

Course Guide of Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS) Fall 2023

1. What is "Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS)"?

- "Fundamental Japanese Courses (Japanese Language Program of TUFSS)" is a Japanese program for international students studying at TUFSS to acquire a high enough level of Japanese language proficiency for studying and researching at university.
- This program covers 7 levels of Japanese language proficiency: Elementary 1, Elementary 2, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Pre-Advanced, Advanced 1, and Advanced 2.
- Each level has "Integrated" classes and "Focused" classes. In the "Integrated" classes, students comprehensively learn all four skills (reading, listening, writing, and speaking). As for "Focused" classes, there are a variety of classes such as grammar and Kanji in addition to reading comprehension, listening comprehension, writing communication and oral communication.
 - ☞ "3. Types of Classes Offered (p.2)"
- Japanese language classes are offered in the Spring Quarter (April to July) and in the Fall Quarter (October to January). Each quarter has 13 weeks.

★ Classes in the Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS) for Fall 2023 will primarily be done in person.

2. Who Can Take This Program?

- The table below shows which classes can be taken in accordance with the student categories ①~⑦.
- The "◎" and "○" in the table indicate the classes that can be taken. If there are a large number of students who wish to take the course, the students with the "◎" will be prioritized. As a general rule, students cannot take classes with "-". Also, auditing is not permitted in this program.

〈Category of International Students and Classes Available〉

Student Category	Integrated	Focused
① Undergraduate Students	◎	◎
② Japanese Studies Students	◎	○
③ ISEPTUFS Students	○	○
④ Research Students	○	○
⑤ Preparatory Research Students	◎	◎
⑥ Visiting Students	—	○
⑦ Others (e.g. PCS Students)	—	○

3. Types of Classes Offered

- The table below lists the Japanese language classes offered in Fall 2023.
- "Integrated Japanese 101, 201, 301, 401 and 501" each have 5 periods (5 credits), "Integrated Japanese 601" has 3 periods (3 credits), and "Integrated Japanese 701" has 2 periods (2 credits) per week. "Focused" classes each have 1 period (1 credit) per week. One period is 90 minutes long.
- New students' levels will be determined by the placement test. Students that are continuing will have their levels based on their grades and the courses that they took in the previous quarter.
- Please read "6. Notes on Course Registration (pp.5-6)" carefully when deciding which classes to take.

〈Fundamental Japanese Classes Offered in Fall 2023〉

Level	Integrated Classes	Focused/ Topic Classes (1 period)							Kanji
Elementary 1 100~	101 (5 periods)				writing 114	oral 115			
Elementary 2 201~	201 (5 periods)				writing 214	oral 215			Kanji 901 Kanji 902 Kanji 903 Kanji 904
Intermediate 1 301~	301 (5 periods)		reading 312	listening 313*	writing 314	oral 315			
Intermediate 2 401~	401 (5 periods)	grammar 411*	reading 412	listening 413*	writing 414	oral 415			
Pre-Advanced 501~	501 (5 periods)	grammar 511	reading 512	listening 513*	writing 514	oral 515			
Advanced 1 601~	601 (3 periods)	grammar 611*	reading 612	listening 613	writing 614	oral 615	current 616		
Advanced 2 701~	701 (2 periods)	grammar 711	reading 712	listening 713	writing 714	oral 715		business 718	

oral = Oral Communication, current = Current Japanese Studies, business = Business Japanese

* Online classes = grammar 411, grammar 611, listening 313, listening 513

★ For details on each class, please see the "Syllabus" on the Gakumu Information System.

〈<https://gakumu-web1.tufs.ac.jp/Portal/Public/Syllabus/SylSearchMain.aspx>〉

★ The timetable for Fall 2023 can be downloaded from the URL below.

〈https://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/student/international_student/Japanese_Program.html〉

■ The table below shows the approximate levels offered in the JLPTUFS.

〈Approximate Course Levels〉

Level	At the start of the course	Goals at the end of the courses		
		Goals	JLPT	CEFR
Elementary 1 (100) Integrated	Novice	Lower elementary	N5	A1
Elementary 1 (100) Intensive		Upper elementary	N4	A2
Elementary 2 (200)	Lower elementary I	Upper elementary	N4	A2
Intermediate 1 (300)	Upper elementary	Lower intermediate	N3	B1.1
Intermediate 2 (400)	Lower intermediate	Upper intermediate	N3~N2	B1.2
Pre-Advanced (500)	Upper intermediate	Pre-advanced	N2	B2.1
Advanced 1 (600)	Pre-advanced	Lower advanced	N2~N1	B2.2
Advanced 2 (700)	Lower advanced	Upper advanced	N1	C1
Upper Advanced *not required to take the course	Upper advanced			

Notes

- The JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) and CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) levels are the goals to be reached at the end of the courses. They are not the actual levels of the students.
- The actual Japanese level of the students at each level varies widely.
- The JLPTUFS offers classes aimed at improving students' academic Japanese proficiency and does not offer classes aimed at passing the JLPT.

4. Course Registration Procedures for New Students

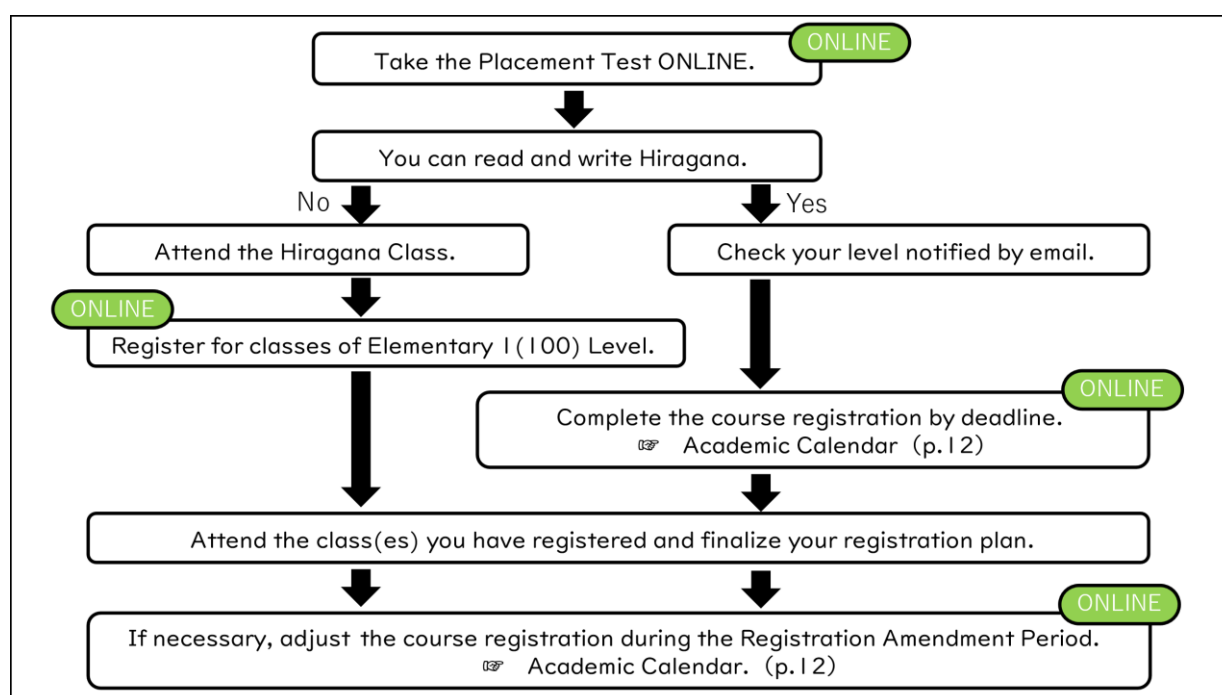
- Students planning to take the Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS) for the first time need to register for the courses according to the procedures shown below.
- Course registration can be done online through the Gakumu Information System. Visiting Students, Preparatory Research Students and other students (e.g., PCS Students) will be notified individually.

〈<https://gakumu-web1.tufs.ac.jp/Portal/Login.aspx>〉

- Online classes will be conducted on Zoom.

★ The details on the Placement Test will be informed individually by email.

〈Registration Procedures for New Students〉



Students placed at the "Upper-Advanced" Level by the Placement Test are NOT required to take any classes in the Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS). These students are recommended to take subjects taught in Japanese in the Undergraduate Program to brush up on their Japanese. However, if necessary, they may take up to three classes in each quarter.

5. Course Registration Procedures for Continuing Students

- Students who have taken Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS) in Spring 2023 or before can register for the courses according to the procedures shown below.
- Course registration can be done online through the Gakumu Information System. Visiting Students, Preparatory Research Students and other students (e.g., PCS Students) will be notified individually.

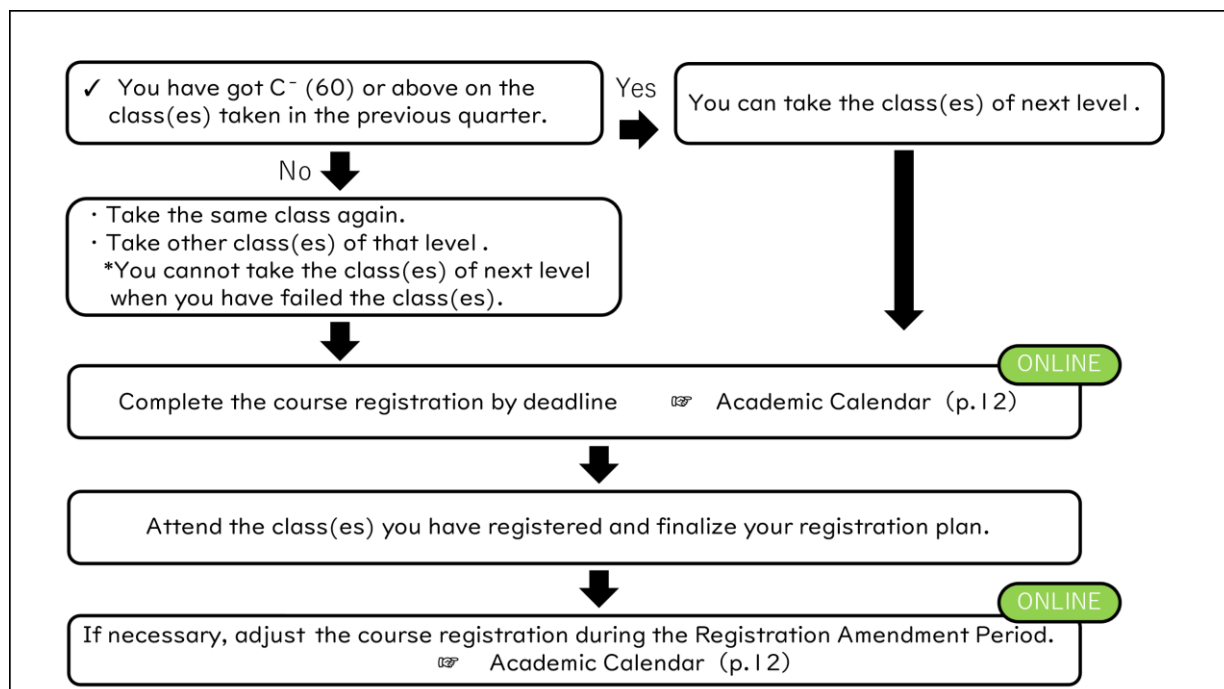
〈<https://gakumu-web1.tufs.ac.jp/Portal/Login.aspx>〉

- Online classes will be conducted on Zoom.
- For continuing students, if their grades in the previous quarter were "C⁻ (60 points)" or above, they can take the classes from the next level in this quarter.

☞ "12. Grades and Evaluation (p.9)"

- Example 1: B (75 points) in "Integrated 301" in Spring 2023
→ "Integrated 401" can be registered in Fall 2023.
- Example 2: A⁻ (80 points) in "Kanji 902" in Spring 2023
→ "Kanji 903" can be registered in Fall 2023.
- Example 3: F (below 60 points) in "Listening Comprehension 613" in Spring 2023
→ "Listening Comprehension 713" CANNOT be registered in Fall 2023

〈Registration Procedures for Continuing Students〉



Students who have passed the Level 700 subject(s) by Spring 2023 are NOT required to take any classes in the Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS). These students are recommended to take subjects taught in Japanese in the Undergraduate Program to brush up on their Japanese. However, if necessary, they may take up to three classes in each quarter.

6. Notes on Course Registration

Recommended Number of Periods to Be Taken

- It is recommended that students of Level 100-600 take at least 3 periods per quarter in order to improve their Japanese proficiency.
- ISEPTUFS Students and Research Students have an upper limit on the number of periods they can register (p.7).

Registration for Integrated Class

- When taking an "Integrated" class, students must attend all 5 periods per week (3 for "Integrated Japanese 601" and 2 for "Integrated Japanese 701"). If there are 2 classes (A and B), students are to register for either A class or B class and attend only the registered one.

Registration for Kanji Class

- When taking a Kanji class, students must register for the class corresponding to their level as shown in the table below.
 - Example 1: Elementary 2 (200) Level students
→ Only "Kanji 901" can be registered.
 - Example 2: Intermediate 2 (400) Level students
→ Either "Kanji 902" or "Kanji 903" can be registered.
- Students should choose a class that suits their reading and Kanji writing ability. Students who cannot decide which class to take should consult with a Kanji class instructor.

<Japanese Class Levels and Their Corresponding Kanji Classes>

Level	Kanji Class (JLPT Level)
Elementary 1 (100)	Unable to take Kanji Class*
Elementary 2 (200)	Kanji 901 (N4)
Intermediate 1 (300)	Kanji 901 (N4) OR Kanji 902 (N3)
Intermediate 2 (400)	Kanji 902 (N3) OR Kanji 903 (N2)
Pre-Advanced (500)	Kanji 902 (N3) OR Kanji 903 (N2)
Advanced 1 (600)	Kanji 903 (N2) OR Kanji 904 (N1)
Advanced 2 (700)	Kanji 903 (N2) OR Kanji 904 (N1)
Upper-Advanced	NOT required

* Students of Level 100 will study Kanji in the Integrated class.

Changing the Class Level

- As a general rule, students should take classes at the level where they are placed. However, students are free to take integrated and focused classes one level above or below their assigned level.
 - Example 1: Taking "Integrated 301", "Writing 314" and "Reading 412"
 - Example 2: Taking "Integrated 701" and "Listening 613"

- In order to take a class more than two levels above or below the placed level, students must consult with the instructor of the class they wish to take and obtain permission.

Upper Limit for Registration for Japanese Language Classes *ISEPTUFS Students and Research Students Only

- As shown in the table below, ISEPTUFS Students and Research Students have an upper limit on the amount of Japanese language classes that they can register for in each quarter.

〈Upper Limit for Registration for Japanese Language Classes〉

Type of Registration Level	Integrated Type: Register Integrated Class	Focused type: Register Focused Classes only
Level 100-500 (Up to 6 periods) LIMITED	1) Integrated Class (5 periods) only or 2) Integrated Class (5 periods) + Focused Class (1 period)	Focused Classes only (1-6 periods)
Level 600 (Up to 6 periods) LIMITED	1) Integrated Class (3 periods) only or 2) Integrated Class (3 periods) + Focused Class(es) (1-3 periods)	Focused Classes only (1-6 periods)
Level 700 (Up to 3 periods) RECOMMENDED	1) Integrated Classes (2 periods) only or 2) Integrated Classes (2 periods) + Focused Class (1 period)	Focused Classes only (1-3 periods)
Upper-Advanced Level students are NOT required to take classes in JLPTUFS. However, if necessary, they can take up to three classes.		

- There is no upper limit on the number of classes that can be taken for Undergraduate Students, Preparatory Research Students and Japanese Studies Students.
- As for Visiting Students and other students (PCS Students, etc.), the classes to take will be decided through consultation with their academic advisor (p.11).

7. Online Classes

- Japanese language classes in this program will be primarily offered in person. However, in FY2023, some classes will be offered online (synchronous) using Zoom. Students are to attend the class(es) at the scheduled time.
- If the internet connection is unstable, students should consult with the class instructor.
- Students are prohibited to share the Zoom URL, ID, and password with anyone else, even with their classmates or friends.
- Recording, taking pictures during online classes, and posting them on social media is prohibited.
- Redistributing resources provided via online classes without the permission of the class instructor is prohibited.

cf. "Act Against Information Ethics"

<<https://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/student/NEWS/education/20042201.html>>

8. Purchasing Textbooks

- Students are to purchase textbooks as soon as they have decided on their classes. Textbooks can be purchased at the University CO-OP bookstore. The details such as business hours can be found on the website of the University CO-OP.

<<https://www.univcoop.jp/tufs/index.html>>

9 . Class Attendance

- In order to acquire a high level of Japanese language proficiency, active participation in class is very important, including in online classes. Students are required to attend classes unless they have special reasons.
- As a general rule, in the Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS), students with poor attendance (below 80%) will be graded as F (Fail), unless they have special reasons.
- Immigration Services Agency of Japan requires TUFS to report the students' class attendance as needed. If attendance is not sufficient, students may lose their status as an international student.

10. Examinations

|| Midterms, Finals and Make-up Exams

- Students must take exams such as midterm exams and final exams under given conditions, following the instructions of the class instructor.
- Students who cannot or could not take an exam due to unavoidable reasons such as illness, accidents, or family reasons should consult with the class instructor for a make-up exam.

11. Academic misconduct

- Students who are found to have cheated in exams will have all of their course registration for the quarter invalidated. There are severe punishments for cheating during exams as well as for other forms of academic misconduct such as plagiarism in assignments. Students MUST NOT commit dishonest acts or acts that can be suspected of being dishonest.

< https://www.tufs.ac.jp/documents/abouttufs/public_info/regulations/rev1128_E_11_15gakubu_tuusoku.pdf>

12 . Grades and Evaluation

- In the Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS), grades will be given according to the 11-scaled grading system from S to F as shown in the table below.
- The details on evaluation of each class can be found in the "Syllabus" on the Gakumu Information System.
- Undergraduate students, ISEPTUFS Students and Japanese Studies Students can check their grades on the Gakumu Information System. Research students should contact the Student Exchange Division, and Preparatory Research Students should contact the JLC Office, for inquiries on their grades.

<Grades and Evaluation>

Score	Grade	GP(Grade Point)	Evaluation
100~90	S	4.0	Pass
89~87	A+	3.7	
86~83	A	3.3	
82~80	A-	3.0	
79~77	B+	2.7	
76~73	B	2.3	
72~70	B-	2.0	
69~67	C+	1.7	
66~63	C	1.3	
62~60	C-	1.0	
59~0	F	0.0	Fail

13. Issuance of Certificates

- The certificates listed below can be issued upon request. Undergraduate Students should apply to the Educational Affairs Division. ISEPTUFS Students, Japanese Studies Students, and Research Students should apply to the Student Exchange Division. Preparatory Research Students should apply to the JLC Office.

- (1) Transcript of Grades
- (2) Attendance Record
- (3) Recognition of Credit Certificate
- (4) Other Documents

14 . Inquiry

|| About Japanese Classes

- Please consult with the class instructor regarding the following:

- (1) Questions regarding the class
- (2) Questions regarding studying Japanese
- (3) Questions regarding textbooks or course materials
- (4) Questions regarding absence from class
- (5) Questions regarding exams
- (6) Questions regarding grades and evaluation

|| About Studying in General

- Please consult with your academic advisor (p.11) regarding the following:

- (1) Questions regarding course registration
- (2) Questions regarding credits or completion of the program
- (3) Concerns regarding personal problems
- (4) Questions and concerns regarding studying that you cannot consult with the instructor
- (5) Questions regarding an extended absence from class
- (6) Questions and concerns regarding living in Japan
- (7) Questions and concerns regarding travel outside of Japan, including returning to your home country

- Students can also consult with the Student Counseling Room or the Health Care Center.

〈Academic Advisors〉

Student Category	Academic Advisor
Undergraduate Students	NAKAI Yoko
ISEPTUFS Students	NAKAI Yoko
Japanese Studies Students	UMINO Tae
Research Students	NAKAI Yoko
Visiting Students	-
Preparatory Research Students	-
Other students (e.g., PCS Students)	NAKAI Yoko

|| About Other Consultations

- Please consult with the Student Exchange Division regarding the following:

- (1) Questions and concerns regarding course registration in general
- (2) Questions regarding issuance of certificates and documents
- (3) Changes in your address or phone number

- Please inform the Student Exchange Division in case of the following:

- (1) Plans to return to your home country or travel outside of Japan

〈List of Contacts〉

Division in Charge	Office	Phone	Email
Student Exchange Division (ISEPTUFS Students Only)	Administration Bldg. 1F	042-330-5182	inbound@tufs.ac.jp
Student Exchange Division (Other Students)	Administration Bldg. 1F	042-330-5184	ryugakusei- kyouiku@tufs.ac.jp
Educational Affairs Division	Administration Bldg. 1F	042-330-5168	kyoumu-kakari@tufs.ac.jp
JLC Office	JLC Bldg. 1F	042-330-5761	jlc-jim@tufs.ac.jp

|| About Fundamental Japanese Courses (JLPTUFS)

- For questions such as following, please contact us at the address below:

- (1) Questions about the Hiragana Class
hiragana@tufs.ac.jp
- (2) Questions about the Placement Test
placement@tufs.ac.jp
- (3) Questions about Japanese class levels and course registration
inquiry_japanese@tufs.ac.jp

15. Academic Calendar for JLPTUFS Spring 2023

- The academic calendar for JLPTUFS in Fall 2023 is as follows. Students should check the university HP as the schedule may change <<https://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/student/calendar/>>

<Academic Calendar for JLPTUFS Fall 2023>

★ Fall Quarter 2023(October 1st, 2023 to February 2nd, 2024)

Event	Schedule (Tentative)
Placement Test (ONLINE)	September 5 th (Tue.) to September 12 th (Tue.) *Japan Time
Announcement of Levels	September 15 th (Fri.)
Hiragana Class	September 28 th (Thu.), 13:30-15:00 September 29 th (Fri.), 10:00-11:30, 13:30-15:00
Course registration period	September 25th (Mon) ~ October 6th (Fri)
Fall quarter classes begin	October 2 nd (Mon)
Classes held on national holiday (Monday classes)	October 9 th (Mon) (Sports Day)
Course registration amendment period	October 9th (Mon) ~ October 13th (Fri)
Registration cancellation period	October 23rd (Mon) ~ October 24th (Tue)
Classes held on national holiday (Friday classes)	November 3 rd (Fri) (Culture Day)
Gaigosai Festival (no classes) ※preparations on 21 st , clean-up on 27 th	November 21st (Tue) ~ November 27th (Mon)
Classes end for 2023	December 22 nd (Fri)
Classes resume	January 12 th (Fri)
Fall quarter classes end	January 25 th (Thu)
No classes (restricted entrance)	January 26th (Fri) ~ January 28th (Sun)
Fall quarter examination period	January 29th (Mon) ~ February 2nd (Fri)

<Class Periods of the Japanese Language Program>

Period 1	8 : 30~10 : 00
Period 2	10 : 10~11 : 40
Period 4	14 : 20~15 : 50

16. Bulletin Board

- The Japanese Language Program Bulletin Board is located on the first floor of the Japanese Language Center. This is different from the bulletin board in front of the TUFFS main administration building. Notices about classroom changes, as well as important notices for students will be posted here. Check this bulletin board every day. Additionally, please check your TUFFS e-mail account every day to access class information.