



MSc and MPhil in Japanese Studies 2020/2021

The Japanese Language Course

Course learning objectives

The broad aim of this course is for students to gain knowledge and develop language skills and strategies for academic purposes. The key goals for the course are:

1. Gain knowledge and develop language skills and strategies for academic purposes;
2. Prepare for conducting research independently using Japanese and/or Japanese resources.
3. Become a more autonomous and sophisticated user of Japanese with a renewed view on self and interpersonal/intellectual communication.

By the end of the course, you will:

1. Become able to use effective skills and strategies appropriate for reading Japanese texts of an academic nature.
2. Enhance your own reading speed, amount of reading, and capacity for independent reading;
3. Expand your vocabulary for key concepts in relevant subject fields (minimum target: 1000+ kanji knowledge and 3000 kanji compound vocabulary. Optimum target All 常用kanji and 8000+ kanji compound vocabulary knowledge);
4. Develop skills to summarise a text;
5. Develop your productive skills to converse/compose on specialised subjects;
6. Develop skills and strategies to comprehend and deliver public speech and presentation, and engage in group discussion and debate;
7. Develop communication skills through listening and speaking activities;
8. Gain necessary Japanese skills for conducting your own research.

The course also aims to bring students who are approximately at Level N4 of the Japan Foundation Japanese Language Proficiency Test up to Level N2.

Course Structure

The Japanese language classes will take place over all three terms and in addition there will be intensive weeks of language classes immediately before and after the normal teaching terms. The teaching year then will be as follows:

Michaelmas Term (October-December)

Week 0	The induction session, the online placement test and individual consultations.
LEVEL 1 & 2	6 hours, 2-hours class contact per day
LEVEL 3	3 hours, 1-hour class contact per day
LEVEL 4	Individual/group consultation
Weeks 1-8*	LEVEL 1 & 2 5 hours (4 + 1 kanji) spread over the week
	LEVEL 3 4 hours (3 + 1 kanji) spread over the week
	LEVEL 4 1 hour per week, with additional reading seminars**
Week 9***	LEVEL 1, 2&3 4-6 hours, spread over the week
	LEVEL 4 No class

Hilary Term (January-March)

Week 0*	LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 4 hours, 2-hours class contact per day, and a revision test (2.5 hrs)
	LEVEL 4 No class
Weeks 1-8*	LEVEL 1 & 2 5 hours (4 + 1 kanji) spread over the week
	LEVEL 3 4 hours (3 + 1 kanji) spread over the week
	LEVEL 4 1 hour per week, with additional presentation sessions**
Week 9***	LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 4-6 hours, spread over the week
	LEVEL 4 No class

Trinity Term (April-June)

Week 0*	LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 4 hours, 2-hours class contact per day, and a revision test (3 hrs)
	LEVEL 4 No class
Weeks 1-4	LEVEL 1 & 2 5 hours (4 + 1 kanji) spread over the week
	LEVEL 3 4 hours (3 + 1 kanji) spread over the week
	LEVEL 4 1 hour per week
Week 5	The final listening comprehension test and the Oral presentation session
Week 7-8	Japanese language final exams

!! Please make sure you regularly check the Canvas subject HP and the university Nexus Outlook (email account) and Teams. Everything will be communicated via these channels.

NB:

*Level 1, 2 & 3 students will have a revision test in week 5 in MT & HT, and in week 0 in HT & TT.

** Level 4 students are required to attend Prof. Kariya's Reading Seminar/Presentation Session as part of the course requirement. Further information TBA.

***Week 9 class in MT and HT will include an oral presentation session.

Course resources

Prescribed textbook

*Supplementary print materials will be distributed in class at all levels.

LEVEL 1:

松田浩志他 (2015) 『テーマ別中級から学ぶ日本語』 三訂版 研究社

松田浩志他 (2015) 『テーマ別中級から学ぶ日本語ワークブック』 三訂版 研究社

LEVEL 2:

近藤安月子・丸山千歌 (2008) 『日本への招待 [テキスト]』第2版 東京大学出版
近藤安月子・丸山千歌 (2008) 『日本への招待 [予習シート・語彙・文法]』第2版
東京大学出版
名古屋大学留学生センター 『現代日本語コース中級 聴解オンライン』
<http://opal.ecis.nagoya-u.ac.jp/%7Eijlc/>

LEVEL 3:

近藤安月子・丸山千歌 (2005) 『文化へのまなざし [テキスト]』 東京大学出版
近藤安月子・丸山千歌 (2005) 『文化へのまなざし [予習シート・語彙・文型]』 東
京大学出版

LEVEL 4:

二通信子・他 (2010) 『留学生と日本人学生のためのレポート・論文表現ハンドブ
ック』第2版 東京大学出版会

KANJI 1:

Chieko Kano, et al. (2020) [New Edition Basic Kanji Book Vol.1 2nd Edition](#). Bonjinsha. Tokyo. (ISBN: 9784893589736)

Chieko Kano, et al. (2015) [New Edition Basic Kanji Book Vol.2](#) Bonjinsha. Tokyo. (ISBN: 9784893588838)

準拠アプリ (Apps): 筑波大学グローバルコミュニケーション教育センター 日本語・日
本事情遠隔教育拠点 『Basic Kanji Plus』 available from Google Play and App Store.

KANJI 2:

加納千恵子他 (2014) *Intermediate Kanji Book vol.2 第4版* 凡人社

準拠アプリ (Apps): 筑波大学グローバルコミュニケーション教育センター 日本語・日
本事情遠隔教育拠点 『Basic Kanji Plus』 available from Google Play and App Store.

KANJI 3:

アメリカ・カナダ大学連合日本研究センター編 (2013) *Kanji in Context [Revised Edition] Workbook Vol 2*. The Japan Times

Recommended dictionaries/workbooks, etc.

It is expected that students will have good quality dictionaries suitable for advanced learners to prepare for the classes and self-study. As for monolingual and *kanji* dictionaries, the following are recommended:

『ベネッセ表現読解国語辞典』 Benesse

『^{れいかい}例解新国語辞典 第7版』^{さんせいどう}三省堂

*Includes a lot of example sentences.

『^{めいきょう}明鏡国語辞典 ^{けいたいばん}携帯版』^{たいしゅうかんしょてん}大修館書店

*One of the most recently published dictionaries. Includes a lot of examples, and information on grammatical items such as particles and basic vocabulary items.

The Compact Nelson Japanese-English-Character Dictionary. Tuttle Publishing.

The following grammar references and workbooks are also recommended:

大神智春・清水百合（2010）『Basic Kanji Book Workbook使って身につく！漢字×語彙1』
凡人社

大神智春・清水百合（2010）『Basic Kanji Book Workbook使って身につく！漢字×語彙2』
凡人社

グループ ジャマシイ（2015）『日本語文型辞典英語版－A Handbook of Japanese
Grammar Patterns for Teachers and Learners』くろしお出版

友松悦子 他（2010）『どんな時どう使う日本語表現文型辞典』アルク

Makino, Seiichi (1995) *A Dictionary of Intermediate Japanese Grammar*. Japan Times.

Makino, Seiichi (2008) *A Dictionary of Advanced Japanese Grammar*. Japan Times.

Useful websites

▪ Japanese news papers

朝日新聞 <http://www.asahi.com/>

毎日新聞 <http://www.mainichi-msn.co.jp/>

読売新聞 <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/>

日経新聞 <http://www.nikkei.co.jp/>

ロイター通信ニュース <http://jp.reuters.com/>

▪ Links to Japanese reading materials

NHK ニュースオンライン <http://www3.nhk.or.jp/toppage/navi/news.html>

リーディングチューター「チュウ太」 <http://language.tiu.ac.jp/>

青空文庫 <http://www.aozora.gr.jp/>

▪ Links to online Japanese radio/video news

NHK ラジオニュース <http://www.nhk.or.jp/r-news/>

Yahoo! videonews <http://headlines.yahoo.co.jp/videonews/>

Assessment requirements (for Levels 1, 2 & 3)

Continuous assessment **15%**

Kanji quizzes

Vocabulary quizzes

Revision tests

Each component will be weighted equally.

Oral presentation (Trinity Term) **15%**

Portfolio (submission due in Trinity Term) **15%**

A Reflective Essay in Japanese and a Dossier.

The details will be explained during the Michaelmas Term.

Written examination **55%**

Assessment requirements (for Level 4)

Weekly kanji quizzes and revision kanji quizzes	10%
Oral presentation (Trinity Term)	15%
Portfolio (a Reflective Essay in Japanese and a Dossier)	75%

The 10,000 character portfolio has to be submitted to the secure WebLearn site by no later than 12 noon on the Friday of the seventh week of Trinity Term. Any supporting documents need to be submitted directly to the MSc/MPhil Course Administrator via either a USB, email or uploaded to Oxfiles; final details will be provided later in the academic year.

Statement of Coverage

This document applies to students starting the MSc and/or MPhil in Japanese Studies in Michaelmas Term 2020. The information in this handbook may be different for students starting in other years.

Disclaimer

The information in this document is accurate as at 01 October 2020, however it may be necessary for changes to be made in certain circumstances, as explained at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges. If such changes are made the department will publish a new version of this handbook together with a list of the changes and students will be informed.