

# PROGRAM OUTLINE

## Qualifications

Applicants must have completed 12 years of education or be a university student (or have equivalent qualifications).

## Purpose of the Program

This program aims to develop participants’ Japanese language proficiency and cultural competency via practical exercises/activities that foster language acquisition. Students will have opportunities to converse with Japanese students (“class visitors”) and give presentations in Japanese in order to improve their working knowledge of the language.

## Overview of Classes

To ensure that teachers are able to provide personal feedback to each student, the class sizes are purposely made small (averaging 10 students per class). Class size is subject to change depending on the results of the online pre-arrival placement tests.

\*Classes are primarily held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. (four periods composed of four successive 50 minute sessions) Monday through Friday.



### EXAMPLE CLASS LEVELS (12-Week Fall Term Course)

Level	Objectives	Class Content
<b>J1A</b> (Introductory Level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•To be able to participate in simple daily conversation</li><li>•To be able to talk about oneself and one’s home country</li><li>•To deepen one’s understanding of Japanese culture</li><li>•To be able to read hiragana and katakana</li><li>•To be able to recognize about 1000 vocabulary words and 100 kanji</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Basic grammar for studying introductory level grammar</li><li>•Pronunciation, writing, and basic vocabulary</li><li>•Reading and writing simple sentences</li><li>•Listening and speaking</li><li>•Understanding Japanese culture</li></ul>
<b>J1B/J1C</b> (Beginner Level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•To be able to engage in basic daily conversation</li><li>•To be able to discuss topics of interest</li><li>•To deepen one’s understanding of Japanese culture</li><li>•To be able to recognize about 1,500 vocabulary words and 250 kanji</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Introductory level grammar points</li><li>•Pronunciation, vocabulary, and kanji</li><li>•Reading and writing simple paragraphs</li><li>•Listening and speaking</li><li>•Understanding Japanese culture</li></ul>
<b>J2</b> (Lower Intermediate Level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•To be able to discuss topics of interest and express one’s opinion using complex sentences</li><li>•To deepen one’s understanding of Japanese culture</li><li>•To be able to recognize about 3,000 vocabulary words and 500 kanji</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Identify and expand one’s knowledge of basic grammar points</li><li>•Pronunciation, vocabulary, and kanji</li><li>•Read and write slightly more sophisticated paragraphs</li><li>•Listening and speaking</li><li>•Conduct research and give presentations in Japanese</li><li>•Understanding Japanese culture</li></ul>
<b>J3</b> (Intermediate Level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•To be able to summarize and express one’s ideas and opinions</li><li>•To deepen one’s understanding of Japanese culture</li><li>•To be able to recognize about 5,000 vocabulary words and 900 kanji</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Slightly more sophisticated grammar points and expressions</li><li>•Read short stories and essays</li><li>•Listening, speaking, and writing</li><li>•Conduct research and give presentations in Japanese</li><li>•Understanding Japanese culture</li></ul>
<b>J4</b> (Advanced Level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•To be able to communicate a summary of what one has read or heard using materials such as newspapers, etc.</li><li>•To deepen one’s understanding of Japanese culture</li><li>•To be able to recognize about 8,000 vocabulary words and 1,400 kanji</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Understanding how to structure logical writing and speeches</li><li>•Read simple newspaper articles</li><li>•Listening, speaking, and writing</li><li>•Conduct research and give presentations in Japanese</li><li>•Understanding Japanese culture</li></ul>
<b>J5</b> (Upper Advanced Level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•To be able to summarize what one has read or heard using materials such as newspapers, books, videos etc. and deliver an opinion based on the content</li><li>•To deepen one’s understanding of Japanese culture</li><li>•To be able to recognize about 10,000 vocabulary words and 2,000 kanji</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Understanding how to structure writing and speeches</li><li>•Read newspaper articles</li><li>•Listening, speaking, and writing</li><li>•Conduct research and give presentations in Japanese</li><li>•Understanding Japanese culture</li></ul>

\*Applicants are requested to learn hiragana (one of the Japanese alphabets) prior to participating in the program

## Placement Tests

Along with the online pre-arrival placement tests, participants will be given a second placement test upon arriving at Senshu University in order to ensure they are placed in the appropriate class level.

## Class Style

Each class level has multiple teachers who rotate throughout the week, enabling students to learn through various teaching methods.

\*Classes also incorporate field trips to places of cultural interest.

## Completion Certificates & Grade Reports

Certificates and Grade Reports are given to those who satisfactorily complete the required program tasks and assignments.

