

## Japanese Culture, Society, and Language Study Course (Hakodate Campus)

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### [B-11] Japanese Culture, Society, and Language Study Course (Hakodate Campus Only)

(Students who have attained level N2-N4 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test are eligible to take this course for one year).



#### A. Description

This is a course for exchange students. Other than learning Japanese through themes such as Japanese culture and society, students can also take courses from the Department of International and Regional Studies.

#### B. Core Classes

N2-N4 level students:

You must take at least 5 of the following courses per semester from section 1, and must take at least 7 classes per semester from the total of section 1 and

section 2.

Students who have attained N1 level:

You must take at least 2 of the following courses per semester from section 1, and must take at least 7 classes per semester from the total of section 1 and section 2.

**Section 1: Specialized Subjects**

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Students learn Japanese culture, society and language. Please see your academic advisor for choosing classes which best suit your language proficiency level. The following are the lists of courses in this section, but the offered courses are subject to change. Please contact the main office of the International Center for updates.

**First Semester: April –August:**

- Pre-intermediate Japanese I, III, V, VII
- Intermediate Japanese I, III
- Upper-intermediate Japanese I, III, V
- Advanced Japanese I, III

- Japanese Modern Society and Culture Studies I
- Japanese Communication Exercise I

**Second Semester: October-February:**

- Pre-intermediate Japanese II, IV, VI, VIII, X
- Intermediate Japanese II, IV
- Upper-intermediate Japanese II, IV, VI
- Advanced Japanese II, IV
- Japanese Modern Society and Culture Studies II
- Japanese Communication Exercise II

**Offered both in First and Second Semester:**

- Experience in Japanese Traditional Culture (Japanese tea ceremony (*ocha*) and Japanese flower arrangement (*kado*)).

**Section 2: Electives**

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Depending on their Japanese level, exchange students may take courses offered at Hakodate Campus.

Here are examples of courses the previous exchange students took and completed. Please note that these courses require a highly advanced level of Japanese as students will be expected to understand Japanese lectures, read academic texts, and, depending on the course, write academic reports. It is recommended **therefore** that students carefully consider their Japanese level before registering for these courses.

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- Asian Economics
- Community Building
- Civil Society
- Introduction to Regional Policy Studies 2 (Community and Local Autonomy)
- Teaching of Japanese as a foreign/second language II
- Japanese Culture about Dream and Comic
- International Social Work

### C. Extra-Curricular Activities

Exchange students can participate in community activities such as a cultural exchange with elementary school children in the Hakodate area.



*"Come, join and enjoy living and learning in Hakodate." – L. Kong, Director of Hakodate Center, International Exchange and International Cooperation Center.*

#### **D. Recommended lessons by Japanese language ability**

(1) Pre-Intermediate level (Equivalent to N4 level)

Hakodate Campus offers a number of subjects that serve as a bridge from the beginner level to the intermediate level, allowing students to review the content of the second half of the beginner level while steadily building up their ability at the first half of the intermediate level ("Pre-Intermediate Japanese I - X"). Each subject is systematically linked, allowing students to learn the four skills in a well-balanced manner.

In addition to Japanese language classes, there are also courses for hands-on learning of traditional Japanese culture such as tea ceremony and Japanese flower arrangement ("Japanese Culture Practicum") and courses for learning

about Japanese culture and society by actually visiting various places in Hakodate while interacting with Japanese students ("Japanese Communication Exercises I - II").

(2) Intermediate Japanese to Upper-intermediate Japanese level (Equivalent to N3 level to N2 level)

Hakodate Campus offers "Intermediate Japanese I - IV" and "Upper-Intermediate Japanese I - VI" subjects, which are suitable for those who want to pass N2. In addition to comprehensive Japanese classes, there are also skill-based classes, such as reading comprehension, writing, and discussion.

In addition to Japanese language classes, students can also take courses to learn traditional Japanese culture through hands-on experience, such as tea ceremony and Japanese flower arrangement ("Japanese Culture Practicum"), and courses to learn about Japanese culture and society by actually visiting various places in Hakodate while interacting with Japanese students ("Japanese Communication Exercises I - II").

International students at the upper-intermediate level can also challenge themselves by taking undergraduate classes. In particular, Hakodate Campus has

classes that welcome exchange students ([→Link to new version](#)), so why not take those classes that interest you?

### (3) Advanced Level (Equivalent to N2 level to N1 level)

Hakodate Campus offers "Advanced Japanese I-IV," a course that provides a solid grounding in academic Japanese, perfect for students aiming to pass N1.

In addition to Japanese language classes, students can also take courses to learn traditional Japanese culture through hands-on experience, such as tea ceremony and Japanese flower arrangement ("Japanese Culture Practicum"), and courses to learn about Japanese culture and society by actually visiting various places in Hakodate while interacting with Japanese students ("Japanese Communication Exercises I - II").

International students at the advanced level are encouraged to actively participate in undergraduate classes. Depending on their own interests, students may take a variety of courses such as "Civil Society," "Asian Economy," "International Social Work," "Japanese Language Representation and Culture," and "Teaching of Japanese as a Foreign/Second Language II". Please check what courses are available in the International and Regional Studies program at Hakodate Campus. ([→Link to syllabi](#))

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<sup>i</sup> You need to contact and receive the approval of the chief instructors of these classes.