japanese)

This course is designed for students who have studied basic grammar (masu, te, ta, dictionary, negative and plain forms). The goal of this course is to develop four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in Japanese. This course places an emphasis on acquiring basic grammatical patterns and socially appropriate language use through practice in a variety of situations that students encounter every day in Japan.

2003 JSL 3 (Elementary Japanese)

This course is intended for students who have completed Pre-Intermediate Japanese. Students will aim to express themselves on various topics by building up vocabulary through reading and writing practice including Kanji, and to improve their speaking and listening abilities by practicing natural conversational expressions used in everyday Japanese life.

2004 JSL 4 (Intermediate Japanese)

This course is aimed at students studying Japanese at an intermediate to advanced level. The goal is to learn N2 level grammar and acquire comprehensive Japanese language ability in a wide range of situations, including not only everyday situations but also formal ones.

At the same time, the course also aims to comprehensively improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in Japanese, and specifically includes conversation practice using honorific language, speech and presentation practice, listening to television programs and the news, reading newspapers and critiques, and academic composition.

2005 JSL 5 (Upper-Intermediate Japanese)

This course is designed for upper-intermediate to advanced students aiming to acquire advanced proficiency in Japanese. The specific goals of this course are as follows:

Reading: Develop the ability to accurately and quickly comprehend the content of various texts such as newspapers, novels, and magazine articles.

Writing: Utilize upper-intermediate or higher-level expressions and kanji to produce necessary texts for various situations.

Speaking: Appropriately use honorific language (keigo) and be able to give presentations and participate in discussions using PowerPoint in Japanese.

Listening: Understand the content of everyday conversations among Japanese people, as well as television programs and movies, with accuracy.

Contact Hours: Total 150 hrs (10 hours per week)

JAPANESE STUDIES COURSE (JSC) *Elective classes*

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J. Kiriهارa

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Y. Kanemura

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A. Sandes

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Y. Sugita

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2059 Japanese History and Culture from an Economic and Business Perspective T. Morita

This course examines one theme per set of two lectures. The first lecture explores the theme from a historical and cultural perspective, while the second lecture examines related contemporary industries and companies from an economic and business perspective. Through lectures, students learn about Japanese history and culture. They share similarities and differences with their own countries through group discussions, aiming to deepen their individual understanding of Japan. To foster a more tangible understanding, students also gain an overview of the current industries related to each theme and examine the business characteristics and primary strategies of major companies within those industries.

Contact Hours: Total 45.5 hrs
2 classes per week / 105 minutes each

JAPANESE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (JSP) *Elective classes*

1011 Osaka Dialect *intermediate to advanced* R. Masuda

This class is designed for students to come to understand conversations spoken in Osaka dialect and to converse on a basic level in Osaka dialect. Correct intonation and accent is essential, so importance will be placed on practicing the pronunciation rather than vocabulary or grammar.

2018 Reading Contemporary Japanese Novels *advanced* M. Yuki

The goal of this class is to read contemporary Japanese literature in its original form in Japanese and to understand the content. Furthermore, through class discussions, students will consider various problems facing modern Japanese society from a broader perspective by comparing the various problems in the work with those of their own countries. The selected works are representative works in contemporary Japanese literature. Genres include novels, essays, mysteries, and science fiction.

2020 Let's Communicate in Japanese M. Fukui *intermediate to upper intermediate*

Students will participate in roleplay and discuss various topics, while learning how to clearly express their opinions in Japanese and how to ask questions so that they accurately understand others' opinions. There will also be a focus on pronunciation, accent, and intonation in order to ensure that the students are trained in natural Japanese speech.

2050 Japanese Communication Skills J. Nakatsuji *lower intermediate to intermediate*

This is a conversation class for lower intermediate students. In this class, students practice conversation and roleplay in various situations, acquiring practical Japanese skills useful for daily life. Also, students will practice voicing their own opinions and thoughts, with an understanding of Japanese culture, allowing them to engage in natural and smooth communication with Japanese people.

Contact Hours: Total 22.75 hrs
1 class per week / 105 minutes each

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN REGISTERING FOR ELECTIVE COURSES

- Shopping Week

"Shopping Week" will be held from January 26 - 30. Students should take the first 1 or 2 lessons of all elective classes they are interested in.

Particularly for those interested in taking JSP courses, please be sure to attend the first class. If you miss the first class for any reason, ensure that you contact the teacher to receive any necessary reading materials or worksheets.

- Final Selection

You must make your final selections by January 30. After this date, you will no longer be able to pick up new classes.

- All students must register for at least 1 elective class.

2025-2026 Spring Semester

Orientation Jan. 15 - 16, 2026

Classes Jan. 19 ~ May 15, 2026

*Elective classes run from Jan. 26 to May 8, 2026

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2025-2026春学期 コース概要

日本語授業（JSL）

全学生必修

2001 JSL 1（入門）

日本語学習歴がない学生、もしくは初級レベルの学習を必要とする学生を対象とする。生活に必要な日本語など日本語の基礎を学習する。4技能では「聞く」「話す」が中心に、漢字や文法、作文など「読む」「書く」の基礎的な習得も目指す。

2002 JSL 2（初級）

初級文法前半を終了していることを履修条件とする。（ます形、て形、ない形、辞書形、た形、普通形を学習済みのこと）

このコースでは、初級文法前半の復習から始め、初級文法後半を学ぶ。『話す、聞く、読む、書く』の4技能をバランスよく習得し、日常生活において、正しい日本語でコミュニケーションがとれるようになることを目的とする。

2003 JSL 3（中級）

初級日本語を修得した学生を対象とする。日常生活で使われる自然な会話表現の練習を通して「話す」「聞く」の能力を伸ばし、読み書きや漢字学習により、語彙を増やし、いろいろな話題について表現できるようにすることを目指す。

2004 JSL 4（中上級）

このコースは日本語中上級から上級に向けて学習する学生を対象としたコースである。N2レベルの文法を学び、日常的な場面に加え、改まった場面など幅広い場面における総合的な日本語能力を身につけることを目標とする。

また、同時に日本語の話す・聞く・読む・書く力を総合的に伸ばすことを目指し、具体的には、敬語を使った会話練習、スピーチや発表の練習、テレビ番組やニュースの聞き取り、新聞や評論の読解、アカデミックな作文等も行う。

2005 JSL 5（上級）

このコースは、中上級から上級の学生を対象とし、高度な日本語の運用能力を身につけることを目指す。具体的には次のようなレベルを目標とする。

- ・読む 新聞や小説、雑誌の記事などの文章を読み、正確に速く内容を理解することができる。

- ・書く 中上級、あるいはそれ以上のレベルの表現と漢字を使い、いろいろな状況で必要な文を作り出せる。

- ・話す 敬語を適切に使える。日本語でパワーポイントを使った発表やディスカッションができる。

- ・聞く 日本人の日常会話やテレビ番組、映画などを聞き取り、内容を正確に理解できる。

授業時間：150時間 週10時間

日本研究（JSC）

選択授業

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授業時間：45.5時間
週2コマ（105分）

目的別日本語（JSP） 選択授業

1011 大阪弁 中級～上級

増田

大阪弁の会話を聞いて理解できるようになることと、大阪弁で基本的な会話ができるようになることを目標とする。大阪弁は正しいアクセントが重要なので、授業では語彙や文法だけでなく、発音練習を重視する。

2018 現代小説を読む 上級

由木

このクラスの目標は現代日本文学を原文のまま日本語で読み、内容を理解することである。更に、クラスの中でディスカッションを通して、作品中の諸問題を自国の問題と比較することにより、現代日本社会が抱える様々な問題点をより広い視野から考える。取り上げる作品は、現代日本文学における代表的なものである。ジャンルは小説、エッセイ、ミステリー、SFなどである。

2020 日本語で伝えよう 中級～上級

福井

このクラスは、中級・中上級以上の学習者が日本語で話すためのクラスである。授業では、さまざまなトピックについて日本語で説明し、それを聞いて会話やディスカッションを行う。伝えたいことをきちんと伝えられる話し方、相手の言うことを理解できるような聞き方を学び、円滑なコミュニケーションができる能力を身につけることを目標とする。また、発音やアクセント、リズム、イントネーションなど自然な日本語の話し方のトレーニングや、場面別・機能別の会話練習も行う。

2050 日本語会話 初中級～中級

中辻

このクラスは、初中級の学習者のための会話クラスである。授業では、さまざまな場面での会話練習やロールプレイなどを行い、日常生活の中で使える実践的な日本語を習得する。また、自分の考えや意見を話す練習を行い、日本の文化を理解した上で、日本人とより自然で円滑なコミュニケーションができる会話能力を身につけることを目標とする。

授業時間：22.75時間
週1コマ（105分）

選択授業を履修する際の注意事項

- ・ ショッピングウィーク

1月26～30日はショッピングウィークが実施されます。学生は履修したい科目の第1～2回の授業に出席しなければなりません。特にJSPの授業を履修したい学生は必ず第1回の授業に出席してください。欠席した場合は担当教員に連絡して、必要な資料やワークシートをもらっておいてください。

- ・ 最終選択

1月30日までに最終選択をしなければなりません。それ以降は授業の新規履修登録はできません。

- ・ 全学生は最低でも1つの選択授業を履修しなければなりません。

2025-2026 春学期

オリエンテーション 2026年1月15～16日
授業 2026年1月19日～5月15日
※選択授業は2026年1月26日～5月8日まで実施

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