



Japanese Language Program for JYPE/COLABS Students

Spring 2025



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Class Placement in C110 and C210

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If you enroll in **C110** or **C210**, you will be divided into two groups, as each course consists of two classes: C110a/C110b and C210a/C210b. Information about class placement can be found below:

Make sure to go to the class you have been assigned to.



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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.

Attainment Goals

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	



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Change the Level

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



Apply for the Level change from the form below by **April 14 (Mon).***

*Those who have not arrived in Japan by the beginning of the semester can change levels after **April 14 (Mon).**

<https://x.gd/jtNh5> (Log in using your university account)

If you feel that the class level is not suitable for you after attending the first session, you can submit a level change request form before the deadline. **The form must include a detailed reason for the request, such as how much Japanese you have studied before, which textbooks you have used, and your JLPT score (if applicable). You may be required to take a test (that we have prepared) to verify the validity of your request.** Even if you find the current level too easy at first, we do not recommend requesting a change immediately, as the classes start off simple but gradually become more challenging.



Change the Level

The following are a few pieces of advice based on our extensive experience:

1. The pace of Japanese language classes in Japan differs from that of universities in your home country and is significantly faster. Even if everything seems familiar now, the class will soon move on to entirely new grammar patterns.
2. If you take a class at your current level where you already know the material, you will be more likely to earn an "A" (of course, if you work hard enough). On the other hand, if you push yourself to enroll in a higher-level course beyond your ability, you may struggle, risk failing, or find yourself unable to advance. If you are unsure whether to apply for a level change, we would recommend taking a cautious approach.
3. When you return to your home university, you may need to take a placement test. Based on your results, you could receive course credits or be placed in a Japanese class that matches your proficiency. That's why it's best to focus on filling any gaps at your current level, strengthening your skills, and building a solid foundation before you return home.



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

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

Japanese Level

Levels 1-6

Priority/Exclusive Program

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 valid reason, you may be removed from 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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A1. Yes, you can. C310-R/W is a Comprehensive class focusing on Reading and Writing and R300 is a Reading class. You can take classes with codes starting with different alphabets at the same time.

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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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How to obtain Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate and Japanese Language Course Transcript

The following explains the procedure for obtaining the two types of certificates:

Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate (日本語能力証明書)

Please contact the Incoming Student Exchange Section (studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) first. They will inform us of your request and we will issue the certificate accordingly.

Japanese Language Course Transcript (or Grade Transcript) (日本語成績証明書)

Please contact the Incoming Student Exchange Section (studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) first. They will process your request and will issue the certificate.

Please avoid contacting class instructors or coordinators directly at first, as this may cause delays in the process.



Contact

If you need assistance for your Japanese study,
Please contact:

Coordinator. **Wataru Nakamura**

To: wataru.nakamura.a8@tohoku.ac.jp

Sub-coordinator. **Natsue Sugaya**

CC: natsue.sugaya.e1@tohoku.ac.jp