

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2026	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	JPNL104		
Course Title	Winter Japanese Language Course for N4 Level		
Prerequisites	JPNL114 Japanese Language 4 OR with the instructor's approval		
Course Instructor	SUDO Taku	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	The main target of this course is students who are planning to take the N4 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 N4 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 or registered in Japanese 4 (JPNL 114) at iCLA or the equivalent level elsewhere, or who are permitted to take by the course instructor.
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	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.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	N/A
Learning Goals	At the end of this course, proficient students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- deepen their understanding of vocabulary, kanji and grammar at N4 level,</li> <li>- acquire listening and reading skills necessary for N4 level, and</li> <li>- acquire test taking strategies by getting used to N4 level questions and N4 test format.</li> </ul>

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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 and vocabulary classes will be conducted in a flipped mode.

Use of ICT	PPTs are used in class to teach grammar and other skills, 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 in July.	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%	
Quizzes	40%	
Homework	20%	
Achievement test	30%	

Required Textbook(s)	・アスク編集部 (2023) 『日本語総まとめ N4 文法・読解・聴解』アスク Other materials will be distributed in class.
Other Reading Materials/URL	日本語能力試験 JLPT ( <a href="https://www.jlpt.jp/">https://www.jlpt.jp/</a> )
Plagiarism Policy	The instructor of this class takes the issue of academic honesty very seriously. All students' homework/ assignments should be his/her own work alone. No outside help whatsoever is permitted beyond those specified by the instructor. If a student is unsure whether something constitutes a breach or not, it is his/her responsibility to consult with the instructor before submitting the assessment. All breaches of the policy, regardless of the circumstances, will be addressed according to university policies. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with academic honesty policies in iCLA students' guidebook before the first assessment.
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	Please note that missing 1/3 of class meetings (10 out of 30) disqualifies you from receiving credits for this course. If the student is 5 minutes (or longer) late, or leave midway/early, it will be counted as one late. Three "late" will be counted as one absence. If the student is 30 minutes (or longer) late, or leave midway/early, s/he will be marked as absent. Medical absences can be excused only with the relevant document. Please refer to iCLA Students' Handbook for the attendance rule. 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.

(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	<p>Orientation (course orientation, JLPT N4 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 this feedback grammar
Class 4	Kanji & Vocab
Class 5	Grammar
Class 6	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 7	Kanji & Vocab
Class 8	Grammar
Class 9	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 10	Kanji & Vocab

Class 11	Grammar
Class 12	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 13	Kanji & Vocab
Class 14	Grammar
Class 15	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 16	Kanji & Vocab
Class 17	Grammar
Class 18	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 19	Kanji & Vocab
Class 20	Grammar

Class 21	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 22	Kanji & Vocab
Class 23	Grammar
Class 24	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 25	Kanji & Vocab
Class 26	Grammar
Class 27	Listening & reading comprehension
Class 28	achievement test
Class 29	achievement test
Class 30	Summary