

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2026	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	JPNL103		
Course Title	Winter Japanese Language Course for N5 Level		
Prerequisites	JPNL112 Japanese Language 2 OR with the instructor's approval		
Course Instructor	BALASOORIYA Udani	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Japan Studies: Japanese Language	Number of Credits	2
Class Style	Seminar	Language of instruction	Japanese and English

(NOTE 1) Depending on the class size and the capacity of the facility, we may not be able to accommodate all students who wish to register for the course

Course Description	<p>The main target of this course is students who are planning to take the N5 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) that takes place every July and December in Japan. Based on what students learned in previous courses, they will tackle many N5 questions of 'vocabulary', 'grammar', 'reading', and 'listening' in and outside classes. They will also obtain comprehensive knowledge that is necessary to pass the JLPT by self- and peer-assessments and by subsequent explanations. Mock tests and explanations of these tests will be carried out in order to improve the students' practical test techniques. Kanji and vocabulary section will be conducted in a flipped mode, and students are required to study kanji and vocabulary on their own prior to class. This course is for students who have completed Japanese 2 (JPNL 112) at iCLA or the equivalent level elsewhere, or who are permitted to take by the course instructor.</p>
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	<p>This is a new course offered in 2026. The course will continue to be improved in the following years based on the student feedback and with new course materials and teaching techniques incorporated.</p>
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	N/A
Learning Goals	<p>At the end of this course, proficient students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deepen their understanding of vocabulary, kanji and grammar at N5 level, - acquire listening and reading skills necessary for N5 level, and - acquire test taking strategies by getting used to N5 level questions and N5 test format.

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(DP1) To Value Knowledge – Having high oral and written communication skills to be able to both comprehend and transfer knowledge

(DP2) To Be Able to Adapt to a Changing World – Having critical, creative, problem-solving, intercultural skills, global and independent mindset to adopt to a changing world

(DP3) To Believe in Collaboration – Having a disposition to work effectively and inclusively in teams

(DP4) To Act from a Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility – Having good ethical and moral values to make positive impacts in the world

Active Learning Methods	Flipped Classroom				
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	Kanji classes will be conducted in a flipped mode				
Use of ICT	Grammar explanation and Kanji PPTs are used in class and will be provided through UNIPA.				
Contents of class preparation and review	Students are expected to preview grammar, vocabulary and kanji before the class. Aside from the weekly homework (JLPT sample questions), students are encouraged to review and consolidate what was covered in class, and try JLPT questions as much as possible to make themselves ready for the JLPT test.	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	4 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)	2 hours
Feedback Methods	All submitted assignments/quizzes/tests receive individual feedback in class or through class homework box.				

Grading Criteria

Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Active Participation in Class	10%	Attendance, Participation, Feedback Responsiveness.
Quizzes	20%	3 Grammar Qs, 3 Kanji&Vocab Qs
Submission	20%	Grammar, Kanji, and Vocabulary Task Sheets
Mok Tests	20%	2 Tests
Achievement Test	30%	Written test

Required Textbook(s)	アスク編集部 (2024) 『日本語能力試験対策 これ一冊N5』アスク Other materials will be distributed in class.
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Other Reading Materials/URL	日本語能力試験 JLPT (https://www.jlpt.jp/)
Plagiarism Policy	<p>The instructor of this class takes academic honesty very seriously. All homework and assignments must be completed independently and must be the student's own work. No outside assistance is permitted except as explicitly authorized by the instructor. If a student is unsure whether something constitutes a breach of academic honesty, it is their responsibility to consult the instructor before submitting the assessment.</p> <p>Any violation of this policy, regardless of the circumstances, will be handled in accordance with university regulations. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the academic honesty policies outlined in the iCLA Student Guidebook before the first assessment.</p> <p>Please also refer to the attached JPNL105 Winter Japanese Language Program N5 Level AI Policy regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).</p>
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	<p>Please note that missing 1/3 of class meetings disqualifies you from receiving credits for this course.</p> <p>If a student is not in the classroom when the class starts, or leave midway/leave early, it will be counted as one "late". Three instances of "late" will be counted as one "absence". . If a student is 30 minutes (or longer) late, or leave midway/early for more than 30 minutes, s/he will be marked as "absent".</p> <p>Please refer to iCLA Students' Handbook for the attendance rule.</p> <p>No make-up quizzes/tests will be given unless a legitimate/official reason is provided. In case a make-up quiz/test is given, please understand some points will be deducted from the score.</p>

(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	<p>Orientation (course orientation, JLPT N5 level)</p> <p>There are two classes per week of 75 minutes each. There will be two mock tests around week 8 and week 13 outside class hours (160 minutes each). Please note that the Achievement Test of this course will be in Week 14. Except for the Achievement Test, the whole course can finish before the actual JLPT test, which will be in July and December.</p> <p>Depending on students' performance of the level check test, this schedule may be changed in order to accommodate students' needs.</p>
Class 2	Level check test
Class 3	Level check test feedback Grammar
Class 4	Kanji & vocabulary 1
Class 5	Grammar

Class 6	Listening & reading comprehension 1
Class 7	Grammar
Class 8	Kanji & vocabulary
Class 9	Grammar
Class 10	Listening & reading comprehension 2
Class 11	Grammar
Class 12	Kanji & vocabulary
Class 13	Grammar
Class 14	Listening & reading comprehension 3
Class 15	Grammar

Class 16	Kanji & vocabulary
Class 17	Mock test 1-1
Class 18	Mock test 1-2
Class 19	Grammar Mock test 1 feedback
Class 20	Listening & reading comprehension 4
Class 21	Grammar
Class 22	Kanji & vocabulary
Class 23	Grammar
Class 24	Listening & reading comprehension 5
Class 25	Mock test 2-1

Class 26	Mock test 2-2
Class 27	Mock test 2 feedback
Class 28	Grammar
Class 29	Kanji & vocabulary
Class 30	Achievement test & feedback