

Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners

Application Guideline for Fall 2021

Niigata University (NU) will continue to offer Special Online Program for Japanese language learners for Fall 2021. The program is designed for students who will learn remotely from their home country. If your schedule meets ours, apply now!

(Apply through a coordinator of your university; direct application by individual students will not be accepted.)

◆Eligibility

Students who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to apply.

- (1) The applicant is currently enrolled as a degree-seeking student in a university with which Niigata University has concluded a student exchange agreement (hereinafter referred to as “partner university”). (In light of the principle of student exchange, students who will be enrolled in, and pay tuition fees to, partner university during their intended study period are eligible. Students who will have graduated from partner universities by the end of the Program at Niigata University are not eligible.)
- (2) Students who have the appropriate level of Japanese language proficiency required in each subject shown below.

◆Application Deadline

Submit documents to the coordinator of your home university by May 20, 2020.

◆Documents to be submitted

- ① Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners 2021 Application Form (WORD or PDF)
- ② Academic Transcript issued by home university (PDF)
- ③ Certificate of Enrollment issued by home university (PDF)

◆Program Period

October 2021 to February 2022 *Coinciding with NU’s First (Fall) Semester

※Pre-orientation will be scheduled online in late September.

※Make-up lessons may be scheduled during the month of February, 2022.

◆Course Summary

Check for JLPT levels: <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>

Course Name	Content	Required Level of Proficiency (Textbook level)	# of lessons per week (90-min. lesson) , Total # of lessons	Class Size (# of students)	# of Credits
Platinum	Exam Preparation for JLPT N1	Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook)	2 / week 30 lessons approx.	20	2
Gold	Practice 4 skills comprehensively (listening, reading, writing, speaking)	Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook)	3 /week 45 lessons approx.	30	3
Silver		Aiming to pass JLPT N2 (N2-level textbook)	3 /week 45 lessons approx.	30	3
Bronze		Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N3	3 /week 45 lessons approx.	30	3
Green		Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N4	3 /week 45 lessons approx.	30	3

◆How to Select a Course

- Students are allowed to select only one course.
- There will be no placement test. JLPT certificates are not required. Make sure to check the required level of proficiency and select an appropriate course.
- Students must attend all the scheduled lessons. Attending only certain days of the week is not acceptable.

◆How lessons are conducted, Textbooks

- All lessons will be conducted online (The kind of software will be announced at a later date). It is essential to have a stable internet access, and a PC/laptop/tablet with a camera and a standard audio function to allow for speaking and listening practice.
- All lessons will be synchronous and interactive. Students should be aware of the time difference with Japan.
- No videos or recorded materials of lessons will be available online.
- A textbook will be arranged for each course.

◆Timetable ※Japan Standard Time is used for the following schedule.

Fall Semester (October to February)

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Green
Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10 Wed 14:40-16:10 Fri 14:40-16:10

◆Program Tuition

Free of charge (However, students must pay for a textbook. The price will be announced at a later date.)

◆Student Status at Niigata University, Evaluation, Transcript

- Students will be enrolled as “Special Auditing Student” at NU in the same manner as onshore exchange students who actually study at NU.
- Students will be evaluated according to syllabus in the same manner as onshore exchange students are. Academic transcript will be issued following the end of the program.

◆Other Notes

- Any additional information regarding this program will be posted online at the following website:
<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/study/japanese-language/special-online/>
- The result of application will be announced in about two months following the application deadline.

◆Submission Email Address and Contact

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