

## Japanese Language Courses for Special International Students

- **The Rikkyo University Japanese language courses range from J0 (Basic level) to J8 (Advanced level) for Special International Students.**
- If you wish to take Japanese language courses, you must take a placement test during orientation. You will be tested on grammar, vocabulary, Kanji, composition and speaking ability. Students with little or no prior learning experience with Japanese will be tested for *Hiragana/Katakana* and speaking only.
- **You will be placed in the appropriate level based strictly on the placement test results. You can only take classes of your designated level.** At Rikkyo University, students' level is not solely determined by their knowledge or learning experience. Rather, we examine your ability by performance to use correct words appropriately in context. While you may be dissatisfied with your class placement, it is not possible to change. **Hence, if you wish to take higher level of the Japanese language courses, we advise you to study hard before you take the placement test.**
- If you have never studied Japanese or have no experience in learning Japanese and wish to be enrolled above J1 level, we recommend self-study using the website below.
  - ① Drill <http://www.coscom.co.jp/hiragana-katakana/index.html>
  - ② Hiragana Writing Practice <http://u-biq.org/hiragana/aka.html>
  - ③ Katakana Writing Practice <http://u-biq.org/katakana/an.html>

**You need to be able to read and write at least *Hiragana* and *Katakana*, at the minimum in order to take J1 classes.** You will be tested for your *Hiragana* and *Katakana* reading/writing skill as a placement test. (If you are not able to read and write *Hiragana* and *Katakana*, you will be enrolled in J0.)

### Levels for Japanese Language Courses

Level	Requirements to Attend the Courses
J0	Designed for students who have no prior learning experience in Japanese and want to learn daily-life Japanese expression and vocabulary.
J1, J1S	Designed for students who have no prior learning experience in Japanese but can read/write Hiragana and Katakana or those who have prior experience with only a limited knowledge (not yet mastered basic conjugations of verbs and adjectives or vocabulary of less than 500 words, etc.).
J2, J2S	Designed for students who have a very basic knowledge of Japanese (basic conjugations of verbs and adjectives and a vocabulary of 500 words).
J3, J3S	Designed for students who have already mastered the first halves of fundamental sentence structure and of fundamental vocabulary (about 1,000 words).
J4	Designed for students who have already mastered fundamental sentence structure, have a fundamental vocabulary (about 2,000 words) and who can deal with everyday situations in Japanese in most cases.
J5	Designed for students who can deal with everyday situations in Japanese without difficulty.
J6	Designed for students with average daily Japanese comprehension. Students can read magazines or newspapers by using a dictionary, and write their opinion in appropriate Japanese.
J7	Designed for students who can express their opinion about politics, economics, international affairs, and so on in high-level Japanese. Students can read magazines or newspapers, and write their opinion in appropriate, sophisticated Japanese.
J8	Designed for students who have mastered a high level of grammar, Kanji and vocabulary and are also able to study or do research in Japanese.
Seminar on Japanese Language and Culture 1-3	(for J2-J5 students only) For students in J2-J5 levels, the seminar is conducted in Japanese as much as possible with Japanese vocabularies and sentence patterns that participants have already learned. This class aims to enhance the students' understanding of the Japanese language by using varieties of materials such as animation, films, <i>manga</i> and novels.

Syllabus: <https://cjle.rikkyo.ac.jp/english/syllabus/>