

Hokuriku University (Ishikawa)



Proven track record in educating international students

Learning Japanese language and culture in the historically rich and beautiful city of Kanazawa, a place where tradition meets creativity

■ University Overview

① History

Outline of Hokuriku University

Hokuriku University was established in 1975 with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences under the founding principle of “to love nature, respect life and seek the truth.”

As of 2017, the university is made up of the faculties of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Health & Medical Sciences, International Communication, Economics and Management, and School of Future Learning with the mission of realising a healthy society and nurturing students who are able to contribute to this mission.

The International Exchange Centre was established in 1993 and in the following year, the Japanese Language Course opened its doors welcoming students from around the world.

In 2014, we formulated the “International Vision of Hokuriku University” outlining the mid to long term plans for the further internationalisation and growth of the university.



International Exchange Centre (IEC)

The International Exchange Centre (IEC) carries out a wide variety of exchange programs with universities around the world. We have partner agreements with universities in England, USA, New Zealand, Spain, Russia, Australia, Mongolia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, China and Korea, as well as sending students to Germany and receiving students from partner universities.

IEC with its Japanese and international staff, are available for all students providing advice on foreign language learning, studying abroad or for simply planning an overseas trip. We also organize numerous long-term study abroad trips as well as short-term cultural trips for all students.

② International Exchange

Overseas sister and partner universities: 60

③ Total number of international students who have studied at Hokuriku University past 3 years:
2019: 359 (MEXT Japanese Studies Students: 2)
(Embassy recommendation: 1, Uni. recommendation: 1)
2018: 381 (MEXT Japanese Studies Student: 1)
2017: 434 (MEXT Japanese Studies Student: 1)

④ City of Kanazawa

The city of Kanazawa (pop. 460,000) 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.

In 2015, The Hokuriku Shinkansen commenced operations and Kanazawa is now one of the most popular tourist destinations in Japan. Blessed with beautiful beaches and the Hakusan mountain range, people can enjoy a wide variety of activities all year round. The area is also famous for its hot springs. With the cost of living relatively low and high level of public safety, Kanazawa is an ideal place to study and live.





■ Study・Course Outline

① Study・Course Objectives

(b) Course to mainly improve Japanese language

The course objective is to improve the Japanese language proficiency with additional studies in Japanese culture and issues.

② Study・Course Features

The Japanese Language Course at Hokuriku University was established 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.

③ Intake

Embassy recommendation: 5 students

University recommendation: 5 students

④ Applicant Requirements

All applicants should have at least a Japanese language level equivalent to N4 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

⑤ Achievement Objectives

Depending on the language level at the start of the course, students should be able to complete with a language level equivalent to N3 ~ N1 on the JLPT.

⑥ Course Period (Enrollment Period)

Admission: Mid Sept. 2020 ~ Late Aug. 2021

Completion ceremony will be held in August

(The ceremony was held on 31 Aug. for 2019)

⑦ MEXT Scholarship Payment Period

October 2020 ~ August 2021

⑧ Yearly Schedule

September Arrival into Japan (For 2019: 11th Sept.)

Autumn Semester Entrance Ceremony

Start of Autumn Semester

October University Festival

November Japanese Cultural Study Trip

December Japanese Language Proficiency Test

Japanese Speech Contest

Japanese Language Course Party

January Autumn Semester Final Examinations

April Spring Semester Commences

May Japanese Cultural Activity (Spring)

June Study Field trip

July Japanese Language Proficiency Test

Japanese Language Recital Contest

Spring Semester Final Examinations

Beach Day

August Completion Ceremony

Return home

	9:15~ 10:45	11:00~ 12:30	13:20~ 14:50	15:05~ 16:35
Mon	Written Expression	Conversation & Listening	Vocabulary & Kanji, JLPT preparation (Listening)	
Tue	Japanese Integrated Studies	Seminar	JLPT Preparation (Grammar)	■ English, ■ Specialised Seminar, ■ Research Proposal Preparation
Wed	Vocabulary & Kanji	Grammar・Reading	Japanese Culture	Specialised Seminar (Language・Culture)
Thu	Japanese Integrated Studies	Grammar・Reading	■Vocab & Kanji, ■JLPT preparation (Listening) ■JLPT Preparation (Grammar)	Specialised Seminar (Economics & Management)
Fri	Conversation & Listening	Grammar・Reading	■Vocabulary & Kanji, ■Research Proposal Preparation	English



⑨ Completion Requirements

Students who have studied for at least one-year and obtain at least 30 credits will receive a Japanese Language Course for International Students Completion Certificate.

⑩ Study・Course Teaching Structure

1) Study・Course Characteristics

You will be attend the same classes as students on the Japanese Language Course. All classes are held in Japanese and after taking a placement test, you will be placed in the appropriate class. Advanced students can also attend faculty subjects as auditing students. In addition, we assist students who are in interested in studying at graduate school and need help preparing their research proposal or dissertation.

2) Study・Course Subjects

(1) Compulsory Subjects

・ Japanese Language Subjects [810 min/week]
Equal emphasis is placed on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Preparatory lessons for various examinations are also offered.

・ Japanese Culture [90min/week]

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

• Japanese Issues Seminar [90min/week]
Seminars explaining the procedures required to live in Japan and consultation sessions relating to life in Japan are provided.

II) Elective Subjects

Vocabulary & Kanji / English / Research proposal writing / JLPT N1 preparation / Specialised seminars (Each 90 mins/week)

Various elective subjects are offered for students wishing to enter graduate school or pass the JLPT exam and/or EJU exam (Examination for Japanese Universities).

3) Study subjects for community exchange & site visits

- Japanese Issues (90 minutes/week)
Visits to Yuwaku Hot Springs, Himuro Icehouse, Gold-leaf workshop and hands-on experience, waste management centre, making Wagashi Japanese sweets etc.

4) Joint-study classes with Japanese faculty students

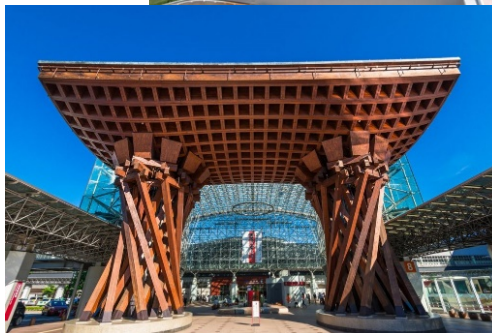
- Japanese Language Class (Conversation and listening)

Language exchange classes and joint activities with faculty students.

⑪ Teaching Faculty

All students are enrolled in the Japanese Language Course at Hokuriku University. Each student will have their own teaching supervisor where you will receive advice on study methods, research work as well as life in general in Japan.

Shojiro Kasahara, Professor
Shizu Tsukuda, Associate Professor
Ayako Sasaki, Associate Professor
Minato Ishizu, Senior Lecturer and others



■ Housing

Students have the option of staying at the university dormitory or apartments located close by. There is also the Ishikawa International Students House managed by Ishikawa Prefecture available to international students.

Apartments introduced by the university cost between 25,000 to 30,000 yen per month. When renting such apartments, a charge of approximately 40,000 yen is required to pay for deposit and key money. The university will act as guarantor for the students. The average living costs including rent is around 70,000 yen/month.

■ Follow-up for graduates

Students can access the International Exchange Centre at Hokuriku University on Facebook to keep up with current events and news from the university.

■ Inquiries

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