



Japanese Language Program for JYPE/COLABS Students

Spring 2024





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Placement Test (PT)



- The level of your Japanese Language ability will be determined by the result of the online PT.
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- The PT may be taken only ONCE during the semester.

Level	CEFR/JFS	JLPT
Level 1: Beginner	A1	N5
Level 2: Basic	A2.1	N4
Level 3: Pre-intermediate	A2.2	N3
Level 4: Intermediate	B1	N2
Level 5 :Upper-Intermediate	B2	N1
Level 6: Advanced	C1	



Tentative Level



If your PT 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

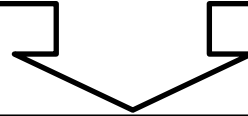
Tentative Level	Classes you should choose
Tentative Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You have to decide which courses to choose, EITHER your tentative level OR one level below.<u>You cannot mix classes at more than one level.</u> Ex. If you are "Tentative level 4", you may enroll in either Level 4 or Level 3 courses.
Tentative Level 3	
Tentative Level 4	
Tentative Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can take courses at both the level at which they are tentative and the level one level below. Ex. If you are "Tentative Level 6", you may enroll in Level 5 and Level 6 courses simultaneously.
Tentative Level 6	



Change the Level



Attended classes at the level by the PT, and felt them too difficult, etc.



Contact SUGAYA at natsue.sugaya.e1@tohoku.ac.jp .

Write your email with your name, program name, Nihongo ID, level and the reason why you want to change your level.



Japanese class numbering system



Ex. C210 = **Comprehensive class** for **Level 2 JYPE/COLABS students**

C210

Whenever possible please take classes that give priority to JYPE/COLABS students.

Abbreviated Class Subject

Japanese Level

Priority/Exclusive Program

- C: Comprehensive
- L: Listening
- S: Speaking/ Conversation
- R: Reading Comprehension
- W: Writing/ Composition
- K: Kanji/Vocabulary

Levels 1-6

- 0: No Priority/ Non- exclusive
- 1: JYPE/COLABS Priority/Exclusive class**
- 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9: Other programs Priority/Exclusive class



Notes on Course Selection



- All courses have size limits. If a course'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**.

- You **cannot take more than one course with the same alphabet letter** (e.g. C210 and C220, R400 and R500).



Notes on Attendance



- 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.



Exemption from taking the PT for Continuing students



If you fulfill the conditions indicated on the table below, you may proceed to the next difficulty level the following term without taking the PT.

Current Term	Conditions to proceed to the next level w/o taking the PT	Following Term
Level 1	Obtain more than “C” in C1.	Level/Tentative Level 2
Level 2	Obtain more than “C” in C2.	Level/Tentative Level 3
Level 3	Obtain more than “C” in C3. *①	Level/Tentative Level 4
Level 4	Obtain an “AA” or “A” grade in C4.*① ②	Level 5
Level 5	Obtain “AA” or “A” in both C5 and another Level 5 courses. *① ②	Level 6

*① Other courses can be combined. Please see “the **JLPK Guide**” for more information.

*② Obtaining 2 “B” grades is considered equal to obtaining an “A”.



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A2. You can take the Kanji class at your designated level, one level below or above that level. Therefore, you do not need to change your kanji level.

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Your Contact



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Write your email with your **name**, **program name**, **level**, **Nihongo ID** and **code(s) of the JLP course(s)** you would like to register for.