



Japanese Language Studies for IPLA Students

Fall 2021



JLP Placement Test

The level of your Japanese Language ability will be determined by the result of the online Placement Test.

- The placement test may be taken only ONCE.



Tentative Level

If your placement test result is on the borderline between two levels, your level certificate may show 仮(tentative), e.g. 仮4レベル = tentative level 4

- You may choose classes either at the level shown or at the level below.
- You may not mix levels.
- Decide which level you want to register at for this semester.



Class information

- See 'A Guide to the Japanese Language Program at Kawauchi/特別課程の受講案内' for details.

<http://www.he.tohoku.ac.jp/SJLE/JLPK/guide-e.pdf>

- You will be given information on the textbook and class schedule from your class instructor(s).
- Each class has its own lesson plan, exam schedule, and grading policy, which will be explained at the beginning of the class.



Syllabus

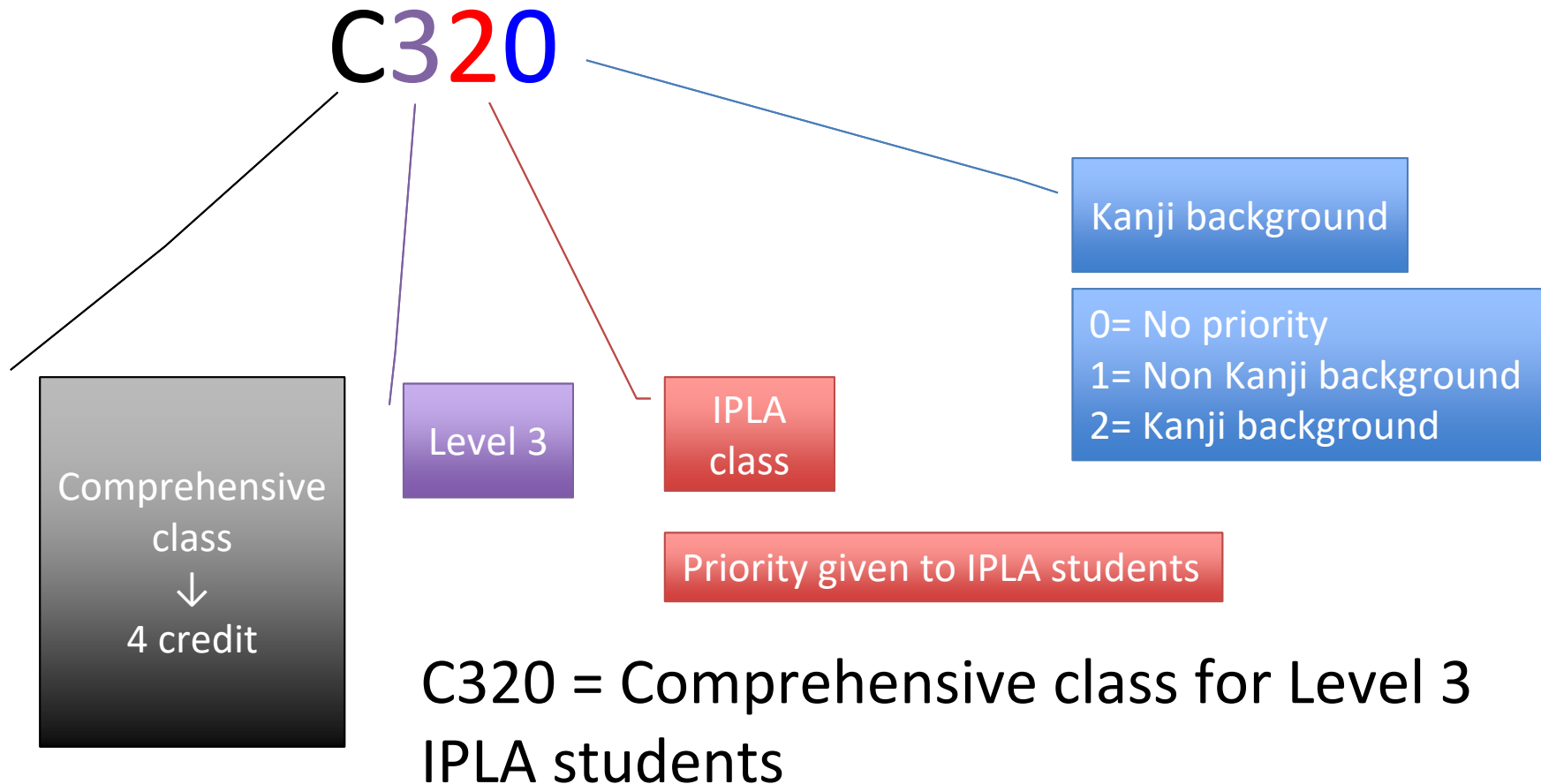
Please read the Japanese course syllabus carefully before the classes start.

Syllabus:

<http://www.he.tohoku.ac.jp/SJLE/syllabi/>



Japanese class numbering system





Requirements

- 4 compulsory Japanese Language credits per semester
- Take the Japanese classes assigned to your level

Grading Scale

AA	Particularly excellent (90-100 points).
A	Excellent (80-89 points).
B	Good (70-79 points).
C	Passed (60-69 points).
D	Failed (0-59 points).
E	Withdrew from the class.



Japanese Class Progression System

Current Level	Conditions to proceed to the next level w/o taking the PT
Level 1 & 2	Obtain an "AA" or "A" in C1 or C2, and you may proceed to C2 or C3, respectively.
Level 3 & 4	Obtain an "AA" or "A" grade in C3 or C4. (or, Obtain more than 3 "AA" or "A" grades in Level 3 or 4 courses other than C3 or C4)*1,2
Level 5	Obtain "AA" or "A" in both C5 and another Level 5 courses (or, Obtain more than 3 "AA" or "A" grades in Level 5 courses other than C5) *1,2

*1 Except the grades of Kanji classes

*2 Obtaining 2 "B" grades is considered equal to obtaining an "A"



Special Policy for this semester

- **For this Fall semester ALONE**, you will only have to take classes for **at least 4 credits**, in order to complete the Japanese language course offered by IPLA.
- You can take classes without worrying about the distinction between mandatory and optional classes.
- You can take more than 4 credits for Japanese classes this semester, but keep in mind that **in order to complete the Japanese language course for this semester, the minimum amount of credits is 4.**



Priority Subjects for IPLA

	Subjects
Level 1	C120a, C120b
Level 2	C220a, C220b
Level 3	C320
Level 4	C420, HJ420, SC420, PE420
Level 5	RS020, CP520, JC520, IU520, TC520
Level 6	RS020



Priority Subjects for IPLA

- Whenever possible please take classes that give priority to IPLA students.
- If you are unable to take the IPLA Priority Subjects due to the time zone difference or some other reason, you can take the Available Subjects instead.
- At the first class, please tell the instructor that you are an IPLA student.



Priority Subjects for IPLA

- If you feel that the class does not match your level, please consult with the relevant instructor and try attending a class one level higher or lower than your current one.
- Once you have decided which level suits you, talk to the instructor and contact the Student Exchange Division by email.



Available Subject

- All classes have size limits.
- If a class's limit is exceeded, a lottery or some other means is used to select students, and you may not be able to get in.
- Lottery results are usually announced during or after the first class, so please attend the first class.



Kanji Classes

- Choose just one class at **your designated level, or one level below or above that level.** (e.g. If your level is "K2," select one class at level K1, K2, or K3.)
- If the instructor does not give permission, you cannot take the class.
- Twice a week: 2 credits, Once a week: 1 credit

Kanji Level	Classes
K1 Kanji/Vocabulary 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K101a (2 credits)• K101b (2 credits)• K102 (1 credit)
K2 Kanji/Vocabulary 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K201 (2 credits)• K202 (1 credit)
K3 Kanji/Vocabulary 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K300 (2 credits)
K4 Kanji/Vocabulary 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K400 (2 credits)
K5 Kanji/Vocabulary 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K501 (1 credit)• K502 (1 credit)

Japanese Level 1 (Beginner)

Target: Level CEFR/JFS A1, JLPT N5



Priority Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese (4 credits)

- New IPLA students at this level should take **C120**:
Basic Comprehensive Japanese
C120a: Wed. and Fri. 1st and 2nd
C120b: Wed. and Fri. 5th and 6th

Subjects Available

Japanese language classes

- **C100a/C100b**: Beginning Comprehensive Japanese (4 credits)
- **M100***: Minimal Japanese (2 credits)
- **Kanji/Vocabulary (1 or 2 credits)**

*starts later in the semester

Japanese Level 2 (Basic)

Target: CEFR/JFS A2.1, JLPT N4



Priority Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese (4 credits)

- New IPLA students at this level can take **C220**:
Basic Comprehensive Japanese
C220a: Wed. and Fri. 1st and 2nd
C220b: Wed. and Fri. 5th and 6th

Subjects Available

Japanese language classes

- **C200**: Basic Comprehensive Japanese (4 credits)
- **Kanji/Vocabulary (1 or 2 credits)**

Co-learning seminars (2 credit)

- **ML000**: Japanese Literature in English & Japanese
(CB44207)

Japanese Level 3 (Pre-Intermediate)

Target: CEFR/JFS A2.2, JLPT N3



Priority Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese (4 credits)

- **C320**: Pre-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese (Wed. and Fri. 1st and 2nd)

Subjects Available

Japanese language classes (1 credit each)

- **L300**: Pre-Intermediate Japanese Listening Comprehension
- **S300**: Pre-Intermediate Japanese Speaking/Conversation
- **R300**: Pre-Intermediate Japanese Reading Comprehension
- **W300**: Pre-Intermediate Japanese Writing/Composition
- **Kanji/Vocabulary (1 or 2 credits)**

Co-learning seminars (2 credit)

- **ML000**: Japanese Literature in English & Japanese (CB44207)

Japanese Level 4 (Intermediate)

Target: CEFR/JFS B1, JLPT N2



Priority Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese (4 credits)

- **C420:** Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese
(Wed. and Fri. 1st and 2nd)

Co-learning seminars (2 credits)

- **HJ420:** Japanese Honorific Expressions Useful for University Life (CB43209)
- **PE420:** Developing Performative Exercises for Japanese Conversation (CB33260)
- **SC420:** Seeing Home Country and Area from Japan (CB53204)

Japanese Level 4 (Intermediate)

Target: CEFR/JFS B1, JLPT N2



Subjects Available

Japanese language classes (1 credit each)

- **L400**: Intermediate Japanese Listening Comprehension
- **S400**: Intermediate Japanese Speaking/Conversation
- **R400**: Intermediate Japanese Reading Comprehension
- **W400**: Intermediate Japanese Writing/Composition
- **N480**: Intermediate Japanese for JLPT N2 (0.5 credit)
- **Kanji/Vocabulary (1 or 2 credits)**

Co-learning seminars (2 credits)

- **CM400**: Language for Controlling People and Media Literacy (CB13205)

Co-learning seminars (2 credit)

- **ML000**: Japanese Literature in English & Japanese (CB44207)

Japanese Level 5 (Upper-Intermediate)

Target: CEFR/JFS B2, JLPT N1



Priority Subjects

Co-learning seminars (2 credits each)

- **CP520**: Collaborative Project (CB32215)
- **IU520**: Intercultural Understanding (CB42211)
- **JC520**: Japanese Culture and Communication (CB13204)
- **TC520**: Liven Up Sendai by Activating the Shopping Streets in Sendai (CB22210)

Research Seminar (1 credit)

- **RS020**: Research Seminar (open for non-IPLA students as well as IPLA students)

Subjects Available

Comprehensive Japanese (2 credits)

- **C500**: Upper-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese (Fri. 1st and 2nd)

Japanese Level 5 (Upper-Intermediate)

Target: CEFR/JFS B2, JLPT N1



Subjects Available

Japanese language classes (1 credit each)

- **L500**: Upper-Intermediate Japanese Listening Comprehension
- **R500**: Upper-Intermediate Japanese Reading Comprehension
- **S590**: Upper-Intermediate Japanese Speaking/Conversation
- **W500**: Upper-Intermediate Japanese Writing/Composition
- **N580**: Upper-Intermediate Japanese for JLPT N1 (0.5 credit)
- **Kanji/Vocabulary (1 or 2 credits)**

Upper-Intermediate Japanese Culture Seminar (2 credits)

- **CJ500**: Practical Japanese for Academic Research
- **SW500**: An Introduction to Sino-Japanese Writings
- **HS500**: An Introduction to Early Modern Handwritten Sources

Japanese Level 5 (Upper-Intermediate)

Target: CEFR/JFS B2, JLPT N1



Subjects Available

Co-learning seminars (2 credits each)

- **JS500:** Japanese Language and Culture in Songs (CB25208)
- **LV500:** Language Varieties in Japanese (CB21204)
- **PW500:** Playback Theater Workshop: Advanced (CB13203)

Co-learning seminars (2 credit)

- **ML000:** Japanese Literature in English & Japanese (CB44207)

Japanese Level 6 (Advanced)

Target: CEFR/JFS C1



Priority Subjects

Research Seminar (1 credit)

- [RS020](#): Research Seminar (open for non-IPLA students as well as IPLA students)

Subjects Available

Japanese language classes (1 credit each)

- [L690](#): Advanced Japanese Listening Comprehension (CB22212/CB22213)
- [S690](#): Advanced Japanese Speaking/Conversation (CB42213/CB42214)
- [R690](#): Advanced Japanese Reading Comprehension (CB23208/CB23209)
- [W690](#): Advanced Japanese Writing/Composition (CB43211/CB43212)
- [BJ680](#): Advanced Business Japanese
- [Kanji/Vocabulary \(1 or 2 credits\)](#)

Advanced Japanese Culture Seminar (2 credits)

- [PH600](#): Premodern History and Thoughts in Japan

Japanese Level 6 (Advanced)

Target: CEFR/JFS C1



Subjects Available

Co-learning seminars (2 credits each)

- [GC680a/GC680b](#): Global Communication (CB21205/CB23207)
- [IC600](#): Intercultural Communication Studies: Basics (CB15206)
- [JB600](#): Buddhism and Japan (CB12206)
- [MH600](#): Intellectual History of Modern Japan (CB42210)
- [SE600](#): Japanese Society from an External Viewpoint (CB24212)
- [TW600](#): Critical Thinking and Logical Writing (CB24211)

Co-learning seminars (2 credit)

- [ML000](#): Japanese Literature in English & Japanese (CB44207)

Students may also take culture seminars and co-learning seminars at Level 5



Extra Japanese Classes

- You cannot take more than one class with the same alphabet letter (e.g. S310 and S320, R410 and R500).
- If you choose to take an extra class, but find it unsuitable and decide to drop it, please notify both the class instructor(s) and the IPLA office.



Extra Japanese Classes

- You may take elective Japanese classes on top of your mandatory classes and earn extra credits, except **some exceptional elective classes**.
- You **cannot take more than one class with the same alphabet letter** (e.g. S310 and S320, R410 and R500).
- If you choose to take an extra class, but find it unsuitable and decide to drop it, please **notify both the class instructor(s) and the IPLA office**.



Attendance

- You are required to attend **at least $\frac{2}{3}$** of your classes. If you must be absent from class, inform your class instructor directly or via a classmate.
- If you do not attend at least two-thirds of the total number of classes, you will receive a "D" (fail).
- If you are **absent for two consecutive classes** without a good reason, you may get taken off the class list.
- If possible, notify your class instructor of your absence in advance, and try to get any relevant class materials in order to catch up.



Your Contact

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Assistance for Japanese Study

Some useful links and study tips are uploaded on
Google Classroom

[https://classroom.google.com/c/Mzk1ODU0NDgwNDAY?
cjc=c7oxwqr](https://classroom.google.com/c/Mzk1ODU0NDgwNDAY?cjc=c7oxwqr)

Back-up classes can be arranged on mutually agreed
times and days through google Classroom.

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