

Kanagawa University 2025/2026 Japanese Language and Culture Program

Kanagawa University offers a short-term intensive language program that is open to individuals from countries and regions around the world. Focusing on Japanese language study, the program's objective is to improve Japanese proficiency and deepen understanding of both traditional Japanese culture and various aspects of contemporary Japan by taking classes related to Japan, going on field trips and having the opportunity to directly experience the tea ceremony, calligraphy, and so forth. Opportunities to interact with Kanagawa University students have also been incorporated into the program.

<Eligibility>

- 18 years old or over on the first day of the program
- Those who can participate in the entire program schedule from start to finish.
- Those who are enrolled in an undergraduate course (equivalent to a Japanese university's 4-year degree course) or who have obtained a "Bachelor's degree". (Those who have only graduated high school are not eligible to apply)
- Japanese language level of N3 or less
*Those who have no knowledge of hiragana and katakana, we will ask you to do a designated assignment in advance.
- Those who can arrange their own visa, if necessary (we will send you an acceptance letter after you are accepted.)
- Those who have the English capability to follow a lecture in English (Hands-on Experience of Japanese Culture and Lectures About Japan are conducted in English)
- Those who can be insured with Overseas Travel Insurance designated by Kanagawa University

【NOTE】

This program is mainly for students of our partner universities.

If you are not from one of our partner universities, in case that there is still a vacancy after the application deadline, your application will be accepted. We will contact you after the application period has finished. Please first send the application form.

<Program Schedule>

★For Partner Institutions★

If you can't nominate the student(s) by the deadline, please kindly consult us in advance.

◆ Summer

Program Schedule	Term 1	Monday July 7 – Friday July 18, 2025 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Introductory~Beginner (Upper)
	Term 2	Monday July 21 – Friday August 1, 2025 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Beginner (Lower)~Pre-intermediate
Capacity		40 people / term minimum number of participants: 15 people
Application		Mid-January – Monday March 31, 2025 (JST)

*For the Japanese Class Level, please check the Course Structure in “Program Details”.

◆ Winter

Program Schedule	Term 1	Monday January 19 – Friday January 30, 2026 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Introductory~Beginner (Upper)
	Term 2	Monday February 2 – Friday February 13, 2026 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Beginner (Lower)~Pre-intermediate
Capacity		40 people / term minimum number of participants: 15 people
Application		Mid-July – Tuesday 30 September, 2025 (JST)

*For the Japanese Class Level, please check the Course Structure in “Program Details”.

You can check the [Sample Schedule \(single term\)](#).

<Program Details>

◆ Japanese Language Classes

A) Aim: To improve oral communication ability through conducting interviews with staff working on campus and interacting with KU students and learn real, living Japanese

B) Target participants: Absolute beginners – pre-intermediate (N3/Level 3 or less in Japanese Language Proficiency Test.) Beginners are welcome, however those who have no knowledge of Japanese characters must learn hiragana and katakana before joining the program

C) Class Level: [CLICK HERE](#) or check the following chart.

Term1: Introductory – Beginner (Upper)

Term2: Beginner (Lower) – Pre-intermediate

Course Structure

Level*	CEFR	Achievement Target (In the 2 week program, we will provide classes covering 2-3 of the achievement targets listed here.)	Prior Readiness
Introductory (Applicants are asked to learn how to write hiragana and katakana before arriving in Japan)	A1	1. To be able to make basic greetings 2. To be able to do a simple self-introduction 3. To be able to explain or provide a simple opinion about familiar topics 4. To be able to explain simply what one has done or plans to do 5. To be able to ask simple questions	1. To be able to read and write hiragana and katakana. 2. To be able to hear single sounds and select the corresponding hiragana and katakana.
Beginner (Lower)	Lower A2	1. To be able to make a more detailed self-introduction 2. To be able to describe familiar topics and express impressions 3. To be able to explain situations and actions in the past, present and future 4. To be able to express supposition, hearsay, wishes and experience 5. To be able to make simple requests or provide simple advice	1. Greetings, self-introduction 2. Numbers, counting words, time 3. Basic verbs and adjectives 4. Place + "ni" + nouns + "ga" + "iru/aru" ([noun] is in a [place]) 5. Negative and past forms of verbs and adjectives 6. Basic conjunctives
Beginner (Upper)	Upper A2	1. To be able to talk about the characteristics of people and things 2. To be able to explain simple rules or provide advice 3. To be able to explain sequence, cause and effect 4. To be able to talk about changes in situation or completion of an action 5. To be able to talk about past episodes using passive speech	1. "Te" form of verbs and adjectives (linking) 2. Plain form of verbs and adjectives 3. <i>Koto/no/teki/to/hō/mae/ato</i> (expressions qualifying verbs) 4. Verb suffixes/auxiliaries (<i>~sou/naru/tai/miru/iku/sugi/tari</i>) 5. Giving and receiving (<i>~agemasu/moraisu</i>) 6. Sentence + <i>omou</i> (think)/ <i>iu</i> (say)
Pre-intermediate	Lower B1	1. To be able to decline an offer by explaining a reason 2. To be able to speak about experience or memories with the inclusion of expressing feelings of gratitude 3. To be able to express potential or expectations for the near future. 4. To be able to express a negative question 5. To be able to respond with polite expressions	1. Potential form of verbs 2. Passive form of verbs 3. Cause, condition, purpose (<i>~node/to/nara/tara/tae/yō-ni</i>) 4. Sequence, period (<i>~tekara/made</i>) 5. Should/must <i>~tewaikenai/tahōgai</i> 6. Multiple reasons/actions and easy/hard to verbs (<i>~shi~shi/~nikui/~yasui</i>)

*Classes of a particular level may not be held if there are not enough students at that level.

D) Class Outline:

- Class Hours: Mon - Fri, approx. 3 hours/day, 31 hrs. in total
- Class Numbers: Approx. 10 students/class
- Placement Test: This will be held on the first day of the program in order to ensure that each participant is able to study in a class of the appropriate level.
- Presentation: Japanese Final Presentation at the last program day of each term.
- All students receive a final grade report.

◆ Others

	*Content (Examples)
Lectures about Japan	Academics of Kanagawa University will give a lecture regarding topics such as Society, History, Economics etc.
Hands-on Experiences of Japanese Culture	Ikebana, Yukata experience, Tea Ceremony, Visit to Japanese traditional architecture etc.
Student Exchange Meeting	Interaction with KU students (Interview, Presentations about Japanese cultures etc.)
Weekend Activity	Fieldtrip to Kamakura, Yokohama, Tokyo etc.

*Content is subject to change. The contents above are simply for your reference. We will send the Pre-departure Handbook and Program Schedule later so please check them for details.



<Application>

You can choose either term or both terms depending on your Japanese level. Please first check the Japanese class levels for each term.

In the case that the number of applicants in a particular level either reaches capacity or does not reach the minimum number of participants required, there is a possibility for you to be asked to attend only a single term even though you had applied for both terms.

[Click HERE to go to "How to Apply"](#)

① (Students from our partner universities)

Ask the person in charge to send the "Nomination Form" or "Letter of Nomination" to us

② Send the Online Application Form with required documents

③ Make payment of the program fee and insurance fee (we will send the invoice)

④ We will send you the Letter of Admission

⑤ (Only for those who need a visa) We will send the required documents for visa application

⑥ Reserve the air tickets

⑦ Upload the Arrival/Departure Information Sheet

Application Form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/K4JTqNLm55>

※Applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

● The Required Documents

<https://kanagawa-u.box.com/s/w0ulb1z8hsxwq13u9lq1lkf69mfwoh2v>

*Submitted documents will not be returned for any reason.

1 **Deadline :** Summer 31 March 2025 Winter 30 September 2025

Submission : The link for Download/Upload is in the Application Form or in "The Required Documents" link above

① Pledge

② Certificate of Enrollment or University Diploma

③ Face Photo (Your face photograph for making student ID card)

④ Photocopy of Passport

2 **Deadline :** Summer 30 May 2025 Winter 12 December 2025

Submission : The link for Download/Upload is in "The Required Documents" link above

⑤ Arrival/Departure Information Sheet

<Payment>

Please be noted that once you have submitted the application form, you are obliged to pay the application fee (JPY 12,000)

	1 term participation	2 terms participation
Application fee (Non-refundable)	JPY 12,000	JPY 12,000
Program fee	JPY 78,000	JPY 156,000
Overseas Travel Insurance	*JPY 7,110 (reference)	*JPY 10,600 (reference)

(Not including round-trip air fare, meals, housing, living expenses, transportation expenses, medical expenses etc.)

*This is a reference cost. The cost of overseas travel insurance will be determined later.

We will make an invoice including the cost of the overseas travel insurance, the application fee and the program fee.

◆ Cancellation Policy

[Click here to go to Cancellation Policy 2025/2026](#)

Payment in Japanese yen must be completed by wire transfer to the bank account stated on the Invoice by the payment deadline. All bank handling charges, at both sending and receiving ends, must be paid by the sender. Payment cannot be made by credit card or in cash.

<Insurance>

It is mandatory for all participants of the Kanagawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program to purchase the insurance designated by Kanagawa University (period covered: from the day before the program until the Sunday after the program ends).

<Reference (2024)>

[Click here to go to the Overseas Travel Insurance information](#)

- [Outline of main endorsements \(English\)](#)
- [Outline of main endorsements \(Japanese\)](#) (page.6-8)

We will provide information regarding costs and details for AY2025 by March at the latest.

<Visa>

In the case that you need a visa to enter Japan for a short-term stay, as is mentioned in the Eligibility section, you must complete the application procedures yourself.

We will send you any documents necessary for the visa application after participation has been confirmed.

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/j/info/visit/visa/index.html>

<Accommodation>

You are required to arrange accommodation by yourself.

※Kanagawa University dormitories are not available.

◆ Homestay

You stay in a typical Japanese home and learn firsthand about Japanese culture and everyday customs. 2 meals (breakfast and dinner) will be provided 7 days a week.

<Homestay fee>

Arrangement fee: JPY 16,000 (+tax)

Nightly rate: JPY 4,400 (+tax) *Dinner & Breakfast a day included

<example>

14 nights and 15 days: JPY 77,600 (+tax)

28 nights and 29 days: JPY 139,200 (+tax)

For more details please check the links below. Read the Guidebook for Homestay and if you choose to, apply with the Homestay Application Form and Agreement Form.

【Guidebook for Homestay】

<https://kanagawa-u.box.com/s/qpcp66d2brmjp6zpty24iop6haa3bvj5>

【Homestay Application Form】

<https://form.run/@kanagawa-u-application>

【Homestay Agreement Form】

<https://form.run/@kanagawa-u-agreement>

*Please be noted that the homestay agency is not related to Kanagawa University so any inquiries about homestay should be directed to the homestay agency.

◆ Dormitory (off-campus)/Shared House etc.

If you are interested in staying an off-campus dormitory, share house etc, please make accommodation arrangements by yourself.

<Buddies>

There is a buddy system at Kanagawa University. In the Japanese Language and Culture Program, some KU students will help you with your study of Japanese language and life in Japan, as well as being your friends as buddies. The buddies will support you as a group so please try to communicate with them in Japanese as much as possible.

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(Click English button if necessary)

