

Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Study Program

Online!!
February 2021

Let's study Japanese this winter!!!

The Center for Japanese Language Education at Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) will launch an online version of the "Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Study Program" this winter. This is a three-week program, offering two different levels for Japanese language classes, elementary and intermediate. All sessions will be delivered in live stream interactive format and to maximize the opportunities for participants to communicate with native Japanese speakers, KGU school volunteers will participate as "Nihongo Partner" in classes and work together to accomplish tasks and projects.

The program will not only focus on language studies. In addition to the regular language classes, students will also be able to participate in Japanese Culture study sessions. Please join us this winter, and make lots of friends through the program!

We are Nihongo Partners!!

We are not just here to support your Japanese studies while you are in Japan. We enjoy making new friends and learning about people from around the world. We look forward to meeting you all and building friendships with you through this program!



Program Information

Program Dates	February 1 - February 19, 2021
Number of Participant	Minimum: 6 students/class* *the minimum number of participants to run the program
Teaching Method	Synchronous online Zoom classes
Class Hours and Credits	Class Hours 90 min. × 30 classes = 45h (2 KGU credits)
Application Requirement	Students must be enrolled at one of KGU's partner institutions as an undergraduate or graduate student for the duration of the program.
Program Fee	25,000 JPY *Payment method: Credit card (Mastercard or Visa card only)

Class Level

	Prerequisite skills and requirements (self-taught is also acceptable)	Learning Outcomes
Elementary syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed more than 150 hours of Japanese language studies. Students are expected to have knowledge of basic verb conjugation, such as Dictionary form, Nai- form, and Te-form. (Students should be at a level equivalent to "Minna no Nihongo" Lessons L13-50 or "Genki" Lessons L6-21.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to use elementary expressions, and become proficient in everyday conversation. Students will also be able to describe and express their thoughts on familiar day-to-day topics.
Intermediate syllabus	This level is aimed at students who have completed elementary level textbooks, and have advanced to intermediate level materials, or who have studied more than 400 hours of Japanese in the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to discuss abstract concepts, and present and express their opinions. They will also gain knowledge on other people's opinions and by doing so deepen their understanding of the subject.

*The final decision on class placement will be based on a language placement test which will take place before the program starts. Therefore, students may be placed to the different class level from the one they have originally chosen, depending on their results.

Program Schedule

1st period:10:00-11:30 (JST)
2nd period:11:40-13:10 (JST)

		Sun -	Mon Feb 1	Tue Feb 2	Wed Feb 3	Thrs Feb 4	Fri Feb 5	Sat Feb 6
WEEK 1	1st period 10:00-11:30	-	Orientation/ Placement test	Japanese ①	Japanese ②	Japanese ③	Japanese ④	Japanese ⑤
	2nd period 11:40-13:10			Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner
		Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13
WEEK 2	1st period 10:00-11:30	-	Japanese ⑥	Japanese ⑦	Japanese ⑧	Japanese ⑨	Japanese ⑩	-
	2nd period 11:40-13:10		Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	
		Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20
WEEK 3	1st period 10:00-11:30	-	Japanese Culture Class	Japanese Culture Class	Japanese Culture Class	Japanese ⑪	Japanese ⑫	-
	2nd period 11:40-13:10		Japanese Culture Class	Japanese Culture Class	-	Session with Nihongo Partner	Session with Nihongo Partner	

*Schedule is subject to change.

Nomination, Application, Transcripts

Applications can be completed online, and are available from one month prior to the deadline. However, you must apply through the study abroad office at your home university. Once we receive your information from your university, further information regarding application procedures will be provided along with the application form URL. Please be sure to complete your application by the deadline. Transcripts for the students who have successfully completed the program are expected to be sent out in mid-March. The transcripts will be sent to the study abroad office at your home institution.

Nomination Deadline	mid-November
Application Deadline	November 30
Transcripts issued	mid-March