

# Japan University of Economics Fukuoka Campus

## Curriculum: School of Japanese Language

### 1 Overview of School of Japanese Language

#### (1) Purpose

The School of Japanese Language is designed for international students who wish to enroll in Japan University of Economics (here in after referred to “JUE”) or other Japanese universities in Japan. The course aims to provide the knowledge of Japanese language, affairs and culture based on the founding spirit and the philosophy of educational research of JUE.

#### (2) Courses and Duration

The School has two kinds of courses; a 12-months course and a 18-month course.

- When the applicants are on N5 level: the course starts in September (as Autumn semester course) and ends in March of the following year (18-month course)
- When the applicants are on N4 level: the course starts in April (as the Spring semester course) and ends in March of following year (12-month course)
- The course for the N3 level applicants or the students who wish to move to N3 level after completing beginner and upper beginner levels starts in April (as the Spring semester course).
- Spring semester starts on 1<sup>st</sup> of April and ends on 15<sup>th</sup> of September, and the Autumn semester starts on 16<sup>th</sup> of September and ends 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

#### Achievement of each level

- Beginner and upper beginner level: aim to reach N3 level (being capable of understanding Japanese language used in everyday situations to a certain degree.)
- Intermediate level: aim to reach N2 level (being capable to understand Japanese language used in everyday situations, and in a variety of circumstances to a certain degree.)

When the additional necessities of the students’ education are admitted, their extension of the enrollment period may be accepted with conditions such as percentage of attendance, grades and other relevant circumstance. However, the period of attendance at school (including Japanese language institutions in Japan) cannot be over 2 years in total.

Beginner and Upper beginner levels				Intermediate levels	
September	April	September	April	September	March
N5	N4		N3		N2
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## 2. Curriculum

(1) Required subjects for Japanese language (for both beginner and upper beginner levels and intermediate levels) (each semester 225 house; exam 15 hours)

- Comprehensive Japanese Language: grammar, listening and reading comprehension and vocabulary in the use of the selected textbook (8 classes per week: 8 credits)
- Preparation for JLPT (1 class per week: 1 credit)
- Current affairs in Japan (Japanese culture, nature and economics) (1 class per week: 1 credit)

(2) Elective subjects for Japanese language (aim to improve specific skills) (each semester 22.5 hours + exam 1.5 hours)

Choose one subject from the list below (1 class per week: 1 credit):

- Writing (for both levels)
- Kanji and vocabulary (for both levels)
- Conversation (for beginner and upper beginner level only)
- Academic speaking: practice of presentation, interviews etc. (for intermediate level only)

(3) Seminar for the students in School of Japanese Language and Culture: required (1 unit for each semester) (each semester 22.5 hours)

Combined class of beginner and upper beginner levels and intermediate levels (1 class per week: 1 credit)

## 3. The number of credits required

- The students must take the following required subjects for Japanese language (Comprehensive Japanese Language: 1 subject 8 credits and Preparation for JLPT: 1 subject 1 credit), Seminar (1 subject 1 credit) and 1 subject (1 credit) from elective subjects.
- The students need to obtain more than 90% of attendance in each subject (except reasonable absence) and reach a standard academic level which qualify for each subject (when the students obtain 60 points and more in the following chart).

Total points	Grade	Display of Grade
100 -90 points	high distinction	S
89 – 80 points	distinction	A
79 – 70 points	credit	B
69 – 60 points	pass	C
Less than 59 points	fail	D
No Evaluation Undertaken	absence	E

- The students who have been enrolled in this course for more than one year and have earned required credits will receive a certificate.

Required credit for completing the course

One year course: 24 credits

18-month course: 36credits

\*Curriculum and the number of credits for accreditation differ for each Campus.