

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. Each course is further divided into two levels: elementary [UE] and advanced [UA]. 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 Elementary Course [UE (H/SS)]

This course is intended for students majoring in Humanities/Social Sciences who have never studied Japanese or who, after some initial instruction, still find themselves unfamiliar with it and need some more basic classroom work. They are expected to attain a sufficient degree of proficiency in Japanese for their continued research and also gain an overall perspective of contemporary Japanese culture. 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. Humanities/Social Sciences Major Advanced Course [UA(H/SS)]

This course is intended for students majoring in humanities/social sciences who have studied Japanese for at least 400 hours and are basically familiar with the sentence patterns and vocabulary found in elementary to intermediate level textbooks (e.g. *Japanese for Today*, Gakken). The students are also expected to have no difficulty with the 'Kyoiku Kanji' (some 1,000 Chinese characters introduced in elementary education in Japan.) The instruction is given in Japanese. 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.

3. Natural Sciences Major Elementary Course [UE (NS)]

This course is intended for students majoring in natural sciences who have never studied Japanese or who, after some initial instruction, still find themselves unfamiliar with it and need some more basic classroom work. They are expected to attain a sufficient degree of proficiency in Japanese for their continued research and also gain an overall perspective of contemporary Japanese culture. In this course, students are required to enroll in not only Japanese Language subjects and a Japanese Cultural Background class, but also Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry courses.

4. Natural Sciences Major Advanced Course [UA (NS)]

This course is intended for students majoring in natural sciences who have studied Japanese for at least 400 hours and are basically familiar with the sentence patterns and vocabulary found in elementary to intermediate level textbooks (e.g. Japanese for Today, Gakken). The students are also expected to have no difficulty with the 'Kyoiku Kanji' (some 1,000 Chinese characters introduced in elementary education in Japan.) The instruction is given in Japanese. In this course, students are required to enroll in not only Japanese Language subjects and a Japanese Cultural Background class, but also Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry 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 [UE (H/SS)] and [UA(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, Academic Oral Presentation.
- (3) Students in the Advanced Japanese (UA) course will also learn Classical Japanese & Literature and Classical Chinese (Kanbun). Some of the Japanese subjects for the UA course are compulsory electives and students can substitute electives offered by the Japanese Studies Program ([J] Program) for UA compulsory electives, if permitted by their advisor.

** In the fall semester (October—March), students can take electives offered by the Japanese Studies Program ([J] Program), if permitted by the advisor.

2. Natural Sciences Major Course [UE (NS)] and [UA (NS)]

Category	Course			Minimum class hours		
Required	Japanese	Modern Japanese* (Elementary/ Intermediate/ Advanced)	SP	10	11	18 - 19
		Conversation	CONV	1		
	Japanese Cultural Background		JC	1		
	Mathematics for NS Course		MATH	2		
	Chemistry		CHEM	2		
	Physics		PHYS	2		
Electives**	English		ENG	1		

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B. Description of Required Subjects

1. Elementary Courses [UE (H/SS)], [UE (NS)]

[Japanese Language Subjects]

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.

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: Advanced Japanese [SP]

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

• Grammar

One class hour per week (90 min. ×1)

Designed to develop practical grammatical skills using material from newspaper and novels, with emphasis on conventional expressions and commonly used idioms.

• 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.

• Academic Reading

Two class hours per week (90 min. ×2)

Designed to strengthen practical rapid reading skills required for study in Japanese universities, and improve the ability to read and understand various types of writing including essays and criticism.

• Academic Listening

Two class hours per week (90 min. ×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.

• 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

Two class hours per week (90 min. ×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.

[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.

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.

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, electro-magnetics and solid state physics.

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

2. Advanced Course [UA(H/SS)], [UA(NS)]

[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.

Advanced Listening and Aural Comprehension [LIS]

One class hour per week (90 min. ×1)

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

Advanced Kanji [K]

One class hour per week (90 min. ×1)

Designed to master the 'Joyo Kanji,' Chinese characters in common use (about 2,000 Kanji). Practice in reading and writing Kanji with attention to meanings, readings, and combinations of Kanji. Small tests of Kanji will be given every week.

Advanced Composition [COMP]

Two class hours per week (90 min. ×2)

Development of composition skills with focus on the writing process, grammatical structures, rhetorical techniques found in academic writing, and studying major forms of academic writing.

Advanced Japanese Grammar [SP]

One class hour per week (90 min. ×1)

Study of advanced grammatical terms and word composition, for the development of vocabulary and reading comprehension skills.

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

Advanced Reading [RDG]

One-three class hours per week (90 min. ×1-3)

Develop reading comprehension skills through intensive and extensive readings in diverse areas.

Textbook: *Nihongo-jokyu-gakushusha-no-tame-no sokudoku-reishu-yo dokkai-kyozai*

[Practice in speed reading for advanced learners of Japanese], rev. ed., CJLC, 2001.

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.

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 a paper on a theme set by each student, with emphasis on studying the grammatical structures, rhetorical techniques and forms of academic writing.

Academic Listening

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

Designed to help students develop 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 presentations given in seminar classes; (2) write down necessary information in a notebook while listening to lectures; and (3) give answers to examination questions based on the information noted down.

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

Academic Oral Presentation

Two class hours per week (90 min. ×2)

Designed to help students acquire basic skills of oral presentation 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 rhetoric expressions and development of a theory for oral presentation.

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Experiments will be conducted.

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C. Electives

1. Elementary Course and Advanced Course: Common Subjects [UE/UA]

[Subjects Other Than Japanese Language]

Mathematics for H/SS Course [MATH]

Two class hours per week (90 min. $\times 2$)

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. $\times 1$)

Elective English.

English class required on the basis of Center 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.

2. Advanced Course [UA]

[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.

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.