

Kanagawa University 2026/2027 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>

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older 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 proficiency at JLPT N3 level or below

* Applicants who have no knowledge of hiragana or katakana will be required to complete a designated assignment before the program begins.

- 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)
- Applicants must obtain travel insurance valid in Japan in their home country before traveling to Japan. Kanagawa University does not arrange insurance for participants.

【NOTE】

- After the program has been confirmed to proceed after the deadline of the application period and the applicant's participation has been approved, the applicant is required to pay the application fee of JPY 12,000. The application fee is non-refundable, regardless of the reason for cancellation.

- All participants in the Kanagawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program are required to obtain travel insurance valid in Japan in their home country before traveling to Japan. The insurance must cover the period from the day before the program starts through the Sunday following the end of the program. Participants will be required to submit a copy of their insurance certificate or policy before departure. Kanagawa University does not arrange insurance for participants. For the recommended coverage and insurance money, please refer to: [Recommended Insurance Coverage](#)
- For the applicants from non-partner universities, please submit the application form with all the required documents by the application deadline. However, this program is intended primarily for students from Kanagawa University's partner universities. Applications from students at partner universities will generally be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications from students at non-partner universities will be considered after the application deadline only if places remain available. Applicants from non-partner universities will be contacted after the application period to be announced whether their application has approved or not.

<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 6 – Friday July 17, 2026 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Introductory~Beginner (Upper)
	Term 2	Monday July 20 – Friday July 31, 2026 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Beginner (Lower)~Pre-intermediate
Capacity		40 people / term minimum number of participants: 15 people
Application		Mid-January – Tuesday March 31, 2026 (JST)

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

◆ Winter

Program Schedule	Term 1	Monday January 18 – Friday January 29, 2027 (two weeks) Japanese Class Level: Introductory~Pre-intermediate
Capacity		40 people minimum number of participants: 15 people
Application		Mid-July – Wednesday 30 September, 2026 (JST)

*For Winter Program, only Term 1 will be held.

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

Please see the Sample Schedule for a single term.

[Sample Schedule \(single term\)](#)

<Program Details>

◆ Japanese Language Classes

A) Aim: To improve oral communication skills through interviews with university staff and interaction with KU students, and to learn practical, authentic 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: Summer: Introductory – Beginner (Upper) / Winter: Introductory – Pre-intermediate

Term2: Beginner (Lower) – Pre-intermediate *only for Summer Program

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/toki/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: [CLICK HERE](#) for class schedule

- Class Hours: Mon - Fri, approx. 3 hours/day, 31 hrs. in total
- Class Size: 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: A final presentation in Japanese will be held on the last 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, Traditional artwork, 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. This activity is a part of the program, so attendance is mandatory.

*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>

[How to Apply](#)

For the students from our partner universities

Firstly, ask the person in charge to send the “Nomination Form” or “Letter of Nomination” to us

For Summer program 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.

◆ Application Form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1mcfaw9ea4>

*Applicants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

◆ Required Documents at the Application

- ① Pledge
- ② Certificate of Enrollment or University Diploma
- ③ Photocopy of Passport

◆ Required Documents asked to submit later

- ④ Arrival/Departure Information Form
- ⑤ Copy of the insurance certificate or policy

◆ How to submit Required Documents

Check the link below

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

*Submitted documents will not be returned for any reasons.

- ◆ **Deadline:** Summer Program: March 31, 2026
Winter Program: September 30, 2026

<Payment>

After the program has been confirmed to proceed after the deadline of the application period and the applicant's participation has been approved, 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

- ◆ The fees above do not include travel insurance costs, round-trip airfare, meals, accommodation, living expenses, transportation expenses for commuting and field trips, medical expenses, or other personal expenses.

◆ Cancellation Policy

[Click here to go to Cancellation Policy 2026/2027](#)

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 including intermediary banks, must be paid by the sender. Payment cannot be made by credit card or in cash.

<Insurance>

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<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 18,000 (+tax)

Nightly rate: JPY 4,600 (+tax) *Dinner & Breakfast a day included

<example>

14 nights and 15 days: JPY 82,400 (+tax)

28 nights and 29 days: JPY 146,800 (+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.

【Contact for Homestay】

booking@homestay-in-japan.com

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

If you are interested in staying at a hotel, an off-campus dormitory, shared 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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