

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2025	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	JPNL117		
Course Title	Japanese Language 7		
Prerequisites	JPNL220 Intermediate Japanese 2 OR JPNL116 Japanese Language 6 OR equivalent		
Course Instructor	OKABE Mariko	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Japan Studies: Japanese Language	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Seminar	Language of instruction	Japanese

(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>Based on what they have learnt before this course, students will learn mid- to upper-intermediate level (CEFR B1B2.1, JNPT N2 equivalent) situational/functional expressions, grammar, vocabulary and kanji. Students will improve their communication skills using these elements appropriately in this course. Students will also learn different speech levels determined by socio-cultural factors of Japanese societies. Furthermore, students will deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and society through discussions on specific cultural and social topics as well as through their research topics. All the class instruction and interaction will be conducted in Japanese.</p> <p>This course is for students who have completed Japanese 6 (JPNL116) / Intermediate Japanese 2 (JPNL220) at iCLA or the equivalent level elsewhere. Students who have studied Japanese at other institutions must take the placement procedure to qualify for this course. Please refer to the information from the administration office regarding the placement procedure.</p>
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	Based on the previous students' feedback, interactive tasks such as discussions have been found effective in enhancing students' language skills as well as an understanding of Japan, so such tasks will be included whenever applicable throughout the semester.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	N/A
Learning Goals	<p>At the end of this course, proficient students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialization,</li> <li>• interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party,</li> <li>• produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue, giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options,</li> <li>• continue one's quest to improve kanji skills,</li> <li>• set an individual research theme, search previous studies, make an individual research plan, and</li> <li>• conduct research, present the research in class in Japanese and write a research paper in Japanese summarizing the research and its findings.</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 adapt 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	Problem-Based Learning/Flipped Classroom/Discussion, Debate/Group Work/Presentation			
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	Various methods are used in Nihongo 7 to encourage students' active participation, including discussion, pair/groupwork, flipped class, and presentation.			
Use of ICT	This course will use various ICT tools, including LMS (UNIPA), Google Forms, Google Sheets and Google Sites.			
Contents of class preparation and review	All students in this course should preview and review the material thoroughly and are expected to study at least five hours outside of class meetings per week. It is expected that students learn grammar and kanji mostly in their own time so that students can use class time for more interactive tasks.	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	2 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)
Feedback Methods	Feedback will be returned in class, through return box in front of F103, or sent via Google forms and email in a timely manner.			

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Active Participation	10%	classroom participation in pair/group work and discussion
Homework	30%	reading, grammar, preparation, essays
Textbook Test	15%	vocabulary, kanji, grammar, reading comprehension and writing
Speaking Test	15%	interview, presentation
Research Project	30%	outline, draft #1, survey, draft #2, presentation, research paper submission

Required Textbook(s)	Required textbook (required to purchase) 岡まゆみ他 (2009) 『上級へのとびら』 くろしお出版 ¥3,300+税 筒井通雄監修 (2012) 『上級へのとびら これ以身につく文法力』 くろしお出版 ¥2,200+税
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Other Reading Materials/URL	For your own further study (not required to purchase) 岡まゆみ監修 (2010) 『上級へのとびら きたえよう漢字力』 くろしお出版 ¥2,200+税
Plagiarism Policy	Academic Honesty: The instructor takes the issue of academic honesty very seriously. All student's assessment tasks, including homework, should be their own work. If the student is unsure whether something constitutes a breach, they must consult Imaki-sensei BEFORE submission. Regardless of the circumstances, any policy breaches will be marked as 0 and addressed according to university policy. Please familiarize yourself with academic honesty policies in the iCLA students' handbook.  Use of generative AI tools / automated translation tool - Students must disclose all assistance from proofreaders, which supervisors permit, and from any automated writing tools, including ChatGPT and Google translation, etc. Simply presenting AI-generated work/auto-translated work as your own work without proper attribution is considered plagiarism. If the instructor thinks it is not the student's own writing, she will ask the student to meet her and answer questions about the texts the student submits.
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	Students are expected to participate actively in all class activities in this class. Therefore, being late, leaving midway through a class session, or leaving early for more than five minutes will be considered 'late' or 'leaving early.' Three instances of 'late' or 'leaving early' will be counted as one 'absence.' Any absence from the class exceeding thirty minutes, including being late or leaving midway/early, will also be counted as one 'absence.' It's important to note that missing more than 1/3 of the total course hours will result in the inability to submit the final work (equivalent to the final exam in other courses), and you will not receive credit for the course.

(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	オリエンテーション Research topic  The class will cover the following content from Day 1 to Day 3 of each week: ・ Reading, writing, speaking and listening practice, ・ Homework answer check, ・ Academic writing and presentation methods in Japanese, and ・ Discussion about Japanese culture and society.
Class 2	日本のテクノロジー1
Class 3	日本のテクノロジー2
Class 4	日本のテクノロジー3
Class 5	日本のテクノロジー4
Class 6	日本のテクノロジー5

Class 7	日本のテクノロジー6
Class 8	日本のテクノロジー7
Class 9	日本のテクノロジー8
Class 10	日本のテクノロジー9 リサーチアウトライン提出
Class 11	日本のテクノロジー10
Class 12	日本のテクノロジー11
Class 13	日本の教育1
Class 14	日本の教育2
Class 15	日本の教育3
Class 16	スピーキングテスト1

Class 17	日本人の教育4
Class 18	日本人の教育5
Class 19	日本人の教育6 リサーチドラフト1提出
Class 20	日本人の教育7
Class 21	日本人の教育8
Class 22	日本人の教育9
Class 23	日本人の教育10
Class 24	日本人の教育11
Class 25	とびらテスト1
Class 26	日本の便利な店1 リサーチ方法レポート提出

Class 27	日本の便利な店2
Class 28	日本の便利な店3
Class 29	日本の便利な店4
Class 30	日本の便利な店5
Class 31	日本の便利な店6
Class 32	日本の便利な店7
Class 33	日本の便利な店8
Class 34	世界と私の国の未来1
Class 35	世界と私の国の未来2
Class 36	世界と私の国の未来3

Class 37	世界と私の国の未来4
Class 38	世界と私の国の未来5
Class 39	世界と私の国の未来6 リサーチドラフト2 提出
Class 40	世界と私の国の未来7
Class 41	スピーキングテスト2
Class 42	世界と私の国の未来8
Class 43	とびらテスト2
Class 44	発表
Class 45	発表