



~Spring&Summer~

A background image showing a path lined with cherry blossom trees in full bloom, with pink blossoms hanging over the path. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be read.

GUIDEBOOK

Japanese Language Programs
for International Students

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Center for International Education
and Exchange (CIEE)

Institute for International Initiatives, The University of Osaka

<https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>

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◆ Japanese language programs offered by CIEE

CIEE offers six Japanese language programs for international students at the University of Osaka.

- ① Elective Japanese Language Course
- ② Interdisciplinary Education Subjects
- ③ International Exchange Subjects (JA)
- ④ International Exchange Subjects (JGU)
- ⑤ Liberal Arts & Sciences
- ⑥ Intensive Japanese Language Course ※

※This course is not covered in this guidebook because it requires a different selection process from courses ①~⑤
For the details, please see '2. Intensive Japanese Language Course (IJ)' in the following website,
https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/japanese_program/#ij-en



◆ Courses open for enrollment

- Research Students → **Elective Japanese Language Course** No credit, Suita
- Graduate Students → **Elective Japanese Language Course** No credit, Suita
Interdisciplinary Education Subjects With credits, Suita
International Exchange Subjects(JA) With credits, Toyonaka
International Exchange Subjects(JGU) With credits, Toyonaka
*Depends on your level,
Some classes are not available.*
- Undergraduate Students → **Liberal Arts & Sciences** With credits, Toyonaka
- Special auditors → **Elective Japanese Language Course** No credit, Suita
International Exchange Subjects(JA) With credits, Toyonaka
International Exchange Subjects(JGU) With credits, Toyonaka
Liberal Arts & Sciences With credits, Toyonaka
Some courses/classes are not available to students of some programs.
 ※Please consult with the academic affairs section of your faculty before registering.
- Special Research Students → **Elective Japanese Language Course** No credit, Suita
- Credited Auditor → No class ※
- International scholars and faculty → No class ※

※No class : Please consider visiting OU Multilingual Plaza (P13)

◆Course Outlines

Elective Japanese Language Course Introductory ~ Upper-Advanced Levels 100~700

- ☐ Exclusive for : graduate students*, research students, special research students, and special auditors at the University of Osaka.
- ☐ Location : **Suita Campus, IC Hall 2F**
- ☐ Classes : Students can choose any classes suitable to their needs (Japanese proficiency, academic aims, etc.).

※For levels 100~300, students can only choose one level.

※Students with Japanese proficiency level of 400 or above may take classes ranging from levels 400 to 700 across levels. However, the same skill classes cannot be taken at different levels.

◆Skill: JW(Writing), JC(Communication), JR(Reading)

○ Combination registration of JW400, JC500, and JR600 is allowed.

× Combination registration of JW500, JW600, and JW700 is not allowed.

- ☐ Credit : **No academic credit** will be given for this course.
- ☐ Registration : Please register for classes through KOAN website.
(except some special auditors such as students of FrontierLab@OsakaU).

※If the number of applicants exceeds the limit, students will be admitted in the following order of priority:

1) graduate students and research students, and 2) special research students and special auditors.

As a result, some students may not be able to take the courses they wish to take.

- ☐ Registration period : **Thu. March 27th ~ Thu. April 24th**
※Graduate students and some special auditors must check their own department's registration period.
- ☐ Course starts : **Thu. April 10th**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Fri. April 25th ~ Mon. May 12th**

※Please register at KOAN.

* 【Attention!】 Graduate students are not permitted to take some subjects in elective course's 600/700 Level. They can choose "Interdisciplinary Education Subjects" to earn credits.

Timetable: P4~5, Schedule: P6

Interdisciplinary Education Subjects

(Advanced Japanese for Academic Purposes) Advanced ~ Upper-advanced
Levels 600/700

- ☐ Exclusive for : graduate students with the necessary skills for academic reading, writing, and communication in Japanese.
- ☐ Location : Mainly in **Suita Campus, IC Hall 2F**
- ☐ Credit : Student who attain the prescribed may receive 2 credits per subjects per semester.
- ☐ Registration : Please register for classes through KOAN website.
 - ◆Academic Communication (2 credits, Wednesday, 4th period, Class code : C50501)
 - ◆Academic Reading (2 credits, Monday, 5th period, Class code : C50505)
 - ◆Academic Writing (2 credits, Wednesday, 5th period, Class code : C50507) ※Toyonaka campus
 - ◆Career as "Self-construction" constructed by Japanese Language (Spring term only, 1 credit, Thursday, 4th period, Class code : C50516)
- ☐ Registration period : **Wed. April 9th 15:00 ~ Thu. April 17th 13:00**
- ☐ Course starts : **Thu. April 10th**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Wed. April 23rd 9:30 ~ Wed. April 30th 16:30**

◆ Elective Course Timetable

Location: Suita Campus, IC Hall 2F

Please register at KOAN.

The code in 【 】 is required when you register for class through KOAN website.

【※】 ①In **JB** class, you learn reading, writing, listening, and speaking comprehensively, while **JJ** class focuses on communication (listening and speaking) for daily life.

②**JK201/JK301**: For students who don't use kanji in their mother language.

JK202/JK302: For students who use kanji in their mother language.

JK course is a required class for Intensive Japanese Language Course (200 or 300 level) students.

※For levels 100~300, students can only choose one level.

Level 100

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:50 ~10:20		JB100-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88S1T1】	← Twice a week →		JB100-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88S1T1】
II	10:30 ~12:00		JJ100-a Comprehensive Japanese 【88SJ10】	↖ Twice a week ↘		
III	13:30 ~15:00				JJ100-b Comprehensive Japanese 【88SJ10】	

Level 200

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:50 ~10:20		JB200-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88S2T1】	← Twice a week →		JB200-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88S2T1】
II	10:30 ~12:00	JK201 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88SK21】				
		JK202 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88SK22】				
IV	15:10 ~16:40		JJ200-a Comprehensive Japanese 【88SJ20】	← Twice a week →	JJ200-b Comprehensive Japanese 【88SJ20】	

Level 300

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:50 ~10:20		JB300-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88S3T1】	← Twice a week →		JB300-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88S3T1】
II	10:30 ~12:00	JK302 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88SK32】				JK301 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88SK31】
IV	15:10 ~16:40		JJ300-a Comprehensive Japanese 【88SJ30】	← Twice a week →		JJ300-b Comprehensive Japanese 【88SJ30】

※Students with Japanese language proficiency levels from 400 to 700 may register for classes across levels. However, students may not take the same skill classes across levels.

◆Skill: JW(Writing), JC(Communication), JR(Reading)

e.g.

○ Combination registration of JW400, JC500, and JR600 is allowed.

× Combination registration of JW500, JW600, and JW700 is not allowed.

Please register at KOAN.

The code in 【 】 is required when you register for class through KOAN website.

Level 400

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
II	10:30 ~12:00				JC400 Academic Communication 【88SC40】	
III	13:30 ~15:00					JW400 Academic Writing 【88SW40】

Level 500

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
II	10:30 ~12:00				JC500 Academic Communication 【88SC50】	
III	13:30 ~15:00					JW500 Academic Writing 【88SW50】

Level 600

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
III	13:30 ~15:00		JW600 ※ Academic Writing 【88SW60】			
IV	15:10 ~16:40			JC600 ※ Academic Communication 【88SC60】		
V	16:50 ~18:20	JR600 ※ Academic Reading 【88SR60】				

※Graduate students cannot enroll in JR600, JC600 and JW600.

Those who want to study reading, communication or writing, please enroll in Interdisciplinary Education subjects: Advanced Japanese (academic reading, academic communication, academic writing).

Level 700

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
III	13:30 ~15:00		JW700 ※ Academic Writing 【88SW70】			
IV	15:10 ~16:40			JC700 ※ Academic Communication 【88SC70】		
V	16:50 ~18:20	JR700 ※ Academic Reading 【88SR70】				

※Graduate students cannot enroll in JR700, JC700 and JW700.

Those who want to study reading, communication or writing, please enroll in Interdisciplinary Education subjects: Advanced Japanese (academic reading, academic communication, academic writing).

◆ Elective Course Schedule

①～⑮ : Number of time class is held.

	月 Monday	火 Tuesday	水 Wednesday	木 Thursday	金 Friday
2025年 4月 April		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	① 10	① 11
	① 14	① 15	① 16	② 17	② 18
	② 21	② 22	② 23	③ 24	③ 25
	③ 28	Showa Day 29	③ 30		
				Preparation for Icho Festival 1	Icho Festival 2
5月 May	Children's Day 5	substitute holiday 6	Tuesday③ 7	④ 8	④ 9
	④ 12	④ 13	④ 14	⑤ 15	⑤ 16
	⑤ 19	⑤ 20	⑤ 21	⑥ 22	⑥ 23
	⑥ 26	⑥ 27	⑥ 28	⑦ 29	⑦ 30
	⑦ 2	⑦ 3	⑦ 4	⑧ 5	⑧ 6
	⑧ 9	⑧ 10	⑧ 11	⑨ 12	⑨ 13
6月 June	⑨ 16	⑨ 17	⑨ 18	⑩ 19	⑩ 20
	⑩ 23	⑩ 24	⑩ 25	⑪ 26	⑪ 27
	⑪ 30				
		⑪ 1	⑪ 2	⑫ 3	⑫ 4
	⑫ 7	⑫ 8	⑫ 9	⑬ 10	⑬ 11
	⑬ 14	⑬ 15	⑬ 16	⑭ 17	⑭ 18
7月 July	Marine Day 21	⑭ 22	⑭ 23	Monday⑭ 24	⑮ 25
	⑮ 28	⑮ 29	⑮ 30	⑮ 31	
8月 August					1
	4	5	6	7	8

Class Starts from

Thu. April 10th

Registration Period

(If you are
research student)

Thu. March 27th
~ Thu. April 24th

※Graduate Students and
some Special Auditors
must check their own
department's
registration period.

Confirmation of
Registration

Mon. April 28th

(Those not approved will be
contacted individually.)

Registration
Cancellation

Fri. April 25th
~ Mon. May 12th

※Please register
as early as possible.

★Wed. May 7th:
class for Tuesday ③

★Thu. July 24th:
class for Monday ⑭

: No Classes

◆Course Outlines

International Exchange Subject (JA) (Japanese Language)

introductory ~ intermediate
Level : 100~400

- ☐ Exclusive for : special auditors (OUSSEP, iExPO etc.) and graduate students at the University of Osaka.
※ Research students, special research students and FrontierLab students cannot enroll in the course.
- ☐ Location : **Toyonaka Campus**
- ☐ Time : Most classes are held during 1st period (08:50 to 10:20).
Some classes are held during 2nd period (10:30 to 12:00).
- ☐ Purpose : To provide students with necessary and comprehensive skills in Japanese (speaking, listening, reading and writing).
- ☐ Credit : Students may receive **4 credits** if satisfactory grades are attained.
※ Lessons are held 3 times a week, and students must attend ALL classes.
If there are multiple tracks, students must choose one to enroll in.
(Track2 is mainly for OUSSEP students)
※ Note that students may not enroll in other concurrent programs such as elective course, JGU and Interdisciplinary Education Subjects, in principle.
- ☐ Registration : **(Graduate Students)** Please register for classes through KOAN website.
(Special Auditors) Please register for classes through your educational affairs section.
- ☐ Registration period : **(Graduate Students)** **Wed. April 9th 15:00 ~ Thu. April 17th 13:00**
(Special Auditors) **Contact your educational affairs section.**
Registration period may differ from mentioned above.
- ☐ Course starts : **Thu. April 10th**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Wed. April 23rd 9:30 ~ Wed. April 30th 16:30**

Timetable: P9, Schedule: P10

International Exchange Subject (JGU) (Japanese Global Understanding)

Upper-Intermediate ~ Advanced
Level : 500 • 600

- ☐ Exclusive for : special auditors (OUSSEP, iExPO etc.) and graduate students at the University of Osaka.
※ Research students, special research students and FrontierLab students cannot enroll in the course.
- ☐ Location : **Toyonaka Campus**
- ☐ Time : 1st period (08:50 to 10:20).
- ☐ Purpose : To provide students with comprehensive communication skills in Japanese through theme-specific class activities.
- ☐ Credit : Students may receive **2 credits** if satisfactory grades are attained.
※ Note that students may not enroll in other concurrent programs such as elective course, JA and Interdisciplinary Education Subjects, in principle.
- ☐ Registration : **(Graduate Students)** Please register for classes through KOAN website.
(Special Auditors) Please register for classes through your educational affairs section.
- ☐ Registration period : **(Graduate Students)** **Wed. April 9th 15:00 ~ Thu. April 17th 13:00**
(Special Auditors) **Contact your educational affairs section.**
Registration period may differ from mentioned above.
- ☐ Course starts : **Thu. April 10th**
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Timetable: P9, Schedule: P10

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Upper-Advanced
Level : 700

- (1) Japanese for Advanced Communication
- (2) Japanese for Academic Purposes
- (3) Communication in Multicultural Contexts

- ☐ Exclusive for : undergraduate students,
if special auditors wish to take the course, please consult with the
academic affairs sections of your faculty.
- ☐ Location : **Toyonaka Campus**
- ☐ Registration : Please register for the class you take through KOAN.
- ☐ Class starts : **Thu. April 10th**

Timetable : P9, Schedule : P10

◆ JA・JGU & Liberal Arts and Sciences Timetable

Location: Toyonaka Campus

Time	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		金		
	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	
I 8:50 ~ 10:20	<div>You must attend JA classes 3times a week</div> <div>Track2 is for OUSSEP students only</div>		① JA100 Track1 (code:881115) & JA100 Track2 (code: 881116) ※joint class	Namba			② JA100 Track1 (code:881115)	Sumi yoshi			International Exchange Subjects (JA・JGU)
							② JA100 Track2 (code:881116)	Abe	③ JA100 Track2 (code:881116)	Abe	
			① JA200 Track1 (code:881117) & JA200 Track2 (code: 881118) ※joint class	Otani	② JA200 Track1 (code:881117)	Abe					
					② JA200 Track2 (code:881118)	Handa			③ JA200 Track2 (code:881118)	Handa	
			① JA300 Track1 (code:881120)	Ueda	② JA300 Track1 (code:881120) & JA300 Track2 (code: 881121) ※joint class	Naka mata	③ JA300 Track1 (code:881120)	Ueda			
			① JA300 Track2 (code:881121)	Sumi yoshi			③ JA300 Track2 (code:881121)	Kakuda			
			① JA400 Track1 (code:881122)	Miya zaki	② JA400 Track1 (code:881122)	Sumi yoshi	③ JA400 Track1 (code:881122) & JA400 Track2 (code: 881123) ※joint class	Yoshi naga			
			① JA400 Track2 (code:881123)	Naka zono	② JA400 Track2 (code:881123)	Naka zono					
II 10:30 ~ 12:00			JGU500d (code:881147)	Fuji wara	JGU500e (code:881148)	Fuji sawa	JGU500f (code:881149)	Naka mata			Liberal Arts & Sciences
			JGU600d (code:881140)	Shinjo	JGU600e (code:881141)	Otani	JGU600f (code:881142)	Naka zono			
									③ JA100 Track1 (code:881115)	Naka zono	
									③ JA200 Track1 (code:881117)	Abe	Liberal Arts & Sciences
					Communication in Multicultural Contexts	Ari kawa					
III											
IV											Liberal Arts & Sciences
V 16:50 ~ 18:20	Japanese for Advanced Communication	Fuji wara	Japanese for Academic Purposes	Mura oka	Japanese for Academic Purposes	Namba	Japanese for Advanced Communication	Fukura			
			Communication in Multicultural Contexts	Nishi mura	Communication in Multicultural Contexts	Otani					

◆ JA・JGU & Liberal Arts and Sciences Schedule

①～⑮ : Number of time class is held.

	月 Monday	火 Tuesday	水 Wednesday	木 Thursday	金 Friday
2025年 4月 April		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	① 10	① 11
	① 14	① 15	① 16	② 17	② 18
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	⑩ 23	⑩ 24	⑩ 25	⑪ 26	⑪ 27
	⑪ 30				
7月 July		⑪ 1	⑪ 2	⑫ 3	⑫ 4
	⑫ 7	⑫ 8	⑫ 9	⑬ 10	⑬ 11
	⑬ 14	⑬ 15	⑬ 16	⑭ 17	⑭ 18
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Class Starts from

Thu. April 10th

Registration Period

(If you are
Graduate Students)

Wed. April 9th 15:00
~ Thu. April 17th 13:00

※Regarding Special Auditors,
please contact your educational
affairs section.

※Regarding Liberal Arts &
Sciences subjects, please refer to
the website of Center for
Education in Liberal Arts and
Sciences (CELAS)

Registration
Cancellation

Wed. April 23rd 9:30
~ Wed. April 30th 16:30

★Wed. May 7th:
class for Tuesday ③

★Thu. July 24th:
class for Monday ⑭

: No Classes

◆How to enroll? (simple 4 steps)

Please read the following instructions.

You can check the video guide here.

https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/japanese_program_how-to-enroll/

START ① Take a Japanese Language Level check test ※If you have never learned Japanese before (Level 100), you don't need to take this test.

① Go to (http://nava.ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/sim_levelcheck/)

② Take the test that matches your level of Japanese.

③ On the results page, enter your Name and Student Number (If you have one). Click "Print as PDF".

④ Download the PDF and submit it to teacher by CLE or e-mail in the first class.

※You need to submit it!



② Find the class that fits you best

Search for the classes according to your score from the Japanese Proficiency Level Check. You can find class syllabi here :
(https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/japanese_program/)

③ Register on KOAN

Please follow the procedure below to register for the class.

① Access KOAN and log in.

② Click the Day/Period of the class you want to take.

③ Enter the Course Code and click "Register".

④ If the class appears in the time slot, registration is complete.

※Graduate Students and some Special Auditors must check your own department's registration period.

※Some students such as OUSSEP students may not be able to enroll in through KOAN. In that case, consult with your own department's administration office.

※In case of registration error, please send the form
(<https://forms.office.com/r/HRJ0Cch1Af>)



GOAL! ④ Attend the class

You must submit the downloaded result (PDF) of Japanese Proficiency Level Check Test to the teacher, when you attend the class first time.

◆ Extracurricular Japanese language learning support



OU Multilingual Plaza

OU Multilingual Plaza provides support for Japanese language learning outside of class. This facility is available to all students, researchers, and staff members of the University of Osaka. It is located on the 4F of the D3 Center (former Cybermedia Center) at the Toyonaka Campus and on the 2F of the IC Hall at the Suita Campus.

At OU Multilingual Plaza, you can find Japanese language materials, conversation practice, tutoring, workshops, and events.

You can also consult with an advisor about Japanese language learning on Tuesdays from 15:10 to 15:50 and from 16:00 to 16:40 (registration required). For further information, please check the following website .

Website : <https://plaza.cme.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>

✉ E-mail : plaza@lang.osaka-u.ac.jp



Toyonaka campus:
4F, D3 Center
(former Cybermedia Center)
OPEN : Mon-Fri 10:00-15:00



IC-Hall, Suita Campus
(OMPIC) 2nd floor (Room4)
OPEN : Fri 10:00-13:30

OU Nihongo Hiroba provides information on various resources and Japanese classes for Japanese learners.



<http://hiroba.ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>

◆Need help?

If you have any questions, please fill out the form at this URL:

<https://forms.office.com/r/HRJ0CcH1Af>
Staff will respond shortly.



- ◆If you require immediate assistance, please call 06-6879-7109.
- ◆You can also visit our office, which is located on Suita Campus, IC Hall 3F
※In principle, between 10:00 and 16:00