

Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners Spring 2022 Application Guideline (Secondary Application Period)

◆Eligibility

Students who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to apply.

- (1) The applicant is currently enrolled as a **degree-seeking undergraduate student** in a university with which Niigata University has concluded a student exchange agreement (hereinafter referred to as “partner university”). (In light of the principle of student exchange, students who will be enrolled in, and pay tuition fees to, partner university during their intended study period are eligible. Students who will have graduated from partner universities by the end of the Program at Niigata University are not eligible.)
- (2) Students who have the appropriate level of Japanese language proficiency required in each subject shown below.
- (3) Students who have not participated in this program for two semesters (twice) in the past. (Students who have participated for only one semester are eligible.)

◆Application Deadline

February 7, 2022

◆How to Apply

An officer in charge of student exchange at partner universities should submit a Letter of Recommendation (Form 1) by email, register information at the application website, upload copies of documents 1 and 2 listed below. There is no need to send original documents to NU International Office.

Send Letter of Recommendation (Form 1) to: intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp

Apply at: <https://www.intl.niigata-u.ac.jp/exchange-b/>

Documents to submit:

1. Academic Transcript issued by home university (PDF)
2. Certificate of Enrollment issued by home university (PDF)
3. Only when online application was not successful because of a technical problem, please submit NU Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners 2022 Application Form by email together with copies of the documents 1. and 2 above.

◆Program Period

April 2022 to August 2022 *Coinciding with NU’s First (Spring) Semester

※Guidance materials will be sent by email in late March, 2022.

※Make-up lessons may be scheduled during the month of August, 2022.

◆Program Tuition

Free of charge (However, students will have to pay for a textbook and shipping fee. The price will be shown at a later date)

◆Student Status at Niigata University, Evaluation, Transcript

- Students will be enrolled as “Special Auditing Student” at NU in the same manner as onshore exchange students who actually study at NU.
- Students will be evaluated according to syllabus in the same manner as onshore exchange students are. Academic transcript will be issued following the end of the program.

◆ Course Summary

Please check for JLPT levels: <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>

Course Name	Content	Required Level of Proficiency (Textbook level)	# of lessons per week (90-min. lesson) , Total # of lessons	Class Size (# of students)	# of Credits
Gold	Practice 4 skills comprehensively (listening, reading, writing, speaking)	Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook)	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3
Silver		Aiming to pass JLPT N2 (N2-level textbook)	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3
Green		Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N4	3 /week 45 lessons	30	3

◆ Timetable ※Japan Standard Time is used for the following schedule.

Spring Semester (April to August)

Gold	Silver	Green
Mon 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10	Mon 14:40-16:10
Wed 14:40-16:10	Wed 14:40-16:10	Wed 14:40-16:10
Fri 14:40-16:10	Fri 14:40-16:10	Fri 14:40-16:10

◆ How to Select a Course

- Students are allowed to select only one course.
- There will be no placement test. JLPT certificates are not required. Make sure to check the required level of proficiency and select an appropriate course.
- Students must attend all the scheduled lessons. Attending only certain days of the week is not acceptable.

◆ How to Conduct Lessons, Textbooks

- All lessons will be conducted online using Microsoft Teams. It is essential to have a stable internet access, and a PC/laptop/tablet with a camera and a standard audio function to allow for speaking and listening practice.
- All lessons will be synchronous and interactive. Students should be aware of the time difference with Japan.
- No videos or recorded materials of lessons will be available online.
- A textbook will be arranged for each course. Instruction for ordering a textbook will be sent after the start of courses. Please follow the instruction and buy a textbook.

◆ Other Notes

- The result of application will be announced within a month following the application deadline.
- Should there be any changes to the program before its start, participating students will be notified through a coordinator in charge at their home university.

◆ Contact

International Student Section, Niigata University International Office
 Email: intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp