

~Fall&Winter~

GUIDEBOOK

Japanese Language Programs
for International Students



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and Exchange (CIEE)

Institute for International Initiatives, The University of Osaka

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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
**Only students enrolled until the last day of the class period.*
**Some courses/classes are not available to students of some programs.*
 ※Please consult with the educational affairs section of your faculty before registering.

• Special Research Students → **Elective Japanese Language Course** No credit, Suita
**Only students enrolled until the last day of the class period.*

• 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.
*Only students enrolled until the last day of the class period.
- ☐ 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 may not be able to take the courses they wish to take.
- ☐ Registration period : **Fri. September 26th ~ Mon. October 27th**
※Some special auditors must check their own department's registration period.
- ☐ Course starts : **Mon. October 6th**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Tue. October 28th ~ Wed. November 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.
*Contact your educational affairs section whether the credit will be a graduation requirement.
- ☐ Registration : Please register for classes through KOAN website.
 - ◆Academic Communication (2 credits, Wednesday, 4th period, Class code : C50502)
 - ◆Academic Reading (2 credits, Monday, 5th period, Class code : C50506)
 - ◆Academic Writing (2 credits, Tuesday, 5th period, Class code : C50508)
- ☐ Registration period : **Wed. September 24th 13:00 ~ Wed. October 8th 13:00**
- ☐ Course starts : **Wed. October 1st**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Wed. October 15th 9:30 ~ Tue. October 21st 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 class 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 【88F1T1】	← Twice a week →		JB100-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88F1T1】
II	10:30 ~12:00		JJ100-a Comprehensive Japanese 【88FJ10】	← Twice a week →	JJ100-b Comprehensive Japanese 【88FJ10】	

Level 200

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:50 ~10:20		JB200-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88F2T1】	← Twice a week →		JB200-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88F2T1】
II	10:30 ~12:00	JK201 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88FK21】				
		JK202 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88FK22】				
IV	15:10 ~16:40		JJ200-a Comprehensive Japanese 【88FJ20】	← Twice a week →	JJ200-b Comprehensive Japanese 【88FJ20】	

Level 300

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:50 ~10:20		JB300-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88F3T1】	← Twice a week →		JB300-T1 Comprehensive Japanese 【88F3T1】
II	10:30 ~12:00	JK302 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88FK32】				JK301 Kanji and Vocabulary 【88FK31】
IV	15:10 ~16:40		JJ300-a Comprehensive Japanese 【88FJ30】	← Twice a week →		JJ300-b Comprehensive Japanese 【88FJ30】

※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
III	13:30 ~15:00					JW400 Academic Writing 【88FW40】
IV	15:10 ~16:40			JC400 Academic Communication 【88FC40】		

Level 500

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
III	13:30 ~15:00					JW500 Academic Writing 【88FW50】
IV	15:10 ~16:40			JC500 Academic Communication 【88FC50】		

Level 600

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
III	13:30 ~15:00			JW600 ※ Academic Writing 【88FW60】		
IV	15:10 ~16:40			JC600 ※ Academic Communication 【88FC60】		
V	16:50 ~18:20	JR600 ※ Academic Reading 【88FR60】				

※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 【88FW70】		
IV	15:10 ~16:40			JC700 ※ Academic Communication 【88FC70】		
V	16:50 ~18:20	JR700 ※ Academic Reading 【88FR70】				

※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 10月 October			1	2	3
	① 6	① 7	① 8	① 9	① 10
	Sports day 13	② 14	② 15	② 16	② 17
	② 20	③ 21	③ 22	③ 23	③ 24
	③ 27	④ 28	④ 29	④ 30	Preparation 31
11月 November	Machikane Festival 3	Clean up 4	Monday ④ 5	⑤ 6	④ 7
	⑤ 10	⑤ 11	⑤ 12	⑥ 13	⑤ 14
	⑥ 17	⑥ 18	⑥ 19	⑦ 20	⑥ 21
	substitute holiday 24	⑦ 25	Monday ⑦ 26	27	⑦ 28
12月 December	⑧ 1	⑧ 2	⑦ 3	⑧ 4	⑧ 5
	⑨ 8	⑨ 9	⑧ 10	⑨ 11	⑨ 12
	⑩ 15	⑩ 16	⑨ 17	⑩ 18	⑩ 19
	⑪ 22	⑪ 23	⑩ 24	⑪ 25	⑪ 26
	29	30	31		
2026年 1月 January				1	2
	⑫ 5	⑫ 6	⑪ 7	⑫ 8	⑫ 9
	Adult's day 12	⑬ 13	⑫ 14	Monday ⑬ 15	16
	⑭ 19	⑭ 20	⑬ 21	⑬ 22	⑬ 23
	⑮ 26	⑮ 27	⑭ 28	⑭ 29	⑭ 30
2月 February	2	3	⑮ 4	⑮ 5	⑮ 6

Class Starts from

Mon. October 6th

Registration Period

Fri. September 26th
~ Mon. October 27th

※Some Special Auditors
must check their own
department's
registration period.

Confirmation of
Registration

Wed. October 29th

(Those not approved will be
contacted individually.)

Registration
Cancellation

Tue. October 28th
~Wed. November 12th

※Please register
as early as possible.

★Wed. November 5th:
class for Monday ④

★Wed. November 26th:
class for Monday ⑦

★Thu. January 15th:
class for Monday ⑬

☐ : 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. September 24th 13:00 ~ Wed. October 8th 13:00**
 (Special Auditors) **Contact your educational affairs section.**
 Registration period may differ from mentioned above.
- ☐ Course starts : **Wed. October 1st**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Wed. October 15th 9:30 ~ Tue. October 21st 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. September 24th 13:00 ~ Wed. October 8th 13:00**
 (Special Auditors) **Contact your educational affairs section.**
 Registration period may differ from mentioned above.
- ☐ Course starts : **Wed. October 1st**
- ☐ Registration cancellation : **Wed. October 15th 9:30 ~ Tue. October 21st 16:30**

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
educational affairs section of your faculty.
- ☐ Location : **Toyonaka Campus**
- ☐ Registration : Please register for the class you take through KOAN.
- ☐ Class starts : **Wed. October 1st**

Timetable : P9, Schedule : P10

◆ JA・JGU & Liberal Arts and Sciences Timetable

Location: Toyonaka Campus

Day & Time	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor	
I 8:50 ~ 10:20	You must attend JA classes 3 times a week Track2 is for OUSSEP students only		① JA100 Track1 (code:881229) & JA100 Track2 (code:881230) & JA100 Track3 (code:881233) & JA100 Track4 (code:881238) & JA100 Track5 (code:881239) ※joint class	Namba			② JA100 Track1 (code:881229)	Sumi yoshi			International Exchange Subjects (JA・JGU)
							② JA100 Track2 (code:881230)	Fuji wara	③ JA100 Track2 (code:881230)	Sumi yoshi	
							② JA100 Track3 (code:881233)	Naka zono	③ JA100 Track3 (code:881233)	Naka zono	
							② JA100 Track4 (code:881238)	Smith	③ JA100 Track4 (code:881238)	Koza kura	
							② JA100 Track5 (code:881239)	Duong	③ JA100 Track5 (code:881239)	Chida	
			① JA200 Track1 (code:881231) & JA200 Track2 (code:881232) ※joint class	Otani	② JA200 Track1 (code:881231)	Smith					
					② JA200 Track2 (code:881232)	Handa			③ JA200 Track2 (code:881232)	Handa	
			① JA300 Track1 (code:881234)	Sumi yoshi	② JA300 Track1 (code:881234) & JA300 Track2 (code:881235) ※joint class	Naka mata	③ JA300 Track1 (code:881234)	Ueda			
			① JA300 Track2 (code:881235)	Ueda			③ JA300 Track2 (code:881235)	Kakuda			
			① JA400 Track1 (code:881236)	Miya zaki	② JA400 Track1 (code:881236)	Sumi yoshi	③ JA400 Track1 (code:881236) & JA400 Track2 (code:881237) ※joint class	Yoshi naga			
II 10:30 ~ 12:00									③ JA100 Track1 (code:881229)	Sumi yoshi	
									③ JA200 Track1 (code:881231)	Koza kura	
III											
IV											
V 16:50 ~ 18:20	Japanese for Advanced Communication	Fukura	Japanese for Academic Purpose	Namba			Japanese for Academic Purpose	Fuji wara			Liberal Arts & Sciences
	Communication in Multicultural Contexts	Oka moto	Communication in Multicultural Contexts	Nishi mura	Communication in Multicultural Contexts	Otani					
			JGU500a Cancelled (code:881282)	Fuji wara	JGU500b (code:881283)	Fuji sawa	JGU500c (code:881284)	Naka mata			
			JGU600a (code:881273)	Shinjo	JGU600b (code:881274)	Otani	JGU600c (code:881275)	Inagaki			

◆ 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 10月 October			① 1	① 2	① 3
	① 6	① 7	② 8	② 9	② 10
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	⑨ 8	⑨ 9	⑨ 10	⑩ 11	⑩ 12
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	⑭ 19	⑭ 20	⑭ 21	⑭ 22	⑭ 23
	⑮ 26	⑮ 27	⑮ 28	⑮ 29	⑮ 30
2月 February	2	3	4	5	6

Class Starts from

Wed. October 1st

Registration Period

(If you are
Graduate Students)

Wed. September 24th
13:00

~Wed. October 8th
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. October 15th 9:30
~ Tue. October 21st
16:30

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class for Monday ④

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class for Monday ⑦

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class for Monday ⑬

 : 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.

※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 educational affairs section.

※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-cme@office.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