



Japanese Language Studies for IPLA Students

Spring 2024



Flow of Japanese Language Program at Kawauchi (JLPK)

1) Take the Placement Test.

JLPK Guide for IPLA: <https://bit.ly/3VHeCaT>

Placement Test:

<https://www.he.tohoku.ac.jp/SJLE/JLPK/testinfo.pdf>

New students who are beginners in Japanese NO placement test is needed.

2) Choose the courses.

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

Credits: bit.ly/3TZw1ua

3) Enroll in the courses' Google Classroom.

G. Classroom Code: <https://bit.ly/3nvMIW3>

4) Attend the classes.

5) Register for courses.



Placement Test (PT)

- The level of your Japanese Language ability will be determined by the result of the online PT.
*New students who are beginners in Japanese NO placement test is needed.
- 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



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New students

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

Continuing students

Attended classes at the level by the proceeding system w/o taking the PT, and felt them too **difficult.**

Attended classes at the level by the proceeding system w/o taking the PT, and felt them too **easy.**

Did not take the PT in March

Took the PT in March

Take the PT.

Apply for the Level change from the form below by **April 12.***

*Those who have not arrived in Japan by the beginning of the semester can change levels after **April 12.**

<https://forms.gle/U4MUM5oVXhc7wiTy7>

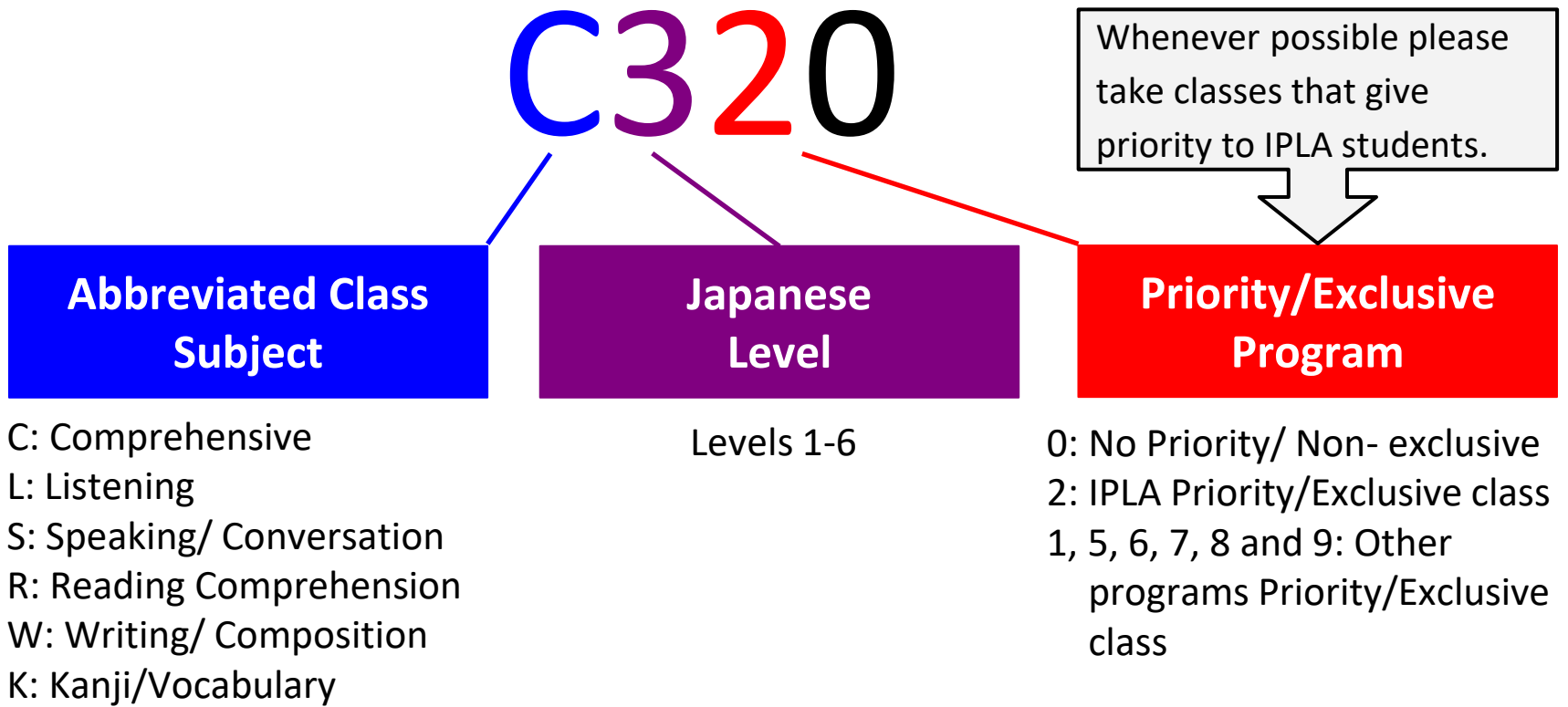
Dissatisfied with the PT result.

The PT may be taken only ONCE during the semester.



Japanese class numbering system

Ex. C320 = **Comprehensive class** for **Level 3 IPLA students**



*Priority classes for other program students are possible to take, but may not be available due to limited enrollment.



Credits

Students who achieve a grade of C or higher can earn credits.

- 1 credit for classes that meet once per week
- 2 credits for classes that meet twice per week
- 4 credits for classes that meet 4 times per week

Ex.

- C220 Basic Comprehensive Japanese
4 times per week → 4 credits
- K300 Pre-Intermediate Japanese Kanji/Vocabulary
Once per week → 1 credit

*One credit can be earned in all Kanji classes.



Notes on Course Selection 1/2

- 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**.
- Priority classes for other program students (e.g. C1**1**0, C2**5**0) are possible to take, but may not be available due to limited enrollment.



Notes on Course Selection 2/2

- You cannot take more than one course with the same alphabet letter (e.g. C210 and C220, R400 and R500).
- You cannot simultaneously take C courses with C-L/S or C-R/W courses (e.g. C320 and C310-R/W, C420 and C410-L/S), but can take C-L/S and C-R/W (e.g. C310-L/S and C310-R/W).
- You cannot take a course for credit at the same level and with the same alphabet passed last semester (e.g. If you passed C220 last semester, you cannot take C2 course this semester).



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 last semester, you may proceed to the next difficulty level the current term without taking the

PT Last Term	Conditions to proceed to the next level w/o taking the PT	Current 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 IPLA” [\[https://bit.ly/40BpE1g\]](https://bit.ly/40BpE1g) for more information .

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



FAQ

Q1. Can I take C310-R/W and R300 at the same time?	A1. Yes, you can. C310-R/W is a Comprehensive class focusing on Reading and Writing and R300 is a Reading class.
Q2. Can I raise (lower) my Kanji level by one?	A2. You do not need to change the kanji level. You can take one class with instructor's permission at your designated level, or one level below or above that level.
Q3. Can I apply for a level change after the deadline?	A3. Basically, you cannot apply after the deadline. If you miss the deadline for an unavoidable reason, please ask the IPLA office for permission then contact the JLPK Coordinators.
Q4. Where can I find classrooms and contact information for instructors?	A4. Important information such as classroom and instructor contact information will be posted on the G. Classroom "Guidance" for each class.
Q5. If the proceeding system level w/o taking the PT is too low for me, do I still have to comply with it?	A5. No. Automatically promoted students who think their new level is too low should retake the PT.



Your Contact

If you need assistance for your Japanese study,
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Assistance for Japanese Study

Some useful links and study tips are uploaded on
Google Classroom

Classroom Code: Ikq2dub

Back-up classes

Wednesday 13:00-14:30

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