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All students who wish to take Japanese classes must register on SOSEKI.

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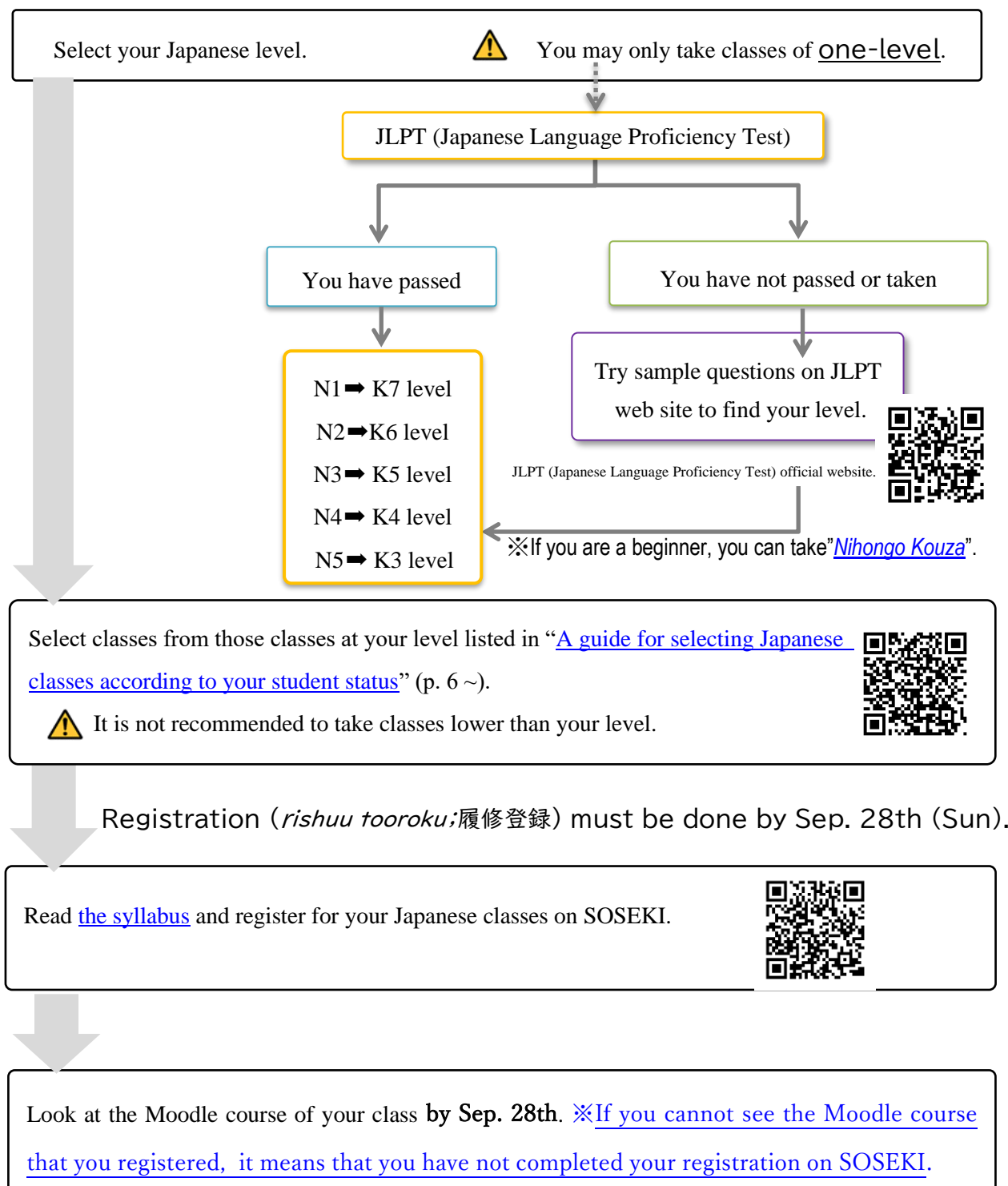
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1. How to register for Japanese classes



※Adjustment of registration (*rishuu tooroku shuusei*; 履修登録修正) is Sep. 29th (Mon) – Oct. 5th (Sun). In this period you can change or cancel the classes you have registered for on SOSEKI.






2. Academic Calendar 2025 Fall Semester for Japanese Classes

Fall semester (9/29 - 2/10), Term 3 (9/29 - 11/27), Term 4 (11/28 - 2/10)

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Event schedule
Sep.		1	2	3	4	5	6	9/25 Course Registration Consultation Meeting By 9/28 Course registration on SOSEKI 9/29 Class begins 9/29 - 10/5 Class Change or cancelation
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30					
Oct.				①	②	③	4	10/13 Class day
	5	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩	11	
	12	⑬	⑭	⑮	⑯	⑰	18	
	19	⑳	㉑	㉒	㉓	㉔	25	
	26	㉖	㉗	㉘	㉙	㉚		
Nov.							1	11/4 - 11/5 No class 11/13 - 11/4, 11/17 - 11/19 You may have supplementary classes during the 6th period (16:25 - 17:55). 11/24 Class day 11/27 No class
	2	3	4	5	⑥	⑦	8	
	9	⑩	⑪	⑫	⑬	⑭	15	
	16	⑰	⑱	⑲	㉒	㉓	22	
	23	㉔	㉕	㉖	㉗	㉘	29	
	30							
Dec.		①	②	③	④	⑤	6	11/25 - 1/7 Winter break
	7	⑧	⑨	⑩	⑪	⑫	13	
	14	⑮	⑯	⑰	⑱	⑲	20	
	21	㉒	㉓	㉔	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31				
Jan.					1	2	3	2/13 You may have supplementary classes. 2/16 No class 2/21 - 2/23, 2/26 - 2/27 You may have supplementary classes during the 6th period (16:25 - 17:55).
	4	5	6	7	⑧	⑨	10	
	11	12	13	⑭	⑮	16	17	
	18	⑱	⑲	㉒	㉓	㉔	24	
	25	㉕	㉖	㉗	㉘	㉙	31	
Feb.	1	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	7	 Kumamoto University Calendar
	8	⑨	⑩	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	

3. Level of Japanese Classes

Japanese classes offered at Kumamoto University are categorized into the following eight levels according to the language proficiency of students.

Level of Japanese proficiency		Students Sample questions ↓	Contents
K8	Superior	For those who have passed the JLPT N1 with a high score.	No Japanese classes ! You do not need to take any Japanese classes for international students.
K7	Upper-Advanced	For those who have passed the JLPT N1. 	Beyond the JLPT N1
K6	Lower-Advanced	For those who have passed the JLPT N2. 	The JLPT N1
K5	Upper-Intermediate	For those who have passed the JLPT N3. 	The JLPT N2
K4	Lower-Intermediate	For those who have passed the JLPT N4. 	The JLPT N3
K3	Upper-Elementary	For those who have passed the JLPT N5. 	The JLPT N4
K2	Lower-Elementary	For those who have studied Beginning level Japanese.	The JLPT N5
K1	Beginning	For those who will study Japanese for the first time.	Basic Japanese

The level of Japanese proficiency is written in the list of Japanese classes (→p.15) and each syllabus. Please choose the appropriate classes of your Japanese level. It is not recommended to take classes lower than your level.

4. Student status in Kumamoto University

Whether or not you can obtain credits depends on your status in Kumamoto University. Please check your status according to the table below.

Symbol of status	Student Status	Description
U	Undergraduate Student	Students who passed the entrance examination and who intend to graduate from Kumamoto University
SU-S	Special Undergraduate Auditors (Short-Term Exchange Program)	Exchange Students <u>in the Short-Term Exchange Program</u> at the undergraduate level from Universities having <u>university exchange agreement</u>
SU-J	Special Undergraduate Auditors (Japanese Studies Program)	Students in the Japanese Studies Program
SU	Special Undergraduate Auditors	Exchange Students at the undergraduate level from Universities having <u>departmental exchange agreement</u>
G	Graduate Student	Students who passed the entrance examination and who intend to graduate from a graduate school of Kumamoto University (including doctor and master's course students)
SG	Special Auditors and Special Research Students in Graduate School	Students in the exchange program <u>at the graduate level</u>
R	Undergraduate R esearch Students / Graduate R esearch Students	Research students who belong to undergraduate /graduate schools
O	Others (Researchers, etc.)	Researchers at Kumamoto University (Not students)

5. A guide for selecting Japanese classes according to your student status

(1) Undergraduate students 【U】

→See Japanese version

(2) Special undergraduate auditors 【SU-S】 【SU】

→See Japanese version

(3) Special undergraduate auditors for the Japanese Studies Program 【SU-J】

→See Japanese version


(4) Graduate students, special auditors in graduate school, research students, and others 【G】 【SG】 【R】 【O】

(4) Graduate students, special auditors /special research students in graduate school, research students, and others 【G】 【SG】 【R】 【O】

This section applies to the following students or researchers:

- a) Graduate students who belong to master's or doctoral program 【G】
- b) Special Auditors /Special Research students in the graduate level 【SG】
- c) Research students at the graduate level 【R】
- d) Research students at undergraduate level 【R】
- e) Others (researchers, etc.) 【O】

Please take classes appropriate to your Japanese level. Please note that you cannot earn any credits from Japanese classes.

 Please apply for Japanese classes on SOSEKI by Sep. 28th. Graduate students and research students (i.e., auditors) can register for Japanese classes on SOSEKI from Spring semester, 2022. If you fail to register for a class on SOSEKI, you will not be able to see the course you applied on Moodle. If you wish to change your registration, you will be able to do it by Oct. 5th.

You can audit Japanese classes from your Japanese level. However, **you cannot earn any credits for Japanese classes. Your grade (G [pass, 合], F [fail 否], drop [×]) will not affect your GPA.**

How to apply for Japanese classes:

Please use the Syllabus Code to find the syllabus on the portal and the Course Code to register for classes on SOSEKI.

◆ K7 level classes

※ This is a special course code for students 【G】 【SG】 【R】 【O】 . If you register with this code, you can NOT receive credit.

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Class-room	Syllabus Code
Japanese A-2a	14446	Upper-Advanced Oral Expressions I	Ooba	Thu	3	2A	B3021
Japanese A-2b	14206	Upper-Advanced Academic Writing	Sagawa	Wed	3	3C	B3023
Japanese B-2a	14456	Upper-Advanced Listening Comprehension & Vocabulary I	Nakamura	Mon	3	3C	B3061
Japanese B-2b	14466	Upper-Advanced Grammar A I	Koga	Thu	1	3C	B3062
Japanese D-2b	14496	Upper-Advanced Reading B I	Ooba	Mon	2	2B	B3142

◆ K6 level classes

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Class-room	Syllabus Code
Japanese IV-2a	14396	Lower-Advanced Oral Expressions	Koga	Tue	3	3C	B3411
Japanese IV-2d	14546	Lower-Advanced Grammar I	Nakamura	Mon	2	3C	B3414
Japanese IV-2e	14556	Lower-Advanced Reading I	Kuriyama	Thu	4	3C	B3415
Japanese IV-2h	14606	Lower-Advanced Academic Reading	Miyamoto	Wed	4	3C	B3418
Japanese IV-2i	14566	Lower-Advanced Listening Comprehension I	Kuriyama	Thu	3	3C	B3419
Japanese IV-2j	14436	Lower-Advanced Writing	Michimoto	Fri	2	2D	B3421

◆ K5 level classes

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Class-room	Syllabus Code
Japanese III-2g	14516	Upper-Intermediate Grammar I	Akaki	Thu	2	2D	B3357
Japanese III-2i	14526	Upper-Intermediate Reading I	Katayama	Wed	2	2D	B3359
Japanese III-2k	14536	Upper-Intermediate Listening Comprehension I	Katayama	Tue	2	2D	B3361
Japanese III-2m	14346	Upper-Intermediate Oral Expressions	Kuriyama	Fri	1	2A	B3364

◆ K4 - K5 level classes

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Class-room	Syllabus Code
Japanese III-2l	14506	Lower & Upper-Intermediate Extensive Reading and Vocabulary II	Sagawa	Tue	1	2D	B3362

◆ K4 level classes

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Class-room	Syllabus Code
Japanese II-2a	14296	Lower-Intermediate Reading	Sagawa	Thu	2	2A	B3291
Japanese II-2b	14306	Lower-Intermediate Grammar B	Kosaka	Mon	2	2A	B3293
Japanese II-2c	14316	Lower-Intermediate Grammar A	Kosaka	Tue	2	2A	B3295
Japanese II-2d	14326	Lower-Intermediate Conversation	Yonawa	Wed	2	2A	B3297

◆ K3 level classes

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Class-room	Syllabus Code
Japanese I-2b	14276	Upper-Elementary Grammar A	Kuriyama	Tue	1	2B	B3233
Japanese I-2c	14286	Upper-Elementary Grammar B	Sagawa	Tue	2	2B	B3235

◆ K1 - K2 level classes

- Those who are at the Lower-Elementary level can take *Nihongo Koza* (Japanese Language Course for beginners). See 「8. *Nihongo Kouza* (Japanese Language Course for Beginners)」 for details.

6. Credit

Regular Students in Undergraduate School 【U】

Undergraduate students who need Japanese language course credits for their Compulsory Foreign Language subject requirements should complete the credits required for graduation within their first two years. Even if you take more Compulsory Foreign Language subjects than are required, those credits will not count toward your graduation requirements. Credits obtained from Elective Foreign Language subjects will count toward your graduation requirements for elective classes.

Special Undergraduate Auditors 【SU-S】 【SU】 【SU-J】

There is no distinction between Compulsory Foreign Language subjects and Elective Foreign Language subjects. Both will count toward your program completion requirements.

Graduate Students, Special Auditors and Special Research Students in Graduate School,

Undergraduate Research Students / Graduate Research Students 【G】 【SG】 【R】

【O】

You may audit courses that correspond to your Japanese level, but you can not earn credit for them.

7. Grading

Undergraduate **【U】** and special undergraduate auditors **【SU-S】 【SU】 【SU-J】**

- ♦ Grades: AA (Excellent), A (Very Good), B (Good), C (Fair) and F (Failure)
- ♦ Attendance of less than two-thirds will result in an "X" (Withdrawal).
- ♦ Credits are not given to F (Failure) and X (Withdrawal).
- ♦ Transcripts will be marked with the following abbreviations; AA, A, B, C, F and X.
- ♦ If you cancel your registration within the period of adjustment of registration(*rishuu tooroku henkoo kikan*), nothing to be noted on your transcript.

Score (out of 100)	100 – 90	89 – 80	79 – 70	69 – 60	59 – 0	—
Grades	Excellent [AA]	Very Good [A]	Good [B]	Fair [C]	F	X
Judgement	Pass				Failure	Withdrawal

Graduate students **【G】** Special auditors /Special research students in graduate school **【SG】** and Research students **【R】**

- ♦ Grades; G (Pass) and F (Fail).
- ♦ Attendance of less than two-thirds will result in an X (Withdrawal).
- ♦ The transcript will be marked with the following abbreviations; G, F.
- ♦ If you cancel your registration within the period of adjustment of registration (*rishuu tooroku henkoo kikan*), nothing to be noted on your transcript.

Score (out of 100)	100 – 90	89 – 80	79 – 70	69 – 60	59 – 0	—
Grades	G				F	X
Judgement	Pass				Failure	Withdrawal

8. *Nihongo Kouza* (Japanese Language Course for Beginners)

Aim: This course helps the students to obtain the basic Japanese skills required for daily life in Japan.

Who can take this course : Students and researchers of Kumamoto University and their spouses

Level of Japanese proficiency: K1 (Beginning)

Credits : No academic credits will be earned from these courses. (Certificates of attendance and transcripts will not be issued.)

Textbook: “Irodori: Japanese for Life in Japan Starter(A1)” The Japan Foundation

Please download the textbook from the website below.

<https://www.irodori.jpf.go.jp/starter/pdf.html>

Class Schedule / How to apply:

Class times and classrooms will be announced on the Center for International Education website.

(Japanese) <https://www.c3.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/category/feedlist/japanese-language-courses/>

(English) <https://www.c3.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/category/feedlist-en/japanese-language-course-news-and-events/>

[Apply online for Japanese Language Course for Beginners](#) on the Center for International Education website.

Contact information for inquiries: [▶Inquiries for Japanese Classes](#)



Web Inquiry Form

9. Class Hours

1st period: 8:40 - 10:10

2nd period: 10:25 - 11:55

3rd period: 12:55 - 14:25

4th period: 14:40 - 16:10

5th period: 16:25 - 17:55

Office hour

Full-time instructors are available for questions and consultation during this time.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st period					
2 nd				Kuriyama	
3 rd				Sagawa	
4 th					
5 th					

See [p.14](#) for each faculty member's room.

10. Classroom

General Education Building locate at *Kurokami* North campus.

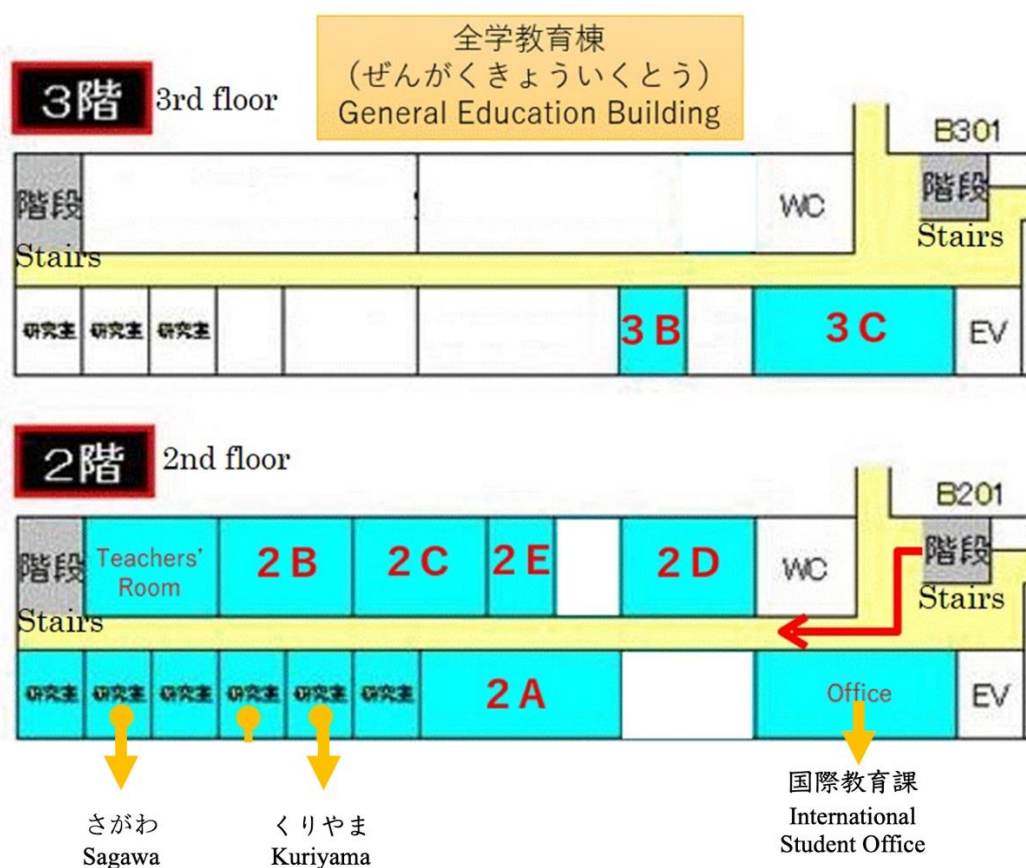
campus map



►Eng. Version

Kurokami North E1 (General Education Building) Blue zone

<https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/access/campus/>



11. List of Japanese Classes

※For undergraduate students, Japanese A - D are compulsory and Japanese I - IV are elective foreign language subjects.

【Japanese Language Subjects】

※Auditing students see p.7~9

Course Titles	Course Code ※	Course Subject	Instructor	Day	Time	Classroom
●K7 Level (Course coordinator : Sagawa)						
Japanese A-2a	B3021	Upper-Advanced Oral Expressions I	Ooba	Thu	3	2A
Japanese A-2b	B3023	Upper-Advanced Academic Writing	Sagawa	Wed	3	3C
Japanese B-2a	B3061	Upper-Advanced Listening Comprehension & Vocabulary I	Nakamura	Mon	3	3C
Japanese B-2b	B3062	Upper-Advanced Grammar A I	Koga	Thu	1	3C
Japanese D-2b	B3142	Upper-Advanced Reading B I	Ooba	Mon	2	2B
●K6 Level (Course coordinator : Kuriyama)						
Japanese IV-2a	B3411	Lower-Advanced Oral Expressions	Koga	Tue	3	3C
Japanese IV-2d	B3414	Lower-Advanced Grammar I	Nakamura	Mon	2	3C
Japanese IV-2e	B3415	Lower-Advanced Reading I	Kuriyama	Thu	4	3C
Japanese IV-2h	B3418	Lower-Advanced Academic Reading	Miyamoto	Wed	4	3C
Japanese IV-2i	B3419	Lower-Advanced Listening Comprehension I	Kuriyama	Thu	3	3C
Japanese IV-2j	B3421	Lower-Advanced Writing	Michimoto	Fri	2	2D
●K5 Level (Course coordinator : Kuriyama)						
Japanese III-2g	B3357	Upper-Intermediate Grammar I	Akaki	Thu	2	2D
Japanese III-2i	B3359	Upper-Intermediate Reading I	Katayama	Wed	2	2D
Japanese III-2k	B3361	Upper-Intermediate Listening Comprehension I	Katayama	Tue	2	2D
Japanese III-2m	B3364	Upper-Intermediate Oral Expressions	Kuriyama	Fri	1	2A
●K4~5 Level (Course coordinator : Sagawa)						
Japanese III-2l	B3362	Lower & Upper-Intermediate Extensive Reading and Vocabulary II	Sagawa	Tue	1	2D

●K4 Level (Course coordinator : Kuriyama)						
Japanese II-2a	B3291	Lower-Intermediate Reading	Sagawa	Thu	2	2A
Japanese II-2b	B3293	Lower-Intermediate Grammar B	Kosaka	Mon	2	2A
Japanese II-2c	B3295	Lower-Intermediate Grammar A	Kosaka	Tue	2	2A
Japanese II-2d	B3297	Lower-Intermediate Conversation	Yonawa	Wed	2	2A
●K3 Level (Course coordinator : Sagawa)						
Japanese I-2b	B3233	Upper-Elementary Grammar A	Kuriyama	Tue	1	2B
Japanese I-2c	B3235	Upper-Elementary Grammar B	Sagawa	Tue	2	2B
●K1～K2 Level (Course coordinator : Kuriyama)						
Online Nihongo Kouza (p.12)						

12. Timetable

	1st (8:40-10:10)					2nd (10:25-11:55)				
	Level	Course Title	Course Subject	Instructor	Classroom	Level	Course Title	Course Subject	Instructor	Classroom
Mon						7	D-2b	Upper-Advanced Reading B I	Ooba	2B
						6	IV-2d	Lower-Advanced Grammar I	Nakamura	3C
						4	II-2b	Lower-Intermediate Grammar B	Kosaka	2A
Tue	5&4	III-2l	Lower & Upper-Intermediate Extensive Reading and Vocabulary II	Sagawa	2D	5	III-2k	Upper-Intermediate Listening Comprehension I	Katayama	2D
	3	I-2b	Upper-Elementary Grammar A	Kuriyama	2B	4	II-2c	Lower-Intermediate Grammar A	Kosaka	2A
						3	I-2c	Upper-Elementary Grammar B	Sagawa	2B
Wed						5	III-2i	Upper-Intermediate Reading I	Katayama	2D
						4	II-2d	Lower-Intermediate Conversation	Yonawa	2A
Thu	7	B-2b	Upper-Advanced Grammar A I	Koga	3C	5	III-2g	Upper-Intermediate Grammar I	Akaki	2D
						4	II-2a	Lower-Intermediate Reading	Sagawa	2A
Fri	5	III-2m	Upper-Intermediate Oral Expressions	Kuriyama	2A	6	IV-2j	Lower-Advanced Writing	Michimoto	2D

3rd (12:55–14:25)					4th (14:40–16:10)					5th (16:25–17:55)				
Level	Course Title	Course Subject	Instructor	Classroom	Level	Course Title	Course Subject	Instructor	Classroom	Level	Course Title	Course Subject	Instructor	Classroom
7	B-2a	Upper-Advanced Listening Comprehension & Vocabulary I	Nakamura	3C										
6	IV-2a	Lower-Advanced Oral Expressions	Koga	3C										
7	A-2b	Upper-Advanced Academic Writing	Sagawa	3C	6	IV-2h	Lower-Advanced Academic Reading	Miyamoto	3C					
7	A-2a	Upper-Advanced Oral Expressions I	Ooba	2A	6	IV-2e	Lower-Advanced Reading I	Kuriyama	3C					
6	IV-2i	Lower-Advanced Listening Comprehension I	Kuriyama	3C										

13. List of Instructors

【Full-time instructors】

KURIYAMA, Keiko (栗山)

SAGAWA, Sachiyo (佐川)

【Part-time instructors】

AKAKI, Shouko (赤木)

EZAKI, Tsuneyo (江崎)

OOBA, Rieko (大庭)

KATAYAMA, Kiyomi (片山)

KOGA, Michiru (古賀)

KOSAKA, Reiko (小坂)

NAKAMURA, Naomi (中村)

HINOKUMA, Tomoko (日隈)

HIRANO, Teiji (平野)

MICHIIMOTO, Yuuko (道本)

MIYAMOTO, Shigeo (宮本)

YONAWA, Tomoko (與縄)

※standard Japanese syllabary order