

Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners Spring 2023 Application Guideline

Niigata University (NU) will continue to offer Special Online Program for Japanese language learners for Spring 2023. The program is designed for students who will learn remotely from their home country. If your schedule meets ours, apply now! (Please apply through a coordinator of your university; direct application by individual students will not be accepted.)

◆Eligibility

Students who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to apply.

- (1) The applicant is currently enrolled as a degree-seeking student in a university with which Niigata University has concluded a student exchange agreement (hereinafter referred to as “partner university”). (In light of the principle of student exchange, students who will be enrolled in, and pay tuition fees to, partner university during their intended study period are eligible. Students who will have graduated from partner universities by the end of the Program at Niigata University are not eligible.)
- (2) Students who have the appropriate level of Japanese language proficiency required in each course (subject) shown below.
- (3) Students who have not participated in this program for two semesters (twice) in the past. (Students who have participated for only one semester are eligible.)

◆Application Deadline

Monday, February 6, 2023

◆How to Apply

An officer in charge of student exchange at partner universities should submit the following documents by email by the deadline. There is no need to send original documents to NU.

Documents to submit:

1. Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners Application Form (WORD or PDF)
2. Academic Transcript issued by home university (PDF)
3. Certificate of Enrollment issued by home university (PDF)

Submit by email to:

intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp

◆Program Period

April 2023 to August 2023 *Coinciding with NU's First (spring) Semester

※Guidance materials will be sent by email in late March, 2023.

※Make-up lessons may be scheduled during the month of August, 2023.

◆Tuition Fees

- Tuition is free.
- Students will have to pay for a textbook and shipping fee. Details will be announced after the beginning of the program.

◆Student Status at Niigata University, Evaluation, Transcript

- Students will be enrolled as “Special Auditing Student” at NU in the same manner as onshore exchange students who actually study at NU.
- Students will be evaluated according to syllabus in the same manner as onshore exchange students are. Academic transcript will be issued following the end of the program for those who have passed.
- Course names introduced in this application guideline (Gold, Silver, Green, and Blue) are nicknames; there is also an official subject name for each course. The official subject name will appear on a transcript instead of these nicknames.

◆ Summary of Courses

Please check the following website of Japanese Language Proficiency Test for your JLPT levels.
<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>

Course's Nickname	Content	Required Level of Proficiency (Textbook level)	# of lessons per week (90-min. lesson) , Total # of lessons	Class Size (# of students)	# of Credits
Gold	Practice 4 skills comprehensively (listening, reading, writing, speaking)	Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook)	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3
Silver		Aiming to pass JLPT N2 (N2-level textbook)	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3
Green		Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N4	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3
Blue	Introductory level	Complete beginner, has never learned Japanese	3 /week 45 lessons	20	3

◆ Timetable ※Japan Standard Time is used for the following schedule.

Class sessions are held three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
 Students must attend all scheduled sessions. Each session is 90-minutes long.

Spring Semester (April 2023 to August 2023)

Gold	Silver	Green	Blue
Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10	Mon 12:55-14:25 Wed 12:55-14:25 Fri 12:55-14:25	Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10
Delivered by	Delivered by	Delivered by	Delivered by
Microsoft Teams Live / Interactive	Microsoft Teams Live / Interactive	Microsoft Teams Live / Interactive	Zoom Live / Interactive

◆ How to Select a Course

- Students are allowed to select only one course. Students must attend all the scheduled sessions. Attending only certain days of the week is not acceptable.
- There will be no placement test. JLPT certificates are not required. Make sure to check the required level of proficiency and select an appropriate course.

◆ How to Conduct Lessons, Textbooks

- All lessons will be conducted online using Microsoft Teams. It is essential to have a stable internet access, and a PC/laptop/tablet with a camera and a standard audio function to allow for speaking and listening practice.
- All lessons will be synchronous and interactive. Students should be aware of the time difference with Japan.
- No videos or on-demand study resources will be available online.
- A textbook will be arranged for each course. Instruction for ordering a textbook will be sent after the start of courses. Please follow the instruction and buy a textbook.

◆ Other Notes

- The result of application will be announced in about a month following the application deadline.
- Should there be any changes to the program before its start, participating students will be notified through a coordinator in charge at their home university.

◆ Submission Email Address and Contact

International Office, Niigata University

Email: intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp