

Intensive Japanese Course for International Students

This course has been established to support international students who aim to be enrolled in the Undergraduate or Graduate School of Kanagawa Institute of Technology or other colleges or universities in Japan so that they can learn the Japanese language for one year in an intensive and efficient way and that they can master Japanese to such a level of understanding without difficulty to attend at university classes (The Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level 2 or higher level).

The keynote of the course curriculum focuses on bringing up qualified students of high achieved level through learning of not only the language but also study of the culture, society and other issues of Japan as well as science and engineering subjects in Japanese.

To achieve this aim, the program is devised to provide subjects as diverse as possible and lecturers of long and extensive experience prepare their own curricula.

In consideration of the school year systems of the students' home countries and their enrollment in the college or university in Japan, the course is semester-based and students may be enrolled either in April (to complete the course in March next year) or September (to complete the course in August next year).

Eligibility: (1) Student who has completed the twelve-year school education curriculum, or equivalent as specified by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, of Japan; or
(2) Student recognized by the Dean of the Course as having the scholastic attainments at least equivalent to the senior high school graduate.

Period required for completion of the course: One year

Maximum permissible period of enrollment: Two years

Credit System and Requisites for Completion:

Credits will be given when the student passes the examination and he/she has been present at the class by 80% or more.

The requisites for completion of the course are: enrollment in the course for at least one year, acquirement of at least 40 credits, and going through the "Examination of Japanese as a Foreign Language," a part of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) conducted by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

Enrollment: The course is semester-based and students may be enrolled either in April or September.

Term	First term	Second term
Enrollment in April	April to September	September to March
Enrollment in September	September to March	April to September

Program Guidance:

The curriculum is drawn up by centering the focus on providing subjects by skill and by degree of proficiency or command of the language. The Japanese language (Japanese as a foreign language), which is the primary compulsory subject as a matter of course, is programmed into three levels so that students of different levels of command of the language can systematically master the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking).

All international students admitted to this course undergo a placement test before start of the new term. Students are graded on their test results and assigned to the class of most appropriate level: Level I (Elementary), Level II (Intermediate 1) or Level III (Intermediate 2). Each class is organized to have around 10 students.

Before completing the course, all students are required to undergo the "Examination of Japanese as a Foreign Language" that forms a part of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) conducted by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). A special lecture is given to support our students' success in the examination.

In addition to the language, the course program provides elective subjects, which embrace the study about Japan for better understanding of Japanese society and culture, English, and basic science knowledge in Japanese that takes advantage of our features of being an engineering college.

(1) Japanese as a Foreign Language

Japanese is required of all students. The language curriculum is programmed in three levels (Level I - Elementary; Level II - Intermediate 1; and Level III - Intermediate 2) so that students of different levels of command of the language can systematically improve Japanese language skills covering both practical language ability necessary for living in Japan as an international student and academic language ability required to carry out study and research activities. The syllabus consists of five subjects, namely, grammar and sentence patterns, reading, listening, speaking and writing, so that students can upgrade the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in a well-balanced way, making the most of acquired knowledge of grammar and sentence patterns.

Language lectures are given 20 hours a week over 30 weeks per year, totaling to 600 hours/year. The course is semester-based and students are required to complete 40 credits comprised of 20 each in the first and second semesters.

(2) Study about Japan

This lecture is designed for better understanding of Japanese society and culture, which is essential for daily life of international students staying in Japan. Through learning of the characteristics of Japanese, students deepen their knowledge about Japan and go acquiring socio-cultural skills in adapting to a different culture and to life in Japan. The whole lecture is given in Japanese, taking into full account the language proficiency and ability at each level.

(3) Basic Science Knowledge in Japanese

Having students undergoing EJU Examinations of Science and Mathematics in view, students learn basic science knowledge and terms, including computer practice.

(4) English

This subject is primarily designed for international students from regions of Chinese characters so that they can be familiar with English. Students learn the basic structure of the English language and build the basic vocabulary and usage of English.

(5) Special Lecture for EJU Examination of Japanese

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(6) Class Teacher System

The teacher of Japanese of each class is placed to take charge of the class, who will aid in consultation of his/her students in various aspects.

Example of Schedule (Intermediate Level 1)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Grammar and sentence patterns (II)	Grammar and sentence patterns (II)	Grammar and sentence patterns (II)	Grammar and sentence patterns (II)	Grammar and sentence patterns (II)
2	Reading comprehension (II)	Reading comprehension (II)	Reading comprehension (II)	Reading comprehension (II)	Reading comprehension (II)
3	Listening comprehension (II)	Listening comprehension (II)	Listening comprehension (II)	Listening comprehension (II)	Listening comprehension (II)
4	Spoken language and expressions (II)	Spoken language and expressions (II)	Spoken language and expressions (II)	Written language and expressions (II)	Written language and expressions (II)
5	Study about Japan (Elective)	Special Lecture for EJU Examination of Japanese (Elective)		English (Elective)	Basic Science Knowledge in Japanese (Elective)

Academic Fees

Description	Amount	Remarks
Enrollment Fee	100,000 yen	One-time payment on admission
Tuition fees	500,000 yen	250,000 yen for the first term, and 250,000 yen for the second term.
Total	600,000 yen	

*) Tuition fees may be paid in two installments. In that case, the amount to be paid on admission is 100,000 yen of enrollment fee plus 250,000 yen for the first term.

System of Admission into KAIT Undergraduate/Graduate on Recommendation

A student enrolled in the Intensive Japanese Course for International Students showing good results may be admitted to the Undergraduate or Graduate School of Kanagawa Institute of Technology upon the recommendation of the Dean of the Course.

Campus Life

(1) Student Support System

To ensure worthwhile campus life for international students while studying at KAIT, the dedicated staff of our International Center aid in consultation of international students in various aspects, including lodgings, foreign resident and reentry procedures, study orientation and daily life issues. Students enrolled in the Intensive Japanese Course for International Students can count on the support from our International Center staff in addition to the class teacher. Consultation service in English, Chinese, Thai and Korean is also available.

(2) Living Cost

The monthly living cost will be around 80,000 to 90,000 yen on average, with the rent inclusive.

(3) Part-time Job

By law, international students are permitted to work 28 hours a week during the term, and 8 hours a day during long school holidays. Our "Inter-support System" helps you find some part-time job in KAIT. In addition, we may help you through staffing service companies.