

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Spring 2026	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	JPNL371		
Course Title	JLPT N1 Preparation		
Prerequisites	JPNL117 Japanese Language 7 (can be taken concurrently) OR equivalent OR with the instructor's approval		
Course Instructor	OKABE Mariko	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Japan Studies: Japanese Language	Number of Credits	2
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) at iCLA or the equivalent level elsewhere. Those who have passed JLPT N2 are also eligible to take this course, even though the student has not completed Japanese 7. Please contact the coordinator.</p> <p>FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO TAKE JLPT ON JULY 5th 2025: Please note that you need to apply for the JLPT through JLPT website. The application for July JLPT closes at 17:00 Tuesday, April 7th. 申込受付期間：2026年3月17日（火）～2026年4月7日（火）17時まで</p> <p>Please refer to the following website and apply. <a href="https://www.jlpt.jp/application/domestic_index.html">https://www.jlpt.jp/application/domestic_index.html</a> <a href="https://info.jees-jipt.jp/info/2025%e5%b9%b4%e7%ac%ac2%e5%9b%9e%e8%a9%a6%e9%a8%93%e5%ae%9f%e6%96%bd%e6%a1%88%e5%86%85.html">https://info.jees-jipt.jp/info/2025%e5%b9%b4%e7%ac%ac2%e5%9b%9e%e8%a9%a6%e9%a8%93%e5%ae%9f%e6%96%bd%e6%a1%88%e5%86%85.html</a></p>
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	<p>Based on the previous students' requests, this course finishes all contents before the JLPT (scheduled to be held on the 5th of July 2026), 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.</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"> <li>- deepen their understanding of vocabulary, kanji and grammar at N1 level,</li> <li>- acquire listening and reading skills necessary for N1 level, and</li> <li>- acquire test taking strategies by getting used to N1 level questions and N1 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/Group Work				
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	Classroom are conducted basically in a flipped mode except for reading and listening practice. 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.  Level check test in the second class will show your weak area, and students are encouraged to try JLPT questions of the weak area as much as possible on their own 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)	2 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 & three kanji quizzes
Homework	20%	weekly homework and preparation for class
Mock JLPT tests	20%	two mock tests
Achievement Test	20%	written test (grammar)

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 ( <a href="https://www.jlpt.jp/">https://www.jlpt.jp/</a> )
Plagiarism Policy	<p>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.</p> <p>The use of Generative AI will not be allowed in this course. Please refer to the attachment (iCLA_AI_Syllabus_Statement_N1.pdf).</p>
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	<p>Please note that missing 1/3 of class meetings (15 out of 45) disqualifies you from receiving credits for this course. If a student is not in the classroom at 15:30, or leave midway/early for 5 minutes (or longer), 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.</p> <p>Medical absences can be excused only with the relevant document. 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>Course Orientation</p> <p>There are two classes per week of 75 minutes each. There will be two mock tests around week 8 and week 11 outside class hours (160 minutes each). Please note that the Achievement Test of this course will be in Week 13. Except for the Achievement Test, the whole course can finish before the actual JLPT test, which will be on July 5th, 2026.</p> <p>Depending on students' performance of the level check test, this schedule may be changed in order to accommodate students' needs and focus on students' weak areas.</p> <p>Grammar (① Part 1 Lesson 1)</p>
Class 2	<p>Level check test (not a part of your grade)</p>
Class 3	<p>Grammar (① Lesson 2, 3)</p>
Class 4	<p>Kanji &amp; Vocabulary (② Lesson 7) How to study kanji and vocabulary</p>
Class 5	<p>Grammar (① Lesson 4, 5)</p>
Class 6	<p>Listening &amp; Reading practice</p>

Class 7	Grammar (① Lesson 6, 7)
Class 8	Kanji & Vocabulary (② Lesson 8)
Class 9	Listening & Reading practice
Class 10	Grammar (① Lesson 8, 9)
Class 11	Kanji & Vocabulary (② Lesson 9)
Class 12	Grammar (① Lesson 10, 11)
Class 13	Listening & Reading practice
Class 14	Grammar (① Lesson 12, 13)
Class 15	Kanji & Vocabulary (② Lesson 10)
Class 16	Grammar (① Lesson 14, 15)

Class 17	JLPT Mock Test 1*
Class 18	JLPT Mock Test 1* and feedback
Class 19	Listening & Reading practice
Class 20	Grammar (① Lesson16, 17)
Class 21	Kanji & Vocabulary (② Lesson 11)
Class 22	Grammar (① Lesson 18, 19, 20)
Class 23	Listening & Reading practice
Class 24	Grammar (① Part 2 Lesson 1, 2, 3)
Class 25	JLPT Mock Test 2*
Class 26	JLPT Mock Test 2* and feedback

Class 27	Kanji & Vocabulary (② Lesson 12)
Class 28	Grammar (① Part 3 文章の文法1)
Class 29	Grammar (① Part 3 文章の文法2)
Class 30	Achievement test (grammar)