CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST

AY2026/2027 SEMESTER 2

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<tr><td colspan="2">Registration & Written Test:
1 Dec 2026, Tue 10am – 30 Dec 2026, Wed 1pm
Students may take the written test online at any time without invigilation during the stated period.</td><td rowspan="4">NOTICE

• Students who are unavailable on both interview dates due to official reasons may consult the placement test coordinators, Kitai sensei (clskita@nus.edu.sg) and Morikawa sensei (clsym@nus.edu.sg) upon providing documentary proof.

• The Centre for Language Studies reserves the right to remove a student from the course with an appropriate penalty (W or F grade) if it becomes clear during the course of study that the student has greater knowledge or background of the Japanese language than what was previously declared.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Test ONE</td><td>Registration will end on 17 Dec 2026, 1pm
Interview: 21 Dec 2026, Mon 9am to 1pm
Results: 22 Dec 2026, Tue 11am</td></tr>
<tr><td>Test TWO</td><td>Registration will end on 30 Dec 2026, 1pm
Interview: 4 Jan 2027, Mon 9am to 1pm
Results: 5 Jan 2027, Tue 10am</td></tr>
<tr><td>Venue</td><td>The Written Test and Interview will be conducted ONLINE. The interview schedule will be sent via email to students who have completed the Written Test on the Friday before the interview (e.g. for Test One, details will be sent on 18 Dec).</td></tr>
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GUIDELINES

The placement test is required if you:

- Are able to read and write/type Hiragana and Katakana and form simple sentences; OR
- Have prior knowledge of the Japanese language acquired through formal or informal means. Examples include, but not limited to:
    - Study of the language as part of your formal school curriculum – this includes approved course mappings for NUS students;
    - Courses taken at private language institutions;
    - Acquisition of the language through ethnic or family background (e.g. from parents);
    - Self-study

Regarding approved course mappings for NUS students

Outcome of the mapping	Is a placement test required?
Approved for LAJ dummy code (e.g. LAJ1721, LAJ2721)	Yes
Approved for LAJ course code (e.g. LAJ1201, LAJ3201)	No, but strongly recommended

Do refer to the *"Info and Advice on Summer/Winter School in Japan"* PDF (located above the registration link).

Please take the placement test **ONLY** if you are seriously planning to read an LAJ course **this semester**. **The result and waiver are only valid for one semester.** Please ensure that there is no timetable clash and, especially for Year 1 students, do check whether there is ample time to read an LAJ course with your home faculty.

The following textbooks are covered in the LAJ courses offered:

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 L21-31 and Kanji U16-30 (3A network)
LAJ2203 Japanese 4	Minna no Nihongo L32-42 and Kanji U31-42 (3A network)
LAJ3201 Japanese 5	Minna no Nihongo L43-L50 and Kanji U43-50 (3A network)
LAJ3202 Japanese 6	Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese Learning through Content and Multimedia (Kuroshio Publishers)

LIST OF LAJ COURSES OFFERED IN AY2026/2027 SEMESTER 2

Course Code & Name	Pre-requisite(s)	Instructional Hours
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
LAJ2201 Japanese 2	Passed LAJ1201 or placement test. Student must not have read a higher-level course than this course.	
LAJ2202 Japanese 3	Passed LAJ2201 or placement test. Student must not have read a higher-level course than this course.	
LAJ2203 Japanese 4	Passed LAJ2202 or placement test. Student must not have read a higher-level course than this course.	
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 than this course.	

For more details, please refer to the CLS website: https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cls/japanese/