Japanese Creative Learning
JCL外国語学院

2027 ENTRY

MEXT-Accredited Japanese Language Institution ／ Status of Residence “Student”

Application Guidelines

募集要項 ／ APPLICATION GUIDELINES

JCL Foreign Language School

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I Our Philosophy

基本理念

The foundation of our teaching is a deep respect for the individuality and the dreams of every single learner, and a whole-hearted, many-sided commitment to helping each of them reach the goals they have set for their own future.

For those who study on the University Preparation Course and intend to build their lives in Japanese society after graduating, we help them acquire the language ability required to become a part of that society, deepen their understanding of Japanese society and culture at the same time, and lay the foundations to grow into independent individuals with an international outlook.

For those who study on the Japanese Culture and Language Course, we help them learn living Japanese while experiencing the culture at first hand inside Japan, and — through continued self-improvement — acquire the language ability they will need in order to become a bridge to Japan in the future, along with a deeper understanding of Japanese society and culture.

II What Makes JCL Different

教育の特色

01

Building social competence

Alongside Japanese language teaching, we develop the abilities students need in order to settle smoothly into Japanese society, through guidance on daily life, manners and cultural understanding.

02

Diversity, respected in practice

We respect the individuality and cultural background of every student, and maintain a place of learning in which a wide range of values is genuinely valued.

03

One-to-one career guidance

We take the time to understand each student's wishes and aptitudes, and give close, individual guidance so that each of them can realise their own goal.

III Our Courses

課程紹介

1. About the courses

COURSE ①

University Preparation Course

For students who aim to enter a Japanese university or vocational college. They acquire the Japanese language ability they need in a systematic way. Beyond language, they deepen their understanding of Japanese society and culture, develop independence and an international outlook, and build the foundations for an active life in Japan after graduating.

COURSE ②

Japanese Culture and Language Course

Students learn living Japanese by coming into direct contact with Japanese culture while living in Japan. Through continued self-improvement they acquire the language ability needed to become a bridge between Japan and their own country in the future, and deepen their understanding of Japanese society and culture.

III OUR COURSES (CONTINUED)

2. About class hours

Class days 5 days a week (Monday to Friday)

Class hours 4 unit hours a day (180 minutes); 20 unit hours a week (900 minutes)

Course	Entry	Total study hours
University Preparation — 2 years	April	1,560 unit hours
University Preparation — 1 year 9 months	July	1,360 unit hours
University Preparation — 1 year 6 months	October	1,160 unit hours
University Preparation — 1 year 3 months	January	960 unit hours
Japanese Culture and Language — 2 years	April	1,560 unit hours

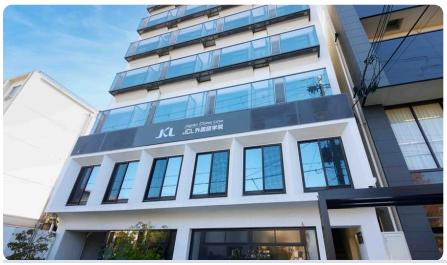
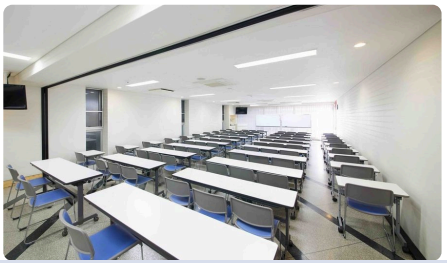
Classes centre on Integrated Japanese, Reading, Listening, Conversation and Writing, combined with guidance for further study and hands-on cultural experience, so that what is learned can be put to use.

IV Eligibility

出願資格

1. Applicants must have graduated from senior high school, or be expected to graduate, by the time they enter the School.
2. At the time of application, applicants must have Japanese language ability equivalent to A1 or above on the Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education (JLPT, NAT, J-TEST and similar tests). Applicants for the University Preparation — 1 year 3 months course must have A2 or above.
3. The person who will meet the costs of the period of study must be clearly identified and must have the means to meet them.
4. Applicants must intend to go on to a university or similar institution in Japan (University Preparation Course applicants only).

CAMPUS ／ BUILDINGS & CLASSROOMS

V Steps to Admission

入学までの流れ

1. Submit the Preliminary Application Questionnaire
2. Interview (online or held locally)
3. Submit the application documents
4. Document screening; payment of the examination fee (screening fee and admission fee)
5. Certificate of Eligibility screening by the Immigration Services Agency
   (the School files the application on your behalf)
6. Issue of the Certificate of Eligibility
   (received by the School)
7. Payment of tuition and dormitory fees
8. Certificate of Eligibility sent to you and Letter of Admission issued
9. Apply for a visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country
10. Book your flight once the visa has been issued
11. Arrive in Japan and enrol

VI Entry Points and Indicative Schedule

入学時期とスケジュール目安

Entry	Apply by (guide)	Filing with Immigration	CoE issued fees due	Visa application
April entry	Early August (prev. year)	Late November (prev. year)	Late February	Early March
July entry	Early December (prev. year)	Mid-March	Late May	Early June
October entry	Early February	Late May	Late August	Early September
January entry	Early June (prev. year)	Mid-September (prev. year)	Early November (prev. year)	Early December (prev. year)

The above is a guide only. Applications may close before the dates shown once the intake is full.

VII Required Documents

出願書類一覧

DOCUMENTS 1

Prepared by the applicant

- Application form and curriculum vitae (School forms)
- Identification photographs
- Copy of passport
- Certificate of graduation, or of expected graduation, from the last school attended
- Certificate of a Japanese language test designated by the Immigration Services Agency, or a certificate of Japanese study hours
- Transcript of the national university entrance examination of your country (where applicable)
- Documents proving family relationships (family register and similar)

DOCUMENTS 2

Prepared by the financial supporter

- Letter of financial support and statement of the supporter's annual income (School forms)
- Certificate of employment
- Documents proving family relationships

※ Applicants from countries subject to enhanced screening by the Immigration Services Agency may be asked to submit documents in addition to those listed above.

VIII Fees, Dormitory and Refunds

学費・寮費・返金について

1. Fees — First year (payable on admission) ※ the same for every entry point

Screening fee	35,000	Teaching materials	16,000
Admission fee	85,000	Insurance	1,000
Tuition	660,000	Health management	4,000
Facilities	100,000	Equipment	60,000

FIRST YEAR TOTAL
961,000
JPY

SCHOOL LIFE

2. Fees — Second year (varies by course)

Course	Entry	Tuition	Facilities	Equipment	Materials	Insurance	Health manage.	Total
University Prep. — 2 years	April	660	100	60	16	1	4	841
University Prep. — 1 yr 9 mo	July	495	100	60	16	1	4	676
University Prep. — 1 yr 6 mo	October	330	100	60	8	0.5	2	500.5
University Prep. — 1 yr 3 mo	January	165	50	30	8	0.5	2	255.5
Japanese Culture & Lang. — 2 years	April	660	100	60	16	1	4	841

Unit: 1,000 JPY ／ All amounts are in Japanese yen. The fees in these guidelines apply to students entering from October 2026 onwards.

3. Dormitory fees

Room type	Management fee (each time)	Rent (monthly)	Total (12 months)
Shared room (2–3 per room)	92,000	20,000–25,000	from 332,000
Private room in a shared unit	92,000	32,000–42,500	from 476,000
Studio (a unit to yourself)	92,000	39,000–47,000	from 560,000

※ Amounts are in Japanese yen. Dormitory fees are paid in full for one year after the Certificate of Eligibility has been received. For each building's rents and floor plans, see the Student Dormitory Guide (www.jclcram.com/download).

DORMITORY

4. Refunds

Timing	Reason for withdrawal	What is refunded
Before admission	The applicant withdraws after the notice of a successful interview has been issued.	The screening fee (35,000 JPY) is not refundable.
Before admission	1) The applicant withdraws after the application has been filed with the Immigration Services Agency, or after the Certificate of Eligibility has been received. 2) The student visa application at the Japanese embassy or consulate is refused.	The screening fee and the admission fee (120,000 JPY in total) are not refundable.
After admission (fees)	Withdrawal in order to go on to further study, to take up employment, or to return home.	Where six months or more of the course remain untaken, six months' tuition is refunded once the withdrawal formalities are complete.
After admission (dormitory)	Withdrawal in order to go on to further study, to take up employment, or to return home.	Where six months or more of the residence period remain unoccupied, six months' dormitory fee is refunded once both the withdrawal and the move-out formalities are complete. (The management fee is not refundable.) Please note: no dormitory fee is refunded where the resident wishes to move out during the contract period for any other, personal reason.

IX Other Notes

その他の注意事項

1. After the Certificate of Eligibility has been issued, the School arranges the dormitories and room types collectively and assigns them to students in turn. Dormitory fees are paid one year in advance at the outset; if a student moves out during the year, a refund is made under the rules set out above. Residence is guaranteed for one year in principle.
2. Every room is fully equipped for daily life, with a bathroom, toilet, kitchen, furniture, appliances and an internet connection.
3. Students who wish to live somewhere other than the school dormitories must inform the School at the time of application.

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