

Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners 2020 Application Guideline

Niigata University (NU) has designed a Special Online Course for avid Japanese language learners in the world. If your schedule meets ours, apply now!

(Apply through a coordinator of your university; direct application by individual students will not be accepted.)

Eligibility

Students who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to apply.

- Students who are enrolled in NU's partner university as a degree-seeking student (undergraduate or graduate), and who will maintain the same student status throughout the program.
- Students who have the appropriate level of Japanese language proficiency required in each course shown below.
- ※ Students planning to arrive and study at Niigata University in the fall semester of 2020 are not eligible to apply.

Application Deadline

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Documents to be submitted

- ① Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners 2020 Application Form (WORD or PDF)
- ② Certificate of Enrollment issued by home university (PDF)

Program Period

October 2, 2020(Fri.) to February 9, 2021 (Tue.) *Coinciding with NU's Fall Semester

※Pre-orientation will be scheduled online in late September.

※No classes during the winter break starting Dec. 29 (Tue.) through January 6 (Wed.)

※Make-up lessons may be scheduled between Feb. 10 (Wed.) and Feb. 26 (Fri.)

※Platinum Course is offered for 8 weeks. Other courses will run for 16 weeks.

Course Summary

Check for JLPT levels: <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>

Course Name	Content	Required Level of Proficiency (Textbook level)	# of lessons per week (90-min. lesson) , Total # of lessons	Class Size (# of students)	# of Credits
Platinum	Exam Preparation for JLPT N1	Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook)	2 / week 16 lessons	10	1
Gold	Practice 4 skills comprehensively (listening, reading, writing, speaking)	Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook)	4 /week 60 lessons	30	4
Silver		Aiming to pass JLPT N2 (N2-level textbook)	4 /week 60 lessons	30	4
Bronze		Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N3	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3
Green		Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N4	2 /week 30 lessons	30	2

How to Select a Course

- Students are allowed to select only one course except for Platinum and Gold courses which can be selected together if students opt to take both courses.
- There will be no placement test. JLPT certificates are not required. Make sure to check the required level of proficiency and select an appropriate course.
- Students must attend all the scheduled lessons. Attending only certain days of the week is not acceptable.

How to Conduct Lessons, Textbooks

- All lessons will be conducted online (The kind of software will be announced at a later date). It is essential to have a stable internet access, and a PC/laptop/tablet with a camera and a standard audio function to allow for speaking and listening practice.
- All lessons will be synchronous and interactive. Students should be aware of the time difference with Japan.
- No videos or recorded materials of lessons will be available online.
- An e-textbook will be arranged for each course.

Timetable

※Japan Standard Time is used for the following schedule.

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Green
Tue 10:15-11:45	Mon 8:30-10:00	Mon 8:30-10:00	Mon 12:55-14:25	Mon 14:40-16:10
Thu 10:15-11:45	Tue 8:30-10:00	Tue 8:30-10:00	Wed 12:55-14:25	Wed 14:40-16:10
8 weeks (Oct. 2 - Nov. 26)	Wed 12:55-14:25 Thu 8:30-10:00	Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 12:55-14:25	Fri 14:40-16:10	

Program Tuition

Free of charge (However, students will have to pay for an e-textbook. The price will be shown at a later date)

Student Status at Niigata University, Evaluation, Transcript

- Students will be registered as “Special Auditing Student” at NU in the same manner as onshore exchange students who actually study at NU.
- Students will be evaluated according to the syllabus in the same manner as onshore exchange students are. Academic transcript will be issued in late March.

For Partner University regarding Nomination

- As a basic guideline, the sum of the number of students who have postponed their study at NU in April 2020 (Apr. – Sept. 2020) and the number of students who were scheduled to be nominated for Fall 2020 (Oct. 2020 – March 2021) shall be the number of applicants that each partner university may nominate for this program. If there is more, NU will accept and consider application.
- Nevertheless, due to the class size of each course, not all applicants may be admitted.
- NU asks for the “List of Nominees,” in which the ranking of applicants are also shown.

Other Notes

- Any additional information regarding this program will be posted online at the following website:
<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/study/japanese-language/special-online/>
- The result of application will be announced around the end of August.

Submission Email Address and Contact

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