

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Fall 2025	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	JPNL370		
Course Title	Preparation for the N1 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test		
Prerequisites	JPNL300 Advanced Japanese OR JPNL117 Japanese Language 7 OR equivalent		
Course Instructor	OKABE Mariko	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Japan Studies: Japanese Language	Number of Credits	1
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>The main target of this course is a student who is planning to take the N1 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 N1 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.</p> <p>This course is for students who have completed Japanese 7 (JPNL 117) / Advanced Japanese (JPNL 300) at iCLA or the equivalent level elsewhere.</p>
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	Based on the previous students' requests, this course finishes all contents before the JLPT, except the Achievement Test. In order to finish the course before the JLPT, students need to attend classes which will be set outside normal class hours before week 13.
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 N1 level, • acquire listening and reading skills necessary for N1 level, and • acquire test taking strategies by getting used to N1 level questions and N1 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 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	Flipped Classroom/Group Work				
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	Classroom are conducted basically in a flipped mode. Students are expected to preview kanji and grammar so that the class time can be used to discuss why a certain response is considered correct. Pair works and group works are incorporated in classroom.				
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 in July.	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	1 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)	1 hours
Feedback Methods	All submitted assignments/quizzes/tests receive individual feedback in class or through class homework box in front of room F103.				

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Active Participation	10%	
Quizzes	30%	five grammar & two kanji quizzes
Homework	20%	weekly homework and preparation for class
Mock JLPT tests	20%	two mock tests
Achievement Test	20%	written test

Required Textbook(s)	①友松悦子・福島佐知・中村かおり（2001）『新完全マスター 文法 日本語能力試験N1』スリーエーネットワーク（¥1,293） ②八木真生・早川幸子・中村朱美（2015）『上級・超級日本語学習者のための考える漢字・語彙 上級編』ココ出版（7課～12課）（¥2,200）
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Other Reading Materials/URL	日本語能力試験 JLPT (https://www.jlpt.jp/)
Plagiarism Policy	The instructor of this class takes the issue of academic honesty very seriously. All students' homework/ assessments 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 (15 out of 45) 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	Course Orientation 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 on December 7th, 2025. Depending on students' performance of the level check test, this schedule may be changed in order to accommodate students' needs. Grammar (①Part 1 Lesson 1)
Class 2	Level check test (not a part of your grade)
Class 3	Grammar (① Lesson 2, 3)
Class 4	Kanji & Vocabulary (Lesson 7)
Class 5	Grammar (① Lesson 4, 5)
Class 6	Listening & Reading practice
Class 7	Grammar (① Lesson 6, 7)
Class 8	Kanji & Vocabulary (Lesson 8)

Class 9	Grammar (Lesson 8, 9)
Class 10	Listening & Reading practice
Class 11	Grammar (① Lesson 10, 11)
Class 12	Kanji & Vocabulary (Lesson 9)
Class 13	Grammar (① Lesson 12, 13)
Class 14	Listening & Reading practice
Class 15	Grammar (① Lesson 14, 15)
Class 16	Kanji & Vocabulary (Lesson 10)
Class 17	JLPT Mock Test 1*
Class 18	JLPT Mock Test 1* and feedback
Class 19	Grammar (① Lesson 16, 17)
Class 20	Listening & Reading practice
Class 21	Grammar (① Lesson 18, 19)
Class 22	Kanji & Vocabulary (Lesson 11)

Class 23	Grammar (① Lesson 20, Summary A)
Class 24	Listening & Reading practice
Class 25	Grammar (① Summary B, C, D)
Class 26	Kanji & Vocabulary (Lesson 12)
Class 27	JLPT Mock Test 2*
Class 28	JLPT Mock Test 2* and feedback
Class 29	JLPT Mock Test 2*(160 min)
Class 30	Achievement Test