

Course Descriptions and Tentative Syllabi

Japanese Language Courses and Japan Culture

Program Overview

Ritsumeikan Summer Japanese Program session 2 (RSJP2) is an intensive 4.5-week Japanese program that is held at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. In this program, students will have exposure to comprehensive introduction to Japanese language and culture. Program contents are Japanese Classes that are held Monday through Friday and Japan Study that is held 2 - 3 times a week. Students will have opportunities to feel and understand Japanese culture by joining fieldwork to various cultural spots including World Heritage sites and taking part in a tea ceremony in Kyoto, the center of Japanese culture.

Target students for the RSJP2 Program

Knowledge of Japanese - Zero, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced.

* Note for students who have never studied Japanese: RU asks all participants try to master at least reading and writing of Hiragana and Katakana before the program starts. RU asks that students please study this beforehand, to better achieve further improvement during the program.

1. Japanese Language Class

Taught in Japanese

Comprehensive introduction to Japanese language to build a strong foundation for Japanese studies

Class contents: Conversation, reading, writing

50 min × 3 classes × 23 days = 3,450 min = 57.5 hours

2. Japanese Culture Class (Japan Study)

Class contents: lecture on Japanese culture by masters well respected in their fields

Field work to various cultural spots in Kyoto such as Kinkakuji Temple, tea ceremony, Wadaiko (Japanese traditional drums), and much more. (*Destinations are subject to change)

Opportunity to interact with Ritsumeikan BUDDYs

90 min × 11 days = 990 min = 16.5 hours

Total Class contact and field work hours – 74 hours

Japanese instruction in the RSJP2 is offered at these levels:

CSI course number	CSI Course Equivalent	Overseas Course Title	credits
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	Course Title		
JPN 113	Basic Japanese I	Japanese Beginner I	6
JPN 114	Basic Japanese II	Japanese Beginner II	6
JPN 299	Japanese 200-level	Japanese Intermediate I	6
JPN 399	Japanese 300-level	Japanese Intermediate I	6

Testing and Placement

Participants will be placed into classes based on the information from their application and an essay written in Japanese. On the first day of Japanese Language Class, you will take a placement test. Then students will be divided into classes based on the result of the test (not based on the academic year of the student). If you find that your level of Japanese does not fit the level of your class, please consult your Japanese teachers. Even in cases in which students request a class change to meet the requirements of their home university's credit transfer policy, students may not move up or down in level without the teacher's consent.

Daily Class Schedule

Japanese language class	9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50, 11:00-11:50
Lunch Time	12:00-13:00
Japan Study	14:00-15:30 or 16:00

Ritsumeikan Buddy Program

Japanese buddies, Ritsumeikan University students, will be there to support your student life at Ritsumeikan. It will not be a 1-on-1 system, but RU buddies will assist you in groups by speaking only in Japanese. This will help you fully immerse in the Japanese language. You will have opportunity to interact directly with local students and practice Japanese and learn about Japanese culture including contemporary Japanese pop culture, trending words, anime, and many other topics. You might also be able to find life-long friends!

Program Period (5 weeks):

Housing check-in time: Monday June 26, 2023, after 3 pm

Start: June 27

End: July 28

Housing check out time: Saturday July 29, 2023, by 11 am

A total of 34 days

2-20-2023

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日本語授業

Japanese Language Classes

じゅぎょうじかん
授業時間 Class Hours

	じかん 時間 / TIME
1 げんめ 限目 / 1st Period	9:10 ~ 10:00
2 げんめ 限目 / 2nd Period	10:10 ~ 11:00
3 げんめ 限目 / 3rd Period	11:10 ~ 12:00

Syllabus シラバス

あらしやま しゅぎょう
嵐山クラス (初級 I) ARASHIYAMA class / Beginner I

ひらがなとカタカナを習得し、短い文を書けるようになることを目指す。また、自己紹介や買い物など、特定の場面で日本語でやりとりができるように、会話の練習をする。街や駅などで見かける簡単な漢字も学習する。

In this class, you will learn hiragana and katakana. Your goal is to be able to write a short essay and practice conversation to be able to introduce yourself and communicate in specific situations such as shopping. You will also learn basic kanji characters you see in the streets and stations.

うじ しゅぎょう
宇治クラス (初級 I) UJI class / Beginner I

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祇園クラス (初級Ⅱ) GION class / Beginner II

既習文法の運用力をつけながら、新しい語彙や文法を習得し、ある事柄について説明したり自分の意見を言えるようになることを目指す。また、200字程度の文章を読んで内容を理解する。そして、既習文型と語彙を正しく使って、短い文章が書けるようにする。

In this class, you will practice your conversation skills to be able to explain certain things and express your opinions using previously and newly learned grammar and vocabularies. You will also read about 200 characters essays and understand their contents. You will write short essays through the correct use of grammar and vocabularies.

西陣クラス (中級Ⅰ) NISHIJIN class / Intermediate I

300字程度の文章を読んで内容を理解し、正確な文法と語彙で自分の意見が言えるようになることを目指す。また、既習文型と語彙を正しく使って、自分の意見や説明が短い文章で書ける練習をする。そして、場面に合った適切な話し方でコミュニケーションができるようになることを目標にする。

In this class, your goal is to read about 300 characters essays, understand their contents, and become able to express your opinions through the correct use of grammar and vocabularies. You will be assigned to practice writing essays which express your opinions and explain things precisely. You will also aim to develop conversation skills that will allow you to use the appropriate language to communicate in various settings.

東山クラス (中級Ⅱ) HIGASHIYAMA class / Intermediate II

400字以上の文章を読んで内容を理解し、正確な文法と語彙で自分の意見を言えるようになることを目指す。また、テキストや新聞で読んだテーマについて、300字程度で自分の意見を書く練習をする。会話では場面に合った適切な話し方でコミュニケーションができるようになることを目標にする。

In this class, your goal is to become able to read texts of more than 400 characters, understand their contents, and express your opinions through correct use of grammar and vocabularies. You will practice writing about 300 characters essays on topics that you have read in your textbook and newspapers. You will also aim to develop conversation skills that will allow you to use the appropriate language to communicate in various settings.

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【教科書 / Textbooks】

初級Ⅰ / Beginner I: Japanese for Busy People I

初級Ⅱ / Beginner II: Japanese for Busy People II

中級Ⅰ / Intermediate I: 中級へ行こう Chukyu e iko

中級Ⅱ / Intermediate II: 中級を学ぼう (中級中期) Chukuu o manabo (Chukyu Chuki)

