

**Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program
- JLCSP -**

Brochure & Application Form	Issued late December
Course Duration	One-Year Course (2026-2027): October, 2026 - Mid-August, 2027 (11 months) Half-Year Course (Fall 2026): October, 2026 - Mid-February, 2027 (5 months) Half-Year Course (Spring 2027): April 2027 - Mid-August, 2027 (5 months)
Application Deadline	One-Year Course (2026-2027): February 6, 2026 Half-Year Course (Fall 2026): February 6, 2026 Half-Year Course (Spring 2027): October 23, 2026
Results Notification	One-Year Course (2026-2027) and Half-Year Course (Fall 2026): Early-April Half-Year Course (Spring 2027): Mid-December
Number of Students	40 for One-Year Course and 20 for each Half-Year Course There is a screening process and not all students who apply will be accepted.

Program Details

Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program (JLCSP) is a “junior year abroad” type program for undergraduate student majoring in Japanese language and culture to develop their Japanese skills and broaden their horizons about Japan.

1. Japanese language courses
2. Japanese linguistics, culture and society courses

For more information, please see the website below.

[Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program \(JLCSP\) – Hokkaido University](#)

Eligibility

Students who meet the following conditions:

1. Undergraduate students
2. Majoring in Japanese Language and/or Japanese Culture
3. Equivalent to JLPT level N3 or higher
4. Enrollment at home university: Exchange students are required to be enrolled at their home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange.
5. Possessing a good academic record at university level.

Application Procedure

[Embassy Recommendation] (Only for One Year Course)

Procedures are different from each country. Applicants should inquire at the Japanese Embassy in their country.

[Direct application]

1. Home University Coordinator provides students with online application link.
2. Student completes the form.
3. Home University Coordinator also uploads necessary forms to the application platform and then the student finalizes the online application.
4. Hokkaido University reviews the documents.
5. Hokkaido University notifies successful applicants and issues further instructions.

Required Documents

- Documents need to be submitted by applicants (students):

1. Application form for Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program students (through TAO system)
2. Consent to Transfer and Process Personal Data
3. Certificate of passing at least N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Applicant who have not taken the Japanese Language Proficiency Test must submit a Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency)
4. Digital photo data
5. Study plan in Hokkaido University

- Documents need to be submitted by the home institution's international office:

6. Certificate of enrollment
7. Recommendation Letter
8. Official transcript of academic record

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Credits

The program is a credited program. Students will receive their academic transcripts at the end of the program.

Scholarship

1. Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship: Only one year course applicants are eligible to apply. The expected monthly stipend of this scholarship is 117,000 JPY (120,000 JPY for November to March)
2. JASSO scholarship: Only half year course applicants are eligible to apply. The monthly stipend of this scholarship is 80,000 JPY.

Accommodation

University dormitory. Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

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