

# Hokuriku University Japanese Language Course

The Japanese language course at Hokuriku University is situated in Kanazawa city. Founded in 1994, This course aims to teach both practical Japanese language skills and cultural understanding, nurturing students with an international perspective who can make meaningful contributions to society. Our program caters to international students wishing to enter Japanese universities, vocational schools, or graduate programs, as well as those simply seeking to improve their Japanese proficiency or immerse themselves in Japanese life. Enrollment is open in April and September, offering flexible durations ranging from six months to a maximum of two years.



◆ **CAPACITY**      Preparatory Education Course      80 students  
                          Partner School Exchange Course      70 students

## ◆ EDUCATION

### Japanese Language

There are classes for each level. 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 cultural activities such as the tea ceremony, gold leaf craft and numerous study tours to help deepen their knowledge of Japanese society and culture.

### Home Room

Sessions are held to explain the procedures required to live in Japan and students can consult with lecturers regarding any problems they have with their studies or day-to-day life in Japan.

### Elective Subjects

We have classes on preparing for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test and writing research plans for those wishing to enter graduate school. Kanji classes are offered for students from non-kanji backgrounds.

### Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09 : 15 ~ 10 : 45	Reading	Reading	Reading	Writing	Writing
11 : 00 ~ 12 : 30	Conversation & listening	Home Room	Japanese culture	Conversation & listening	Listening for JLPT
13 : 20 ~ 14 : 50	Research plan preparation	General exercises	Kanji studies	General exercises	Research plan preparation

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## ◆ ANNUAL SCHEDULE

Spring semester:    Early April to early August  
                                  Japanese lang. contest, study trip  
 Fall semester:      Late September to early February  
                                  Japanese lang. contest, study trip



## ◆ CAREER PATHS

- ◎ Students who completed the Japanese language course at HU have advanced to vocational courses, undergraduate and graduate degrees in universities throughout Japan including Hokuriku University  
 2023: Graduate studies: 1 student, Undergraduate studies: 34 students (28 students transferred to HU, 2 students entered as 1<sup>st</sup> year and 4 students entered other universities)
- ◎ Students who completed the course return to their home countries to continue their previous studies or work, or go on to further education or find new employment opportunities

## ◆ SCHOLARSHIPS

- There are various scholarships available such as:
- ◎ MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students: 48,000 yen/month
  - ◎ Ishikawa Prefectural Scholarship: 20,000 yen/month
  - ◎ Hokuriku University Scholarship for International Students: 20,000 yen/6-months

## ◆ LIFE IN KANAZAWA

- ◎ Living expenses in Kanazawa is approximately 60,000 ~ 80,000 yen/month including rent
- ◎ We will introduce you to accommodation options such as the university dormitory, nearby apartments, and the Ishikawa International Students House
- ◎ Students can work part-time a maximum of 28 hours/week during semesters and 8 hours/day (40-hours/week) during holidays after receiving permission to engage in activity other than that permitted under the status of residence
- ◎ Japanese language teachers and staff from the International Exchange Center will be available to provide advice on studying and daily life matters

## ◆ ABOUT KANAZAWA CITY

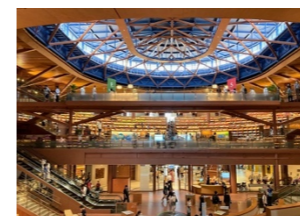
Kanazawa City (population 460,000 people) is the capital of Ishikawa Prefecture. Sometimes referred to as "Little Kyoto," Kanazawa has a strong samurai culture and has preserved its wonderful architecture and townscape along with its traditions and culture. The Hokuriku Shinkansen commenced operations in March 2015 and the National Crafts Museum was relocated from Tokyo to Kanazawa in October 2020. This has made Kanazawa one of the most popular tourist destinations in Japan. Blessed with beautiful natural scenery, famous hot springs and exquisite cuisine, Kanazawa can be enjoyed all-year round. Kanazawa is safe and the cost of living is reasonable. Kanazawa City: [www4.city.kanazawa.lg.jp](http://www4.city.kanazawa.lg.jp)



Downtown area



Kanazawa Castle



Ishikawa Prefectural Library



21<sup>st</sup> Century Museum

