

Japanese Language Courses

(Spring Semester 2026 Application Procedures)

Center for Japanese Studies

Students enrolled in a graduate school at Keio University and those who have been appointed as a visiting scholar at Keio (e.g., visiting research fellows or visiting professors) are eligible to take Keio Japanese Courses (KJC) offered by the Center for Japanese Studies. (In some faculties, undergraduate students may also be eligible.) As a general rule, only visiting scholars who will continue to hold a

Part-Time Students Registration is required before taking any KJC. Please complete the registration during the period indicated below. Please note that students will not be allowed to take courses unless they complete the registration procedure before the deadline.

【Part-Time Students Registration】

Registration Period: From 3:00 p.m., March 11 (Wed.) to 10:00 a.m., March 23 (Mon.), 2026 (JST)

position at Keio University for the full duration of the registered semester may take Keio Japanese Courses.

1. Number of Courses: Up to four courses per semester

2. Available Levels and Campuses for Keio Japanese Courses

Campus \ Level	Elementary	Intermediate	Advanced
Mita Campus	○	○	○
Hiyoshi Campus	○	○	×

*A list of scheduled courses will be included in the "Course Registration Handbook for Keio Japanese Courses" [7-2] below].

3. Study Levels

Study Levels are as described in the table below.

Level		Designed for	Study Goals	Target
Elementary	K1	Students learning Japanese for the first time	To acquire the ability to speak, read, and write Japanese to a level sufficient for everyday life.	Sentence structure: basic Vocabulary: 400 words Kanji: 50 characters
	K2	Beginning students who have had some Japanese language instruction	To acquire the ability to speak, read, and write Japanese to a level sufficient for everyday life.	Sentence structure: basic Vocabulary: 700 words Kanji: 100 characters
	K3	Students who have completed around 100 hours of study	To acquire the ability to speak, read, and write Japanese to a level sufficient for everyday life.	Sentence structure: basic Vocabulary: 1,000 words Kanji: 200 characters
	K4	Students who have completed around 150 hours of study	To acquire the ability to speak, read, and write Japanese to a level sufficient for everyday life.	Sentence structure: basic Vocabulary: 1,500 words Kanji: 300 characters
Intermediate	K5	Students with a command of basic sentence structure, vocabulary, and kanji	To acquire the ability to express oneself in and understand Japanese at a basic level in both spoken and written contexts. This level seeks to develop basic language skills as a foundation for learning the technical language used in specialized academic disciplines. (Students will learn vocabulary and sentence structures corresponding to the JLPT N3 level.)	Sentence structure: intermediate Vocabulary: 3,000 words Kanji: 500 characters

	K6	Students with a command of basic sentence structure, vocabulary, and kanji	To acquire the ability to express oneself in and understand Japanese at a basic level in both spoken and written contexts. This level seeks to develop basic language skills as a foundation for learning the technical language used in specialized academic disciplines. (Students will learn vocabulary and sentence structures corresponding to the JLPT N2 level.)	Sentence structure: intermediate Vocabulary: 5,000 words Kanji: 800 characters
Advanced	K7	Students with an adequate command of common expressions in spoken and written Japanese	To acquire the ability to understand university lectures, read text and reference books, write papers, and take examinations. (Students will learn vocabulary and sentence structures corresponding to the JLPT N1 level.)	Sentence structure: advanced Vocabulary: 7,000 words Kanji: 1,000 characters

4. Study Level Assessment and Selection of Courses

All students must take the Self-Assessment Test to evaluate their study level. Please select courses at the appropriate level according to the results of the Self-Assessment Test.

5. Credits

Credits will be awarded if the course requirements are fulfilled. Even if the credits are not needed, make sure to complete course registration if you are going to attend the class. If you fail to register within the course registration period, you will not be allowed to attend classes.

6. Tuition and Study Material Fees

Tuition: 20,000 yen per course (one-credit) , Study Material Fees: depending on the course

Note: Depending on the faculty or graduate school, students may be exempt from tuition and study material fees. For details, please inquire at your affiliated faculty/graduate school.

Incoming Exchange Students (University-wide): Tuition fees and study material fees are waived.

International MEXT Students accepted by the Keio International Center: Tuition fees and study material fees are waived for the first two semesters after enrollment at Keio University (**This exemption does not apply to those who will become full-time degree students**). However, from the third semester onwards, the above tuition fees and study material fees must be paid.

Requests for addition/cancellation of subjects will not be accepted after the designated deadline indicated in the “Course Registration Handbook for Keio Japanese Courses” [7-2) below].

7. Registration Procedures for Japanese Language Courses

- 1) Students must complete the “Part-Time Students Registration” at the URL below. Students will not be allowed to take courses unless they complete the registration procedure before the deadline.

【Part-Time Students Registration】

Registration Period: From 3:00 p.m., March 11 (Wed.) to 10:00 a.m., March 23 (Mon.), 2026 (JST)

URL: <https://www.wdc01.adst.keio.ac.jp/kj/ic/JLP/parttime-KJC2026s.html>

*The URL will be available from 3:00 p.m. on March 11 (Wed.), 2026.

- 2) The “Course Registration Handbook for Keio Japanese Courses” will be distributed to all students who have completed the “Part-Time Students Registration”. Please follow the Course Registration Handbook to complete all necessary procedures.

For students learning Japanese for the first time

Students learning Japanese for the first time must enroll in Study Level K1 courses. All courses are designed on the premise that all students can read and write hiragana. If you have never studied Japanese and cannot read or write hiragana, make sure to study hiragana on your own before the first classes start. The Course Registration Handbook has a list of websites where you can study hiragana on your own.

Registration for the Japanese Language Program as a part-time student

If you wish to take an advanced course, as long as the class is below capacity, you can also take Japanese Language Program (JLP) courses. You may take JLP courses under the conditions below.

1) JLP Japanese Language Subjects (Advanced courses):

- ◆ You must pass the Study Level Placement Test for advanced JLP Japanese language subjects which will be held on Tuesday, March 24.
- ◆ In addition to the “Part-Time Students Registration” [7-1) above], you must finish the “Registration for Advanced JLP Japanese Language Subjects”. Those who have completed both online registrations may take the test.

【Registration for Advanced JLP Japanese Language Subjects】

Registration Period: From 3:00 p.m., March 11 (Wed.) to 10:00 a.m., March 16 (Mon.), 2026 (JST)

URL: <https://wwwdc01.adst.keio.ac.jp/kj/ic/JLP/parttime-jlpadvanced2026s.html>

*The URL will be available from 3:00 p.m. on March 11 (Wed.), 2026.

2) JLP Japanese Studies on Society and Culture:

- ◆ The courses are recommended for students whose Japanese ability is around the level required to pass the JLPT-N2 or above.
- ◆ Students who wish to take the subjects must complete the “Part-Time Students Registration” [7-1) above].

【Notes】

- ◆ If you are going to take JLP courses, you can take up to a total of 4 combined JLP and KJC courses per semester.
- ◆ Tuition: JLP Japanese Language Subjects (one-credit) 20,000 yen per course
JLP Japanese Studies on Society and Culture (two-credits) 40,000 yen per course
*Please refer to **(Note)** of “6. Tuition and Study Material Fees” above as well.
- ◆ Explanation concerning the courses scheduled to be offered and the syllabi on the Keio University Syllabus will be included in the “JLP Course Registration Handbook for Part-Time Students”. The “JLP Course Registration Handbook for Part-Time Students” will be distributed only to those who have completed the “Part-Time Students Registration” [7-1) above].

<Inquiries>

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When sending us an email, please make sure to clearly indicate your full name and 8-digit student ID number in the email subject line. For inquiries made after you have completed the online registration, please also indicate your 4-digit online registration number. Please also note that only the Japanese Language Program Office can respond to inquiries regarding Japanese language courses.