

**CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES**  
***Japanese Language Placement Test***  
**AY 2024-2025 Semester 2**

<b>Test ONE</b>	<p><b><u>Registration:</u></b> 2 Dec, Mon 10am – 12 Dec, Thu 11.59pm  <b><u>Written Test:</u></b> 14 Dec, Sat – 16 Dec, Mon, 11.59pm  <b>Students may take the online written test at any time during the above period without invigilation.</b>  <b><u>Oral Test:</u></b> 19 Dec, Thu 9am – 1pm  <b><u>Result:</u></b> 24 Dec, Tue 11am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are unable to attend the placement test due to an official reason, please provide documentary proof to Ms Tiew Chieu Lin at <a href="mailto:tiewcl@nus.edu.sg">tiewcl@nus.edu.sg</a>. You will also need to contact the LAJ course coordinator(s) and ask if a supplementary placement test is available.</li> <li>• If it becomes clear in the course that a student has greater knowledge or background of Japanese language than what the student has previously declared, <b>the Centre for Language Studies reserves the right to remove the student from the class and the course with an appropriate penalty (W or F grade).</b></li> </ul>
<b>Test TWO</b>	<p><b><u>Registration:</u></b> 16 Dec, Mon 10am – 26 Dec, Thu 11.59pm  <b><u>Written Test:</u></b> 28 Dec, Sat – 1 Jan 2025, Wed 11.59pm  <b>Students may take the online written test at any time during the above period without invigilation.</b>  <b><u>Oral Test:</u></b> 6 Jan 2025, Mon 9am – 1pm  <b><u>Result:</u></b> 7 Jan 2025, Tue 11am</p>	
<b>Venue</b>	<p>Both the Written Test and Oral Test will be conducted <b>ONLINE</b>. You will be informed of your oral interview time and link <u>in the late afternoon before the oral test date</u>. Please make yourself available from 9am to 1pm on the test date.</p>	

# GUIDELINES

• You are required to take the placement test if you are able to read and write/type Hiragana and Katakana characters and to form simple sentences.

• A student (SEP, Cross-Faculty, FASS and other institutions) who studied Japanese language outside of NUS including 'O', 'AO' level, private schools and self-study is required to take the Placement Test to determine his/her language proficiency and to read a higher-level Japanese language course.

• A student enrolled in the course who is found to have previous exposure of the language and have not taken the placement test will be dropped from the course with an appropriate penalty (W or F grade).

**Please see the list of Japanese Language courses offered by the Centre for Language Studies for placement test opportunities**

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## Placement Test Information

- The placement test is **only for serious learners who will be taking a LAJ course this semester**. Please check that **there is no timetable clash** with any of your core course prior to the placement test. Especially for Year 1 students, **please check if you have ample time to read LAJ course this semester** with your home faculty.
- The result and waiver are **valid only for one semester**. If you are planning to take a LAJ course in the following semester, do not register now. You should sit for the placement test in the following semester.
- After you submit the survey form, the Written Test link will be sent one day before the written test date. You are requested to sit for the Written Test (Pre-test, Main test, and Writing test) by yourself. According to your Written Test results and registration survey information, your oral interview time will be informed one day before the Oral Test day.

## For your reference

- The following textbooks are covered in the Japanese programme.

LAJ1201 Japanese 1	Minna no Nihongo L1-10 and Kanji U1-5 (3A network)
LAJ2201 Japanese 2	Minna no Nihongo L11-20 and Kanji U6-15 (3A network)
LAJ2202 Japanese 3	Minna no Nihongo L21-32 and Kanji U16-30 (3A network)
LAJ2203 Japanese 4	Minna no Nihongo L33-44 and Kanji U31-42 (3A network)
LAJ3201 Japanese 5	Minna no Nihongo L45-L50 and Kanji U43-50 (3A network) Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese Learning through Content and Multimedia (Kuroshio Publishers)
LAJ3202 Japanese 6	Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese Learning through Content and Multimedia (Kuroshio Publishers)
LAJ4205 Japanese in Contemporary Society	Academic Japanese for International Students Listening Comprehension: Advanced (3A network)

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### List of Japanese Language courses that offer placement test opportunities

Course Code	Course Description	Pre-requisite	Instructional Hours	Reference
LAJ1201	Japanese 1	None. This course is for students with no prior knowledge of the Japanese language.	2 hours of lectures 4 hours of tutorials	Centre for Language Studies website: <a href="https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cls/japanese">https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cls/japanese</a>
LAJ2201	Japanese 2	Passed LAJ1201 or placement test.		
LAJ2202	Japanese 3	Passed LAJ2201 or placement test.		
LAJ2203	Japanese 4	Passed LAJ2202 or placement test.		
LAJ3201	Japanese 5	Passed LAJ2203 or placement test.		
LAJ3202	Japanese 6	Passed LAJ3201, LAJ3203 or placement test.		
LAJ4205	Japanese for Contemporary Society	Passed LAJ3202, LAJ3204 or placement test.	2 hours of lectures 2 hours of tutorials	
For LAJ2201 to LAJ4205, please note that the student <b>must not</b> have read a higher-level course than the course they intend to register for.				

**IMPORTANT:** If you have previously studied Japanese language outside of NUS, please read the placement test guidelines before you register for any LAJ courses. If you have taken the placement test, please wait for the result announcement to find out the course recommended for you.

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