

# Japanese Language Preparatory Course (JLPC)

## For exchange students coming to Japan

### 1. Course Overview

The Japanese Language Preparatory Course (JLPC), offered by the International Centre of Gakushuin University, is a supportive online course designed to help incoming exchange students gradually build practical Japanese skills before arriving in Japan.

### 2. Eligibility and Purpose

This course is intended for students who have not yet reached the CEFR A2 level required to apply under Track A of Gakushuin University's exchange program. By successfully completing JLPC, students will be considered to have fulfilled the Japanese language requirement for Track A application.

### 3. Course Format and Study Load

JLPC is conducted over approximately six months prior to students' arrival in Japan, allowing students to gradually build their Japanese skills before starting campus life.

The course is primarily based on flexible self-directed online learning, supported by weekly tutorial sessions with Japanese language instructors. These sessions help students check their progress, practice speaking and communication skills, and maintain motivation throughout the course.

Students are generally expected to study approximately seven hours per week, amounting to roughly 200 hours over the duration of the course. Students are also expected to complete weekly self-study assignments using the learning materials listed in Section 4 below.



As Phase 2 and Phase 3 of JLPC, students continue their learning after arriving in Japan through intensive on-campus classes and various extracurricular activities, further developing their Japanese language skills and deepening their understanding of student life at Gakushuin University.

#### **4. Course Content and Learning Materials**

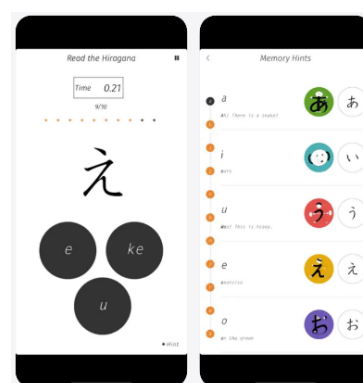
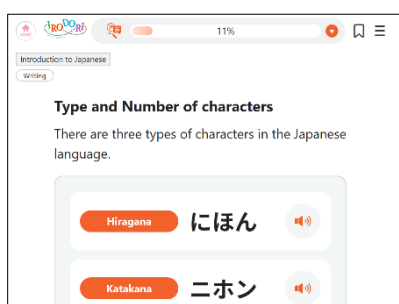
The course focuses on practical Japanese language skills needed for daily life and university life in Japan, including speaking, listening, reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar. Learning materials are as follows:

##### **Main learning material**

- IRODORI Online Japanese Course <https://www.irodori-online.jpf.go.jp/>

##### **Supplementary learning material**

- Memory Hints (mobile apps) <https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/kansai/clip/kanamemoryhint/>  
HIRAGANA Memory Hint / KATAKANA Memory Hint / KANJI Memory Hint



#### **5. Attendance Requirements**

Although there is no final examination, students are expected to:

- Attend at least 80% of the online sessions
- Complete the assigned self-study tasks on a regular basis

#### **6. Schedule & Application**

Arrival Term	Application Period	Course Period	Duration
Students arriving in Fall 2027	Dec. 2026 – Jan. 2027	Early Feb.–Mid Aug. 2027	Approx.
Students arriving in Spring 2028	Jul. 2027 – Aug. 2027	Early Sept. 2027–Mid Mar. 2028	6 months

- Course information will be sent by email to the international offices of partner universities by the Inbound Coordinator, International Centre, Gakushuin University, when the application period opens.
- Applications should be submitted by the international office to the Inbound Coordinator via the designated application form by email. Detailed course information will be sent directly to students after submission.
- JLPC is free of charge as part of the exchange program.

#### **7. Contact Information**

For inquiries regarding JLPC, please contact:

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