

Hokuriku University Japanese Language Course

The Japanese Language Course at Hokuriku University was established in 1994 with the purpose of teaching practical Japanese language and culture, and to foster internationally minded scholars. It is an intensive course designed for those who wish to improve their Japanese language skills with the purpose of entering a Japanese university or graduate school, or who simply want to brush up on their Japanese and be able to experience life in Japan.

Students can commence in April or September and study from a minimum of six months to a maximum of two years.



Library



Cafeteria



Gymnasium



Tea Ceremony

Education

Japanese Language

Equal emphasis is placed on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Specialist classes such as grammar, composition, conversation and hearing, and test preparation are also included in the curriculum.

Japanese Culture

Students also participate in numerous cultural activities such as the tea ceremony, gold leaf craft and various study tours to help them with their knowledge of Japanese society and culture.

Homeroom

Seminars explaining the procedures required to live in Japan and consultation sessions are also provided to help students settle in as quickly as possible.

Elective Subjects

Elective classes such as Kanji reading and writing as well as information processing are offered.

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:20~10:20	Grammar & Reading	Grammar & Reading	Writing	Grammar & Reading	Grammar & Reading
10:30~11:30	Test Preparation	Test Preparation	Conversation & Listening	Test Preparation	Test Preparation
11:40~12:40	Conversation & Listening	Conversation & Listening	Homeroom	Conversation & Listening	Writing
13:40~14:40 ※13:40~15:10	Writing	※Elective Subjects	※Elective Subjects	Japanese Culture	※Elective Subjects

Yearly Schedule

Spring Semester: Early April ~ Early August

- Japanese Recitation Contest

Autumn Semester: Early September ~ Late January

- Study Trip - Japanese Language Contest



Career Path

The majority of students who have completed the Japanese Language course at Hokuriku University further their studies by entering a Japanese university at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Between 2008 and 2011, a total of 214 students advanced onto various higher education institutes in Japan: Graduate universities (14), Universities (175), Colleges (1), Vocational institutes (24).

Scholarships

Scholarships are provided to a limited number of students each year.

- Japan Student Services Organisation Scholarship: 48,000 yen/month

- Ishikawa Prefectural Scholarship: 20,000 yen/month

- Hokuriku University Scholarship: 100,000 yen/year

Lifestyle

- Living costs including rent on average are 70,000 yen/month

- Accommodation such as university dorms, apartments, and the international students house run by Ishikawa Prefecture are available

- Students are allowed to work part time for a maximum of 28 hours/week during semesters and a maximum of 8 hours/day during the holiday period

- Teaching and administrative staff at Hokuriku University are on hand to help students with any lifestyle matters

Kanazawa City

Kanazawa City (population of 460,000 people) is the capital of Ishikawa Prefecture. Sometimes referred to as "Little Kyoto," Kanazawa has preserved its old architecture and townscape along with its traditions and culture. At the same time, it has a vibrant and modern central shopping district. Blessed with beautiful natural scenery, locals enjoy a wide variety of activities all year round. The area is also famous for its natural hot springs and exquisite cuisine. Kanazawa City Homepage: www4.city.kanazawa.lg.jp



Downtown Area



Kenrokuen Garden



Kanazawa Castle



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa



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