

GAKUSHUIN UNIVERSITY

Japanese Language Preparatory Course (JLPC)

For exchange students coming to Japan on Fall 2026

① Aims of Japanese Language Preparatory Course

"Japanese Language Preparatory Course" offered by Gakushuin University's International Centre aims to prepare incoming exchange students from its overseas partner universities for their study at Gakushuin starting in September. This program is designed for potential exchange students whose home universities offer no Japanese classes or who have not reached the Japanese proficiency level Gakushuin requires for exchange students.

Notes:

- ◆ No extra fees are charged for taking this course as it is part of the exchange program (except for coursebooks that the participating students are required to purchase at their own expense).

② Schedule for Japanese Language Preparatory Course

- ◆ The application deadline is December 19th, 2025.
- ◆ This course consists of 3 components: Phase 1 (on-line), Phase 2 (on-campus), and Phase 3 (on-campus).
- ◆ The first phase, which extends from February to July, provides remote Japanese language training, combining self-directed E-learning and on-line lessons with Japanese language instructors.
- ◆ In the second phase, you will take an intensive Japanese language training from the first week of September on Gakushuin campus. The aim of the second phase is to learn practical Japanese and become familiar with life in Japan and Gakushuin University.
- ◆ In the third phase, you will be offered classes to build relationships with Gakushuin University students, and get to know the after-school-activities and clubs at Gakushuin University. You will enrich your study abroad experience by deepening your relationships with Japanese students. The class will be held from October to December.

◆ Table of Schedule for Japanese Language Preparatory Course

	Applying to JLPC	Due in December
	Phase 1 (on-line) (Remote education: Self-guided E-Learning + on-line lesson) ◆ E-Learning : Students study independently using the "Hiragana/Katakana workbook" and the web materials of the "IRODORI Japanese online course A1(Starter), A2(Elementary1)" ◆ On-line lesson : With the "Zoom" video conference system, takes one 30-minute Japanese lesson with an instructor every week.	From February to July
	Arriving in Japan. Phase 2 (on-campus) (Intensive Japanese training on Gakushuin campus) ◆ Learning Japanese in class. ◆ Using in real life with Japanese students	September
	The fall semester begins.※ Phase 3 (on-campus) (Japanese language classes on Gakushuin campus) ◆ Learning the conversation skills to deepen your relationships with Japanese students ◆ Knowing the after-school activities and club in Gakushuin	From October to December

※ This course is designed for exchange students who plan to study abroad at Gakushuin University during the fall semester.

※ The schedules for Phases 2 and 3 will be communicated to you after your arrival in Japan.

③ Japanese Language Preparatory Course -- Phase 1

This phase of the course provides remote Japanese language education, which includes E-learning and on-line lessons. Each student studies Japanese in his/her home country by engaging online with Gakushuin's Japanese language instructors, staff and students in Japan.

- ◆ Phase 1 extends from February to July.
- ◆ PCs and Internet access are necessary to participate in Phase 1.
- ◆ We use the E-learning platform, " IRODORI Japanese online course A1, A2" Each learner must register in relevant courses of " IRODORI Japanese online course" to study.
- ◆ In Phase 1, students proceed with self-study in accordance with the curricula of the " IRODORI Japanese online course " series, which are made by "The Japan Foundation".
- ◆ You will have the opportunity to practice what you have learned, which is called "Wrap up." You will be able to talk with staff of Gakushuin University or each student, and gain confidence in your use of Japanese. A unique feature of the program is that students will be able to build relationships with people of the host university before coming to Japan.
- ◆ We use the video conference system "Zoom" for on-line lessons.
- ◆ You can join a 30-minute on-line lesson once a week. There are 27 lessons in all.

- ◆ The time for the on-line lesson will be contacted by the person in charge after the application is accepted. Please choose a time slot that you can participate in among the time slots provided by the person in charge.
- ◆ **Everyone must become proficient in reading Hiragana and Katakana during Phase 1.**

④ Japanese Language Preparatory Course -- Phase 2

Phase 2 is an intensive Japanese language training offered on Gakushuin campus in September. **Students can obtain necessary information for safe and healthy living in Japan, adjust to life at Gakushuin University, and receive practical training in Japanese language for daily life. We also provide opportunities to practice speaking with Japanese students.** After successful completion of Phase 2, the participants will start their study at Gakushuin University from mid-September.

⑤ Japanese Language Preparatory Course – Phase 3

Phase 3 will begin as soon as you start your studies at Gakushuin University. 10 events will be offered from October to December. In 10 events, you will develop the ability to converse in Japanese, such as chatting, inviting, recommending, sharing your worries, and talking about the news topic to make friends with Japanese students. There will also be activities to learn about after-school activities and student clubs at Gakushuin University. We believe that you be able to enrich your life at Gakushuin University by using the conversation skills you have learned in the classes and building relationships with Japanese students.