

Undergraduate Students Program [U]

The Undergraduate Students Program is a preparatory program for international students who come to Japan to study in Japanese universities on the Monbu-kagaku-sho scholarship. The program is designed to help students develop the knowledge and advanced skills in the Japanese language required for academic activities in universities.

Students are classified into the Humanities/Social Sciences and Natural Sciences Courses, according to their fields of study. All the Monbu-kagaku-sho scholars should remember that the certificate issued to them upon successfully completing this program is a prerequisite to admission to their next universities in Japan.

1. Humanities/Social Sciences Major Course [U (H/SS)]

This course is intended for students majoring in Humanities/Social Sciences. Classes of the Modern Japanese Course start from elementary level, intermediate level, to advanced level. The level from which the student will start his or her class is apt to change depending on his or her Japanese level at the beginning of April. In this course, students are required to enroll in not only Japanese Language subjects and a Japanese Cultural Background class, but also Politics & Economics and Japanese History courses.

2. Natural Sciences Major Course [U (NS)]

This course is intended for students majoring in natural sciences. Classes of the Modern Japanese Course start from elementary level, intermediate level, to advanced level. The level from which the student will start his or her class is apt to change depending on his or her Japanese level at the beginning of April. In this course, students are required to enroll in not only Japanese Language subjects and a Japanese Cultural Background class, but also Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology courses.

A. Requirements for Certificate

- (1) All the required subjects must be completed.
- (2) The minimum rate of attendance for all the required subjects and electives is 80%.
- (3) All the students must take an English placement examination in April. Depending on the results, students whose knowledge of the English language is limited should enroll in one elective English class.
- (4) All the students majoring in economics and business administration must take the mathematics elective offered for the Humanities/Social Sciences Major Course.
- (5) Examinations are held for all subjects and must be taken during the scheduled examination terms in September, December and March. For the examination terms, see the Academic Calendar.

The average marks of the scheduled examinations must not be lower than 60%.

1. Humanities/Social Sciences Major Course [U(H/SS)]

Category	Course			Minimum class hours		
Required	Japanese	Modern Japanese* (Elementary/ Intermediate/ Advanced)	SP	10	11	16 - 19
		Conversation	CONV	1		
	Japanese Cultural Background		JC	1		
	Politics & Economics		POLI	2		
	Japanese History		HIST	2		
Electives**	Mathematics for H/SS Course		MATH	2		
	English		ENG	1		

* Modern Japanese Course

- (1) Students will study Elementary Japanese, Intermediate Japanese and Advanced Japanese. The level of Japanese students will study shall be based according to the student's degree of Japanese proficiency as of April.
- (2) The Advanced Modern Japanese Course contains the following subjects: Advanced Grammar (SP), Advanced Kanji (K), Advanced Reading (RDG), Advanced Composition (COMP) & Academic Writing, Listening Comprehension (LIS) & Academic Listening, and Academic Oral Presentation.
- (3) Some classes will also learn Classical Japanese & Literature and Classical Chinese (Kanbun). Some of the Japanese subjects are electively required and students can substitute electives offered by the Japanese Studies Program ([J] Program) for them, if permitted by their advisor.

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		Conversation	CONV	1		
	Japanese Cultural Background		JC	1		
	Mathematics for NS Course		MATH	2		
	Chemistry		CHEM	2		
Required Electives	Physics		PHYS	2		
	Biology		BIOL	2		
Electives**	English		ENG	1		

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B. Description of Required Subjects

[Japanese Language Subjects]

Conversation [CONV]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Designed to help students develop comprehensive communicative skills in Japanese necessary for campus life, with emphasis on speaking and listening.

Modern Japanese: Elementary Japanese [SP]

Ten class hours per week (90 min. × 10)

Prerequisite: Syllabus courses in modern Japanese (e.g. Hiragana and Katakana classes provided at the beginning of the semester)

Fundamentals of modern Japanese, including grammar (about 200 sentence patterns), vocabulary (about 4,000 words), present-day Japanese writing system and essential Kanji (about 600 Chinese characters), with emphasis on four basic language skills: reading and listening comprehension, speaking, and writing. Small tests of the vocabulary, rhetorical expressions, and Kanji covered in class will be given at the end of every lesson.

Modern Japanese: Intermediate Japanese [SP]

Ten class hours per week (90 min. × 10)

Designed to develop sophisticated skills in modern Japanese through practice and analysis of about 250 basic sentence patterns and 5,000 essential words, with emphasis on reading comprehension and writing. Small tests of the vocabulary and rhetorical expressions covered in class will be given at the end of every lesson.

Modern Japanese: Advanced Japanese [SP]

Ten class hours per week (90 min. × 10)

• Grammar

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

This class offers a study of advanced grammatical terms and word composition for the development of vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Designed to develop practical grammatical skills using material from newspaper and novels, with emphasis on conventional expressions and commonly used idioms.

Textbook: *Jokyu Nihongo* [Advanced Japanese], 2nd ed., CJLC, 2001

• Kanji

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Designed to enhance knowledge of the structure of Kanji and combinations of Kanji, with focus on (1) analysis of structural patterns of Kanji combinations, (2) intensive study of Kanji combinations not covered in elementary and intermediate Japanese classes, and (3) introduction to the rules of reading Kanji. This class is designed so that the students will master 2000 'Joyo Kanji' through practice in reading and writing Kanji as well as quizzes on Kanji.

• Academic Reading

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Designed to strengthen practical rapid reading skills required for study in Japanese universities. Various types of writing such as essays and criticism will be used, and reading ability will be improved through the intensive and extensive reading of books from a diverse range.

Listening and Aural Comprehension [LIS]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Designed to develop and improve the skill to recognize necessary and appropriate information from the diverse data captured by the ears.

• Academic Listening

One to two class hours per week (90 min. × 1 ~ 2)

Designed to help students to develop the listening comprehension required for study in Japanese universities, with emphasis on the ability to: (1) understand lectures given in Japanese at natural speed to Japanese students, as well as oral presentation given in seminar classes; (2) write down necessary information on a notebook while listening to the lectures; and (3) give answers to examination questions based on the information noted down.

Textbook: *Kogi-chokai mondaishu* [Academic Listening], CJLC, 2004

- **Academic Writing**

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Designed to help students to develop basic composition skills required for compilation of papers or reports in Japanese universities. Practice in writing an essay on a theme set by each student, with emphasis on study of the grammatical structures, rhetorical techniques and forms of academic writing.

- **Academic Oral Presentation**

One to two class hours per week (90 min. × 1 ~ 2)

Designed to help students to acquire basic oral presentation skills in Japanese required for study in Japanese universities. Each student makes a presentation on a theme, and asks and answers questions. Emphasis on study of rhetorical expressions and development of a theory for oral presentation.

Classical Japanese and Literature [SP]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Study of Classical Japanese grammar, lexicon and phonology to enable students to read works of Japanese classical literature. General survey of Japanese classical literature from early times to the Edo period.

Textbook: *Kobun nyumon* [Introduction to Classical Japanese], CJLC, 2003.

Kanbun [SP]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Introduction to Kanbun (Japanese literary rendering of classical Chinese). Practice in reading and translating Chinese classics. Designed to familiarize students with the Chinese literary/cultural heritage through selected classical works, with emphasis on analysis of their influences on Japanese language and culture.

Textbook: *Kanbun nyumon* [Introduction to Kanbun], CJLC, 2002.

Introductory Classical Japanese and Kanbun [SP]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Introduction to Classical Japanese and Kanbun (Japanese literary rendering of classical Chinese). Designed to familiarize students with Japanese and Chinese classical literary works.

Textbook: *Kobun nyumon* [Introduction to Classical Japanese], CJLC, 2003.

Kanbun nyumon [Introduction to Kanbun], CJLC, 2002.

[Required Subjects Other Than Japanese Language]

Japanese Cultural Background [JC]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

General survey of Japanese culture and a comprehensive introduction to everyday life in Japan. Designed to help students understand both the Japanese way of thinking and various aspects of Japanese society.

Politics and Economics (for H/SS students) [POLI]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2) ,

Study of politics and economics required for admission to Japanese universities. General survey of the Japanese economy and Japanese government politics, with emphasis on study of the technical terms and major rhetorical expressions found in this field. Topics include Japanese political system, the Constitution of Japan, Japanese economy and relative microeconomics and macroeconomics, and some environmental problems. This class is designed to nurture the understanding of textbooks on politics and economics, and furthermore the ability to read literature, understand lectures as well as the ability to have discussions in Japanese through the comprehension of technical terms in Japanese.

Textbooks: *Introducing Japanese Politics for Foreign Students*, CJLC, 2001.

Introducing Japanese Economy for Foreign Students, CJLC, 2002.

Japanese History (for H/SS students) [HIST]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Study of history required for admission to Japanese universities. General survey of Japanese history from prehistoric to present time, with emphasis on study of the technical terms and major rhetorical expressions found in this field. With focus on the events and issues from the Azuchi-Momoyama era to modern times, topics include creation of a unified state, Japan's modernization and contemporary issues. Furthermore, in addition to designated textbooks, material will be distributed as seen fit, thus enhancing the content of the course.

Textbook: *Japanese History for Foreign Students*, CJLC, 2006.

Mathematics for Natural Sciences Course (for NS students) [MATH]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Study of mathematics required for admission to Japanese universities, with emphasis on the mathematical way of thinking and the technical terms and major rhetorical expressions found in this field. Topics include: sets, equations, inequalities, figures, mappings, coordinates, graphs, transformations, radian system, functions, analytic geometry, sequences, series, mathematical induction, binomial theorem and limits.

Chemistry (for NS students) [CHEM]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Study of chemistry required for admission to Japanese universities, with emphasis on Japanese chemical terminology, names of elements and chemical compounds, and the technical terms and major rhetorical expressions found in this field. Topics include: the composition of matter, periodicity of chemical properties, chemical reaction calculations, atomic and molecular structure and bonding.

Experiments will be conducted.

Physics (for NS students) [PHYS]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Study of physics required for admission to Japanese universities, with emphasis on the technical terms and major rhetorical expressions found in this field. Topics include: classical dynamics, wave mechanics, electricity, old quantum mechanics, electromagnetics and solid state physics.

Students are required to conduct experiments necessary to acquiring knowledge of physics.

Biology (for NS students) [BIOL]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Study of biology required for admission to Japanese universities, with emphasis on biological knowledge, Japanese biological terminology and expression. Topics include: the function and structure of cells, reproduction and development, the laws of heredity, biotechnology, biocenosis and ecosystem.

Experiments will be conducted in order to acquire biological knowledge.

C. Electives

[Japanese Language]

Advanced Reading [RDG]

Develop reading comprehension skills through intensive and extensive readings in specific fields. Designed to familiarize students with the technical terms and expressions with the aim of developing knowledge required for academic activities in Japanese universities.

[Subjects Other Than Japanese Language]

Mathematics for H/SS Course [MATH]

Two class hours per week (90 min. × 2)

Elective Mathematics for students majoring in economics and business administration. Study of mathematics required for admission to Japanese universities. Topics include: algebra, linear and quadratic equations, combinatorics, probability, differential calculus, integral calculus and analytic geometry. Emphasis on studying the fundamental terms and major rhetorical expressions found in this field.

English [ENG]

One class hour per week (90 min. × 1)

Elective English.

English class required on the basis of English placement test results.

Study of English required for admission to Japanese universities. Practice in reading and writing English, translating passages from Japanese to English, and vice versa.

D. Entrance into University

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbu-kagaku-sho) will decide on the university to which a student should apply for admission in consultation with the university concerned. The student's choice, academic achievement at this Center, the capacity of the university concerned and other factors will be taken into consideration in making this decision.

The student will apply for admission to the university on the basis of the above decision and be admitted to the university after passing the entrance examination required by the university.