

Information on Japanese Courses

URL: <http://japanese.sfc.keio.ac.jp/wp/>

I. Introduction

Aim of Japanese Courses at SFC

Japanese courses at SFC are for international and returnee students. These students can study the Japanese language whether their level is Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, or even Superior. We aim to help you improve your Japanese language skills in line with your goals so that you can use your abilities to the fullest as a member of SFC.

International and returnee students at SFC have different social and cultural backgrounds than students who grew up in Japan, and in that sense, much is expected from you. In many ways, you can act as a stimulus to students who know only Japan.

At SFC's Japanese Lab, we aim to offer place where international students, returnee students, TA/SA students, and faculty members can learn from one another, exchange our ideas or thoughts about many topics such as people, languages or culture in students' home countries.

How Can I Register Japanese Courses?

In order to meet the diverse needs of international and returnee students, Japanese courses are set according to the type of Japanese skill you are aiming for.

In order to register for a Japanese course, you will need to obtain "Permission to Register" from a Japanese Lab faculty member.

1. First, you must attend the Japanese Language Course Orientation at the beginning of the semester and undergo Japanese level check tests.
2. Students who are given permission by the faculty member in charge may register the course. Credits earned from Japanese Language courses can be counted toward the eight Language Communication credits required for advancing to the next year. You may also utilize the Japanese level check test given at the Japanese Language Course Orientation to have your Japanese language skills assessed.

II. Course Contents

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

(Courses below are held 2 classes/week, and are worth two credits each.)

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Basic 1: Introductory course for students at the preliminary level.

Japanese Basic 3: For students who have completed Japanese Basic 2 (approximately 150 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Elementary level.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Basic 2: For students who have completed Japanese Basic 1 (approximately 75 hours of Japanese language study). Lower Elementary level.

Japanese Basic 4: For students who have completed Japanese Basic 3 (approximately 225 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Elementary level.

* We also offer "Applied Japanese Basic" classes (1 credit per class) which can be taken with "Japanese Basic" classes in the same semester. Those who would like to take higher level of classes next semester are strongly recommended to take both "Japanese Basic" classes and "Applied Japanese Basic" classes during the same semester.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

In Japanese Intensive, you use textbooks to acquire the 4 skills: “Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing”, make presentations on your fields of study, and set your own goals in a self-learning system.

(Above courses are held 4 classes/week, and are worth 4 credits each.)

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Intensive 1: For students who have completed Japanese Basic 4 (approximately 300 hours of Japanese language study). Lower Intermediate level.

Japanese Intensive 3: For students who have completed Japanese Intensive 2 (approximately 450 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Intermediate level.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Intensive 2: For students who have completed Japanese Intensive 1 (approximately 375 hours of Japanese language study). Lower Intermediate level.

Japanese Intensive 4: For students who have completed Japanese Intensive 3 (approximately 525 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Intermediate level.

ADVANCED/SUPERIOR LEVEL

Japanese Skill courses are primarily for undergraduate students to develop their academic Japanese for study and research at the University and develop their Japanese skills so that they can be utilized after graduation. Lower Advanced Level is mainly for students who have completed approximately 600 hours of Japanese language study, and Upper Advanced Level is mainly for students who have completed approximately 900 hours of Japanese language study. (Each of the courses is held 1 class/week, and is worth two credits.)

Lower Advanced Level

[Fall&Spring Semester]

Japanese Skill (Reading & Vocabulary): In this class, you will be required to read short text about Japanese societies, current news and to write essays on the related topics in the textbook. There will be also have a chance to learn Kanji, Grammar, build up vocabularies.

Japanese Skill (Writing): In this course, you will learn advanced Japanese writing skills that their reader(s) will understand easily what they want to convey. Also, you will be required to write essays, so that they will have confidence in their academic writing skills to attend lectures conducted in Japanese.

Upper Advanced Level

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Skill (Thesis writing): Emphasis on writing theses in Japanese. The lecturer will demonstrate the method to read/write which would lead to the acquisition of forms of written expression.

Japanese Skill (Contemporary society): The goal of this subject is to read newspaper articles and small - sized paperback book about social issues, explain them clearly and deliver an opinion in Japanese. You are expected to write an academic report and make a poster on the theme related to social issues.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Skill (Academic Essay): Learn the process of writing a paper in Japanese and work toward acquiring logical writing skills required at the university level.

Japanese Skill (Academic Presentation): Acquire skills for making presentations at general lectures, seminars, and graduation projects. Covers entire flow from slide preparation through presentation.

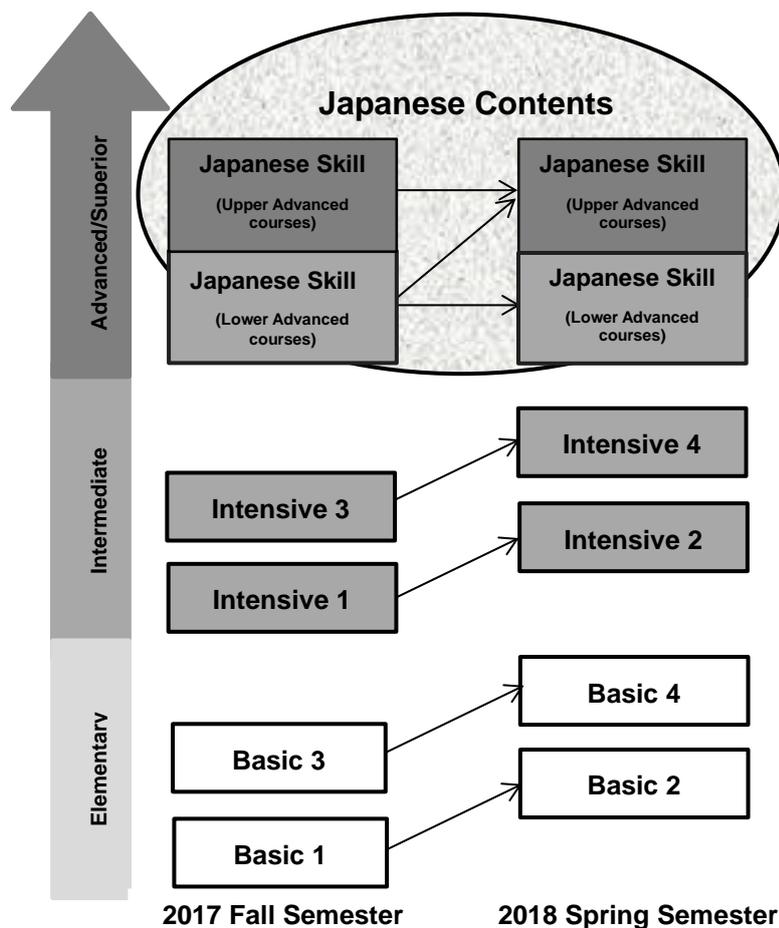
★Please note that the contents of courses may change. Please check the Japanese Language Lab website and syllabus before the beginning of each semester.

Japanese Contents

Lecture courses conducted in Japanese related to Japanese language and communication of expertise may be registered as Japanese Language courses. In other words, they may be counted toward the eight credits in Language Communication required for advancing to the next year. Especially recommended as the first step of Japanese language course registration for GIGA students who have sufficient Japanese skills but may not yet be confident with courses conducted in Japanese.

We will offer two classes in the year 2017-18: Multicultural Communication in the fall semester and Japanese Language Education in the spring semester.

III. Curriculum Diagram



IV. Faculty Members

Full-time Faculty Members

	Fields of Expertise	SFC Undergraduate Courses
Fumiya Hirataka	Japanese Language Education, German Language Education, Sociolinguistics	Japanese Skill, Communication in a Multilingual Society, Region and Society (Europe and CIS Countries), German Intensive, Seminar
Yumi Sugihara	Japanese Language Education, Intercultural Education, Conversation Analysis	Japanese Skill, Japanese Language Education, Multicultural Communication, Seminar

Project Faculty Member

Takao Tomono (expertise: Japanese Language Education, Refugees Studies)

Kuniko Matsumoto (expertise: Japanese Language Education, Linguistics Instruction through Cognitive Linguistics Approach)

Part-time Faculty Members

Noriko Shimada (expertise: Japanese Language Education, Intercultural Education, Intercultural Communication, Educational Technology)

Satoko Suzuki (expertise: Japanese Language Education)

Takahito Sato (expertise: Japanese Language Education)

Hiromi Hakuto (expertise: Japanese Language Education)

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Japanese lab offers learning opportunities in several ways. Students who need to acquire necessary Japanese skills for studying SFC or living in Japan can receive free support from TAs and SAs, whereas TAs and SAs can be given a chance to see their communication skills objectively through some joint activities. Our laboratory has many textbooks and learning materials for students at all levels and they can be used in our laboratory. For further information, please visit our website. We are looking forward to seeing you soon !

➤ TA=teaching assistant / SA=student assistant: Some TAs and SAs are raised and educated in Japan, others have an international background like you do.

Hours of the Japanese Lab vary by semester, and we are not open all the time. If there is something you wish to find out about the Lab during closed days or hours, please check our website below. All of us at the Japanese section look forward to meeting you!

☆ Japanese Lab website: <http://japanese.sfc.keio.ac.jp/wp/>

☆ Even if you are not an international or returnee student, if you are interested in or wish to participate in the activities of the Japanese Lab, please feel free to drop by.