

CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES

Japanese Language Placement Test

AY 2024-2025 Semester 1

1ST Test	<p><u>Registration Round 1:</u> Mon, 1 July 2024, 10am – Thu, 11 July 2024, 11.59pm <i>(Registration opens on Mon, 1 July at 10am)</i></p> <p><u>Online Written Test:</u> Sat, 13 July 2024, - Wed, 17 July 2024, 11.59pm <i>Students may take the online written test at any time during the above period without invigilation.</i></p> <p><u>Online Interview:</u> Mon 22 July 2024, 9am-1pm</p> <p><u>Placement Test Result:</u> Tue 23 July 2024, 11am</p>	<p>NOTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are unable to attend the placement test due to an official reason, please provide documentary proof to Ms Tiew Chieu Lin at tiewcl@nus.edu.sg. You also need to contact the LAJ course coordinator and ask them if a supplementary placement test is available. • If it becomes clear in the course that a student has greater knowledge or background of Japanese language than the student has revealed or acknowledged, 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).
2ND Test	<p><u>Registration Round 2:</u> Fri, 12 July 2024, 10am – Thu, 25 July 2024 11.59pm <i>(Registration opens on Fri, 12 July at 10am)</i></p> <p><u>Online Written Test:</u> Sat, 27 July 2024, - Wed 31 July, 11.59pm <i>Students may take the online written test at any time during the above period without invigilation.</i></p> <p><u>Online Interview:</u> Mon 5 Aug 2024, 9am-1pm</p> <p><u>Placement Test Result:</u> Tue 6 Aug 2024, 11am</p>	
Venue for both test	<p>*Both Written Test and Online Interview will be conducted ONLINE. Your oral interview time and link will be informed <u>in the late afternoon before the oral test date</u>. Please make yourself available from 9am-1pm on the Online interview 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

- 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 need to 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. Then you are requested to sit for the Written Test (Pre-test, Main test, and Writing test) by yourself. According to your results of Written test 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)
LAJ3204 Business Japanese 2	Business no tame no Nihongo: Getting Down to Business Japanese for Business People (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 Japanese language.	2 hours lectures and 4 hours tutorials	• Centre for Language Studies homepage at https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cls/
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. Student must not have read a higher-level course than this course.		
LAJ3202	Japanese 6	Passed LAJ3201, LAJ3203 or placement test. Student must not have read a higher-level course (e.g. LAJ4000) than this course.		
LAJ3204	Business Japanese 2	Passed LAJ3201, LAJ3203 or placement test.		

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have previously studied Japanese language out of NUS, please read the guidelines for the placement test before you register for any course. If you have taken the placement test, please be patient for the result to be announced and you will be notified of a suitable course to register.

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