

**Important Information for Your
Course Selection
Registration &
Successful Completion**



Japan in Today's World

ACADEMIC GUIDELINES

Fall-Winter 2026-2027
(October 2026 – February 2027)

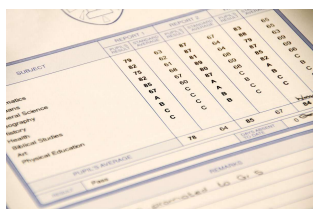
1. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1.1. General Policies

JTW PROGRAM COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Every semester (e.g., Oct. – Feb.), all JTW students are required to enroll in courses (and projects) totaling **a minimum of 14 credit hours**. To officially complete the program, students must successfully finish these courses. Among the 14 credit hours, at least 4 must be from JTW Core Courses of their choice. The remaining credit hours can be earned from eligible JTW Core Courses, Regular Faculty Courses (RFCs), Japanese Academic Courses (JACs), Independent Study Projects (ISP), or Advanced Laboratory Research (ALR), as detailed in the COURSE SELECTION section on Page 2.

14+
Credit Hours
per semester



AWARDING OF ACADEMIC CREDITS

The JTW program awards academic credits upon the successful completion of courses and projects. These credits are officially recognized by Kyushu University. Generally, **a semester-long course (e.g., Oct. – Feb.) is worth 2 credits**, while some quarter-long courses (e.g., Oct. – Dec.) are worth 1 credit.

CERTIFICATE OF PROGRAM COMPLETION

Upon successfully fulfilling the JTW completion requirements, Kyushu University awards a **Certificate of Program Completion**. Students participating only in the Fall-Winter Semester receive their certificates in April, while all other students receive theirs in October.



CREDIT TRANSFER (TO YOUR HOME UNIVERSITY)

Transferring JTW-awarded credits to your home university requires their approval, and, same as any other exchange programs, the JTW program cannot directly request or negotiate with your home university on your behalf regarding this matter. Therefore, **it is your responsibility to consult in a timely manner with the appropriate advisor at your home university**—before or during the JTW course registration period—to ensure that there is a mutual understanding and agreement in place regarding the transferability of your JTW-awarded credits to your degree program.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT & THE CONSEQUENCES

All JTW students are strictly required to **comply with Kyushu University's policies on academic misconduct**. Academic misconduct includes the following acts:

1. Impersonating or being impersonated by another person.
2. Cheating or assisting someone else in cheating during tests and examinations.
3. Using prohibited materials or tools during tests and examinations.
4. Interfering with the normal operation of tests and examinations.
5. Disrupting examinations and assignments given by the class instructor for evaluating academic achievement.

If you commit academic misconduct, you will fail the course in which the misconduct occurred. Depending on the severity of the misconduct, **your program participation may be terminated**.



1.2. Course Selection & Registration

COURSE SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

When planning your courses each semester, ensure your course selection meets both **(a) the JTW program completion requirements** and **(b) the minimum weekly class hour requirement set by Japanese immigration laws.**



*****YOU MUST MEET EACH SEMESTER*****

(a) JTW Program Requirements

A minimum of **14 credit hours** per semester
Including 4 credits from JTW Core Courses

&

(b) Japanese Immigration Requirements

At least **10 hours** of in-class learning activities **per week**
(Typically, one class meeting lasts for **90 minutes**)

IMPORTANT! Enrolling in 14 credit hours does not automatically mean you meet immigration requirements – Be sure to check both your total credit hours and your weekly class hours when planning your schedule by closely reading the syllabi of the courses of your interest.

COURSE CATEGORIES & OPTIONS

JTW offers following five categories of courses and projects:

	COURSE/PROJECT CATEGORY	REQUIRED/OPTIONAL	COURSE/PROJECT TYPE
(1)	JTW Core Courses	Required Electives	Subject courses in Japanese/Asian Studies
(2)	Regular Faculty Courses (RFCs)	Optional	Subject courses of your interests
(3)	Japanese Academic Courses (JACs)	Optional	Japanese language courses
(4)	Independent Study Project (ISP)	Optional	A self-driven, individual research project
(5)	Advanced Laboratory Research (ALR)	Optional	A self-driven, team/lab-based research project

Each semester, every JTW student is required to enroll in and successfully complete **a minimum of 4 credits from JTW Core Courses** as part of the JTW Course Enrollment Requirements. To begin your course selection, choose JTW Core Courses that add up to at least 4 credits (typically, 2 semester-long courses).

Then, you must choose additional courses and/or projects that total **at least 10 credits** from any of the other categories. You can mix and match these courses in various combinations, while also **following the maximum credit limits for each category that can be counted toward the JTW Completion Requirements.** Please refer to the table on the next page (p. 3) for more details.



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JTW Completion Requirements – Contributions of Courses & Projects to the Requirements

	COURSE/PROJECT CATEGORY	CREDITS COUNTED TOWARD JTW COMPLETION
(1)	JTW Core Courses	4 credits (enrollment required)
Plus		
(2)	Additional JTW Core Course	Counted up to 10 credits
(3)	Regular Faculty Course (RFC)	Counted up to 4 credits
(4)	Japanese Academic Course (JAC)	Counted up to 4 credits (equivalent to 2 courses)
(5)	Independent Study Project (ISP)	Counted up to 2 credits (1 project)
(6)	Advanced Laboratory Research (ALR)	Counted up to 4 credits (1 project)

Notes: Enrolling in 14 credit hours is a minimum requirement of the JTW program – **You may enroll in additional courses/projects to pursue your academic interests or meet your home university requirements.**



For Your Reference – Typical Patterns of Course Selections

Pattern 1.			Pattern 2.			Pattern 3.		
1	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	1	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	1	JTW Core Course	2 Credits
2	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	2	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	2	JTW Core Course	2 Credits
3	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	3	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	3	RFC	2 Credits
4	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	4	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	4	RFC	2 Credits
5	JTW Core Course	2 Credits	5	RFC	2 Credits	5	JAC	2 Credits
6	JAC	2 Credits	6	JAC	2 Credits	6	JAC	2 Credits
7	JAC	2 Credits	7	JAC	2 Credits	7	ISP	2 Credits
Total		14 Credits	Total		14 Credits	Total		14 Credits

COURSE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

For successful course enrollment, you must **complete your course registration using Campusmate** – Kyushu University's campus-wide registration system – by the specified deadline. It is important to note that **after this deadline, you will not be allowed to enroll in any course or project for credit** under any circumstances.

You will gain access to Campusmate once you receive your student ID number, which will be provided after your arrival on campus.



Course Registration Period and Deadline Fall-Winter 2026-27

October 2 (Friday) — October 9 (Friday) 2026

1.3. Course Withdrawal Policies

COURSE WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawing from any course or project, including JTW Core Courses and ISP, is only allowed **within the first month of the semester**. This means you can withdraw by the end of October for the Fall-Winter Semester (Oct. – Feb.) and by the end of April for the Spring-Summer Semester (Apr. – Jul.).

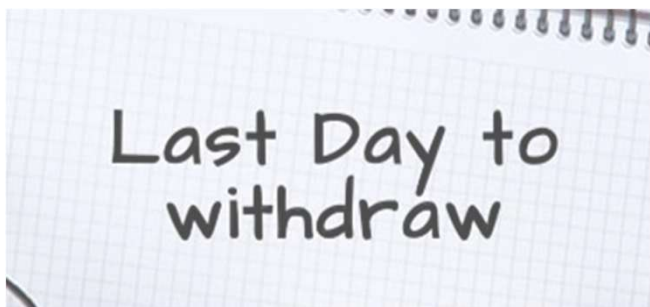
To complete a withdrawal, you must meet all of the following three conditions:

- 1) Withdrawing will not leave you with fewer than the 14 credits required for JTW completion.
- 2) You have directly notified the instructor of the course you plan to withdraw from.
- 3) You have informed the JTW Office of your intent to withdraw after completing the first two steps.



Notes:

- Course withdrawal is only permitted within the first month of the semester, **even if you meet or exceed the JTW completion requirements**.
- Withdrawals after this period are not allowed, except in extraordinary circumstances. In such cases, you must consult with and obtain approval from the JTW Office beforehand.
- As detailed later, **for JACs courses, withdrawal is not permitted after the first week of the quarter** unless you:
1) provide prior notice to the course instructor, and 2)
consult with and receive approval from the JTW Office.



2. GRADES & CREDITS

2.1. Grading Criteria

KYUSHU UNIVERSITY GRADING METHODS

Your performance and outcome in coursework, including subject courses, language courses, and research projects, are all assessed and evaluated in accordance with the grading criteria and scale as listed below, which are **established by Kyushu University as a whole**:



Academic Queries and Appeals – Upon receiving your Academic Report approximately one month after the program concludes, please reach out to the course instructors within one week if you have any questions about your grades. Should you disagree with the instructor's response, you can contact the JTW office at intlr-jtw@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp.

GRADE		SIGNIFICANCE	GENERAL CRITERIA
LETTER	NUMERIC		
S	4	Excellent	Excellent far beyond the standard/expectation
A	3	Good	Excellent beyond the standard/expectation
B	2	Satisfactory	Up to the standard/expectation
C	1	Pass	Up to the least standard/expectation in which the credits are recognized
F	0	Fail	Far below the standard/expectation in which the credits cannot be recognized

2.2. Credit Guidelines



CREDIT GUIDELINES

Courses and projects that you are required or permitted to enroll in as a participant of the JTW program offer credits as summarized in the table below:

IMPORTANT! – Again, consult with your home institution advisor(s), before or during the JTW course registration period. Seek their advice or agreement regarding the applicability of the JTW courses and credits to your degree program at the home institution.

COURSE/PROJECT CATEGORY	CREDIT	NOTES
JTW Core Courses	2 credits each	2 credits for a semester-long course
Regular Faculty Courses (RFCs)	2 credits each	1 credit for a quarter-long course 2 credits for a semester-long course *Credit values may vary depending on the course or faculty
Japanese Academic Courses (JACs)	2 credits each	2 credits for 2 consecutive quarters 1 credit for each quarter
Independent Study Project (ISP)	2 credits	2 credits for 1 project, per semester
Advanced Laboratory Research (ALR)	4 credits	4 credits for 1 project, per semester

3. COURSE & PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

COURSES & PROJECTS – THE DETAILS

You need to create your coursework, which consists of a set of courses and projects that align with **your academic interests** and fulfill **the JTW completion requirements**.

To do this effectively, it is essential that you **are fully acquainted with the detailed information** about each category of courses and projects available to you. Please refer to the details below:



3.1. JTW Core Courses – Required Electives

OVERVIEW

The JTW Core Courses are designed to introduce students to **the culture, society, economy, and politics of Japan in today's world** from various multidisciplinary perspectives, with a focus on the humanities and social sciences. These courses are primarily intended for **undergraduate students**, and the medium of instruction is **English**.

PLEASE NOTE:

- JTW Core Courses are required electives. Each semester, **you must enroll in at least two JTW Core Courses** in order to meet the completion requirements for the JTW program.
- Each course consists of **15 class sessions**, with each **session lasting 90 minutes** and meeting **once a week** over a 15-week period.
- Each course is worth **2 credits**.
- You are allowed to enroll in **more than two JTW Core Courses**. In fact, you can satisfy the JTW completion requirements solely through JTW Core Courses. For instance, if you choose and complete seven JTW Core Courses, amounting to 14 credit hours, you can fulfill the requirements without having to enroll in any other categories of courses or projects, if that is your preference.
- JTW Core Courses are **open to all students across Kyushu University campuses**. Some classes may include both Japanese students and degree-seeking international students from all over the world, allowing you to learn alongside them in the same classroom.
- Additionally, please note that **some JTW Core Courses impose "class caps,"** which limit the number of students who can enroll. Be sure to check the syllabus for any course you are interested in and reach out to the JTW Office if you have trouble finding information about class caps.



JTW CORE COURSE LIST – FALL-WINTER 2026-27

- Some of the previous syllabi are available for your reference at: <http://isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/jtw/program>.



Education in Japanese Society

Chisato NONAKA, Ph.D. (Education)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Health & Wellness in Japan: An International Perspective

Masa HIGO, Ph.D. (Sociology)
Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Introduction to Japanese Economy

Ryoichi IMAI, Ph.D. (Economics)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Introduction to Japanese Society: Current Issues

Masa HIGO, Ph.D. (Sociology)
Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Japanese Banking and Financial Systems in a Globalized World

Meifen CHU, Ph.D. (Economics)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U. Faculty of
Economics



Japan in Globalization: A Sociological Perspective

Masa HIGO, Ph.D. (Sociology)
Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Modern History of Japan I

Ryoichi IMAI, Ph.D. (Economics)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Religious Diversity in Japan

Hiroko KINOSHITA, Ph.D. (Area Studies)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U. ISC



Self & Identity in Contemporary Japan

Chisato NONAKA, Ph.D. (Education)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U. ISC

JTW Core Course offered outside the International Student Center

[School of Letters] *Enrollment cap for JTW students: Up to 10 students

Introduction to International Humanities VI (Art exchanges between Japan and Europe)

Anton Schweizer, Ph.D. (Art History)
Professor, Kyushu U., Faculty of Humanities

International Humanities VIII: Introduction to Japanese Religions and Philosophy

Caleb Carter, Ph.D. (Buddhist Studies)
Associate Professor, Kyushu U., Faculty of Humanities

[School of Engineering] *Enrollment cap for JTW students: Up to 5 students

Japanese Industries

Masamichi KOHNO, Ph.D. (Science)

Professor, Kyushu U. Faculty of Engineering

Kohei HIGASHIKAWA, Ph.D. (Engineering)

Professor, Kyushu U. Faculty of Information Science and Electrical Engineering

Mika TAMURA, Ph.D. (Social and Cultural Studies)

Professor, Kyushu U. Faculty of Engineering



JTW CORE COURSE TIMETABLE – FALL-WINTER 2026-27

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1 8:40–10:10		JACs	JACs	JACs	JACs
				Japanese Industries Masamichi Kohno, Mika Tamura, Kohei Higashikawa	
Period 2 10:30–12:00	Introduction to International Humanities VI (Art exchanges between Japan and Europe) Schweizer	Education in Japanese Society Nonaka @JTW Classroom		Self and Identity in Contemporary Japan Nonaka @TBD	Health & Wellness in Japan: An International Perspective Higo @JTW Classroom
Period 3 13:00–14:30		Modern History of Japan I Imai @JTW Classroom	Religious Diversity in Japan Kinoshita @JTW Classroom	Introduction to Japanese Society: Current Issues Higo @TBD	Japan in Globalization: A Sociological Perspective Higo @JTW Classroom
		Japanese Banking and Financial Systems in a Globalized world Chu @TBD			
Period 4 14:50–16:20	International Humanities VIII: Introduction to Japanese Religions and Philosophy Carter	JACs	JACs	JACs	JACs
Period 5 16:40–18:10		Introduction to Japanese Economy Imai @JTW Classroom	JACs	JACs	JACs



3.2. Regular Faculty Courses (RFCs) – Optional



OVERVIEW

“Regular Faculty Courses” are those offered outside the JTW program **by discipline-specific academic departments**, such as Literature, Law, Economics, Design, Science, Engineering, and others. These courses are primarily intended for students pursuing degrees in those disciplines. The JTW program allows you to enroll in these courses, provided you meet certain conditions:

PLEASE NOTE:

- JTW students are **permitted to enroll only in English-taught regular faculty courses**. Note that while the number of courses offered in English has been increasing in recent years, it is still limited.
- Many English-taught regular faculty courses span a semester (equivalent to two quarters). Similar to the JTW courses, **each of these courses consists of 15 class sessions, meeting once a week over a 15-week period and is worth 2 credits**.
- You may count up to **4 credit hours from regular faculty courses towards meeting the JTW completion requirements**.
- Please be aware that some regular faculty courses are offered for a quarter (e.g., October to December; December to March).
- **Graduate-level courses are generally not available to JTW students**, except in cases where you are a graduate student at your home university.
- Enrollment in any regular faculty **course requires approval from both the course instructor and the JTW Office**. Therefore, you should first seek permission from the instructor.



You may also register for courses offered by the **Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLCC)**, Kyushu University's another study program for exchange students. All the JLCC courses are only **taught in Japanese**. To register, you must meet the following two sets of conditions:

- 1) You have already passed Level 2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) and had a total score of 135 or higher; and
- 2) You have been qualified to enroll in the JI-6, JK-6, and JS-6 level or higher as a result of JACs placement (you don't have to have completed a JI-6 course).

WHERE TO LOOK FOR REGULAR FACULTY COURSES

- Refer to the following information to see what RFCs may be available for you:

General Information – Undergraduate Courses Taught in English:

<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/english>

Course Schedule & Syllabi – All Schools Other Than Letters and Law:

<https://ku-portal.kyushu-u.ac.jp/campusweb/top.do>

Notes: Select “English” and then use “Syllabus search.” You don't have to login.

Course Schedule & Syllabi – Schools of Letters:

School of Letters: <http://www2.lit.kyushu-u.ac.jp/~syllabus/index.htm>

Note: Courses offered by the Faculty of Law are not available to JTW students.



3.3. Japanese Academic Courses (JACs) – Optional

OVERVIEW

JACs is a series of **Japanese language courses** designed for international students interested in learning the language for credit. There are four types of courses available, with up to eight levels of lessons. **JTW students can enroll in JACs courses to fulfill the JTW completion requirement.** Each JACs course consists of small-group, interactive, and practical sessions.

PLEASE NOTE:

- JACs operates on a **quarter system**. Each course (e.g., JK-3, Kanji course at Level 3) spans two quarters.
- Once enrolled, students are **required to attend the same JACs courses for two consecutive quarters**, totaling 15 weeks (e.g., Quarter 1 and Quarter 2).
- Each quarter (e.g., Oct. – Dec.) includes 15 class sessions, **meeting twice a week** over a seven-and-a-half-week period (7.5 weeks). Therefore, in one semester (e.g., Oct. – Feb.), each course requires **a total of 30 class sessions**.
- Your class performance will be formally graded every quarter, but grades will only be reported only at the end of Quarter 2 (Summer Quarter) and Quarter 4 (Winter Quarter) through the JACs webpage.
- If you are placed at the JI-2 level or higher, you may enroll for credit in up to three courses per quarter. Those at the JI-5 level or higher can enroll in up to four courses per quarter.
- Regardless of the course level (from Beginners to Advanced), **a maximum of 4 credits** (equivalent to 2 JACs semester-long courses) may be counted towards the JTW completion requirements.



Fall-Winter 2026-27 Timeline

Quarter 3:
Oct. 1 (Thu.) – Dec. 1 (Tue.)

Quarter 4:
Dec. 8 (Tue.) – Feb. 10 (Wed.)

LIST OF JACS COURSES: 4 TYPES & 8 LEVELS

Level \ Course	Integrated Courses 総合コース	Kanji Courses 漢字コース	Speaking Courses 会話コース	Writing Courses 作文コース
Beginners 入門	JI-1	JK-1+2		
Elementary 1 初級 1	JI-2			
Elementary 2 初級 2	JI-3	JK-3	JS-3	
Pre-Intermediate 中級入門	JI-4	JK-4	JS-4	
Intermediate 1 中級	JI-5	JK-5	JS-5	JW-5
Intermediate 2 中級 2	JI-6	JK-6	JS-6	JW-6
Pre-Advanced 上級入門	JI-7	JK-7	JS-7	JW-7
Advanced 上級	JI-8	JK-8	JS-8	JW-8

- JACs offer four types of Japanese language lessons, each of which is divided into up to eight levels to meet students' diverse levels of Japanese proficiency.
- Those students at the JK-1 and JK-2 levels are placed together in a joint course, JK-1+2.



HOW TO ENROLL IN JACS

All students who intend to enroll in any JACs courses – regardless of the type, level or number of courses – are required to complete both **JACs online course registration** and **online placement test**. For this purpose, you must take three steps as explained below:



The JACs website is available at:

<https://jlc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/JACs/Pages/Student/>

STEP 1 Create JACs ID and Complete Registration



Complete your online course registration by establishing your personal account at the JACs website. You must complete this registration during the following period of time:

September 18th (Thu.) 13:00 – September 25th (Fri.) 13:00 (JST)

STEP 2 Take the Placement Test(s) & Select Courses



Take the JACs online placement test(s) on the JACs website during the period of time as indicated below. At the end of the test, you will be asked which course you wish to take from a set of courses you are qualified to enroll in based on the test results.

The placement test(s) aim to assess the current level of your Japanese proficiency and to determine which courses you are qualified to enroll in, possibly including some, or all, of your desired courses:

Online Placement Test Period – For all, except for absolute beginners

September 18th (Fri.) 13:00 – September 25th (Fri.) 13:00 (JST)

STEP 3 Check Your Class Placement

You will be notified of your class placement results at the JACs websites. The date of notification is as follows (subject to change):

September 28th (Mon.) at 13:00 (JST)

There will be additional test for Kanji, Writing and Speaking course as follows:

Kanji Test – Additional test for those wishing to enroll in a Kanji course

October 7th (Wed.) – You will take the test in person at the first class meeting.

Writing Test – Additional test for those wishing to enroll in a Writing course

October 7th (Wed.) – You will take the test in person at the first class meeting.

Oral Interview Test – Additional test for those wishing to enroll in a Speaking courses.

October 1st (Thu.) – You will take the test in person at the first class meeting.

Put this information in your JTW Course Online Registration Form and submit by the JTW Course Registration Deadline as indicated above.

If You Have Technical Trouble Online...

Contact the JACs program (see below) during Helpdesk hours. If your problem is not solved, you will then be guided to take an alternative version of the same online placement test.

Helpdesk e-mail: jacs@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

Helpdesk Hours: During the online placement test period, 8:30 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:30 (JST)

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If You're an Absolute Beginner...

"Absolute beginners" refers to those with no previous experience formally studying Japanese in a classroom setting. See below if you consider yourself as an absolute beginner and are interested in taking a JACs course to start learning Japanese:

- Same as all the other students wishing to enroll in JACs courses, first establish your individual online account at the JACs website and register for a JI-1 (Integrated, Level 1) course. **But do not take an online placement test.**
- Only if you are fully committed** to spending a significant amount of time to start learning Japanese, then you may also register for a JK-1+2 course in addition to JI-1.
- Next, you are required to work on and **complete an assignment**, a hiragana writing practice. The JACs faculty coordinator will send you a hiragana writing practice sheet via email, which you must complete and turn in to the first class session of your JI-1 course. The practice sheet is readily available at: <https://jlc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/JACs/files/hiragana.pdf>
- Then, you will be required to **take a hiragana test during the first class session** of the JI-1 course. If scoring 80% or higher on this test, you will be qualified to formally enroll in the JI-1 course for credit. If failing the test, then you may be given a chance to take a make-up test.

JACS POLICIES & RULES

- As a language education program operated separately from JTOW, JACs has its own policies and rules.
- Please be mindful that you must fully understand and comply strictly with all of them so long as you enroll in any JACs course.

Class Attendance Policies

You are required to attend all the class sessions (15 in total per quarter).

To be eligible for the final examination, you must attend 80% or more (12 or more) of the class sessions.



Excused Class Absence

Your class absence may be excused under any of the circumstances as noted below. If excused, your absence will not be counted against the attendance policy. Your instructor(s) will then decide how to make up your class absence based on his/her discretion, and you are required to comply with the instructor's decision.

- Illness** – Your absence may be excused if you are officially diagnosed with any of the infectious diseases listed in the Kyushu University's School Health and Safety Act, Enforcement Regulation, Article 18, including influenza, the measles, and pertussis, among others. In this case, you are required to obtain an official doctor's note from a clinic or hospital and to turn it in to your instructor(s) at your earliest convenience.
- Bereavement** – Your absence may be excused in the event of bereavement over the loss of a close relative (the first or second degree). In this case, you are required to provide your instructor(s) with evidence of funeral attendance or other reasonable form of grief response entailing absence from class.

Should you experience any of these circumstances, **inform in a timely manner the instructor(s) of the course** from which you will be or have already been absent of the circumstance, and submit to the instructor appropriate documentation for your circumstance as indicated above.

Grading & Credit-Awarding Policies

Every quarter, your performance will be evaluated on a grading scale of S, A, B, C, or F, based on the criteria set by the course in which you enroll.

If earning a final grade of C or higher, then you will be awarded one credit. If you receive a final grade of F, then no credit will be awarded.

While your class performance will be graded every quarter, your grades will be notified only at the end of Quarter 2 (Summer Quarter) and at the end of Quarter 4 (Winter Quarter). Your grades will be notified through JACs' official webpage or the Student Portal System.



Course Withdrawal

Withdrawal from a JACs course is NOT permitted beyond the first week of a quarter without:

- 1) Prior notice given to the course instructor(s); and
- 2) Prior consultation with and approval from the JTW Office.



3.4. Independent Study Project (ISP) – Optional

OVERVIEW

An ISP is an optional, individual research project available for JTW students; it is a self-driven, semester-long, question-driven research project that you may choose to carry out within the field of or closely related to Japanese Studies of your interest.

PLEASE NOTE:

- You are required to design and carry out your research project **under faculty guidance**; the JTW faculty coordinators will help arrange on your behalf a faculty member, in or outside the JTW program, appropriate to serve as your ISP supervisor.
- You are required to **meet with their supervisor two or more times per month throughout the semester**, according to a mutually decided schedule. Initial meetings involve discussing and settling jointly on your research topic and approach.
- The supervisor will advise you on research opportunities, resources, and strategies; assist as feasible and appropriate with equipment use, field site (or laboratory access), introductions for interviews, etc.
- You are required to produce **a research paper** and prepare a set of **PowerPoint presentation slides** (a 10-15 min. synopsis of the report) **for a public, oral presentation at the end of the semester**.
- Your paper and oral presentation are subject to formal evaluation and grading, and together **you may earn 2 credits** upon successfully completing your ISP.
- Per semester, **only one ISP** may be counted towards the JTW completion requirements.



Just for One-Year Students...

Only if you participate in JTW for one year (Oct. – Jul.), it is possible to extend your ISP to two semesters in certain cases with approval of your ISP supervisor and the JTW Office.

ISPs for two semester length are awarded four credits in total, but only at the end of the second semester, for ISP works successfully completed. Please note that no partial credit is granted for unfinished projects.



Independent Study Project (ISP) – Written Formatting Guidelines

Abstract	250-300 words, provided on a separate page.
Report Length	Single-term project report At least 3,000 words
	Two-term project report At least 5,000 words
	First semester interim report At least 2,000 words
Paper Size	A4
Line Spacing	Single
Font	Arial or Times New Roman
Font Size	16 (main title), 12 (subtitles), 11 (text)
Alignment	Main title (center), subtitles (align left), text (left-justified)
In bold	Main title, your name, subtitles
Paragraph Indent	0.5cm
Paragraph Spacing	None between paragraphs
Subtitle Spacing	One line above and below subtitles
Notes	Use footnotes (not endnotes)
Bibliographic Form	See sample of Oxford System below
Romanization	Hyōjun-shiki, an adaptation of the Hepburn system with flat macrons if possible (e.g., Chōshū)
Italics	For Japanese words not in the English lexicon (e.g., sumo, samurai, and geisha); attach a translation in parentheses

Sample Bibliography

Okimoto, Daniel, *Between MITI and the Market: Japanese Industrial Policy for High Technology* (Stanford, Calif., Stanford University Press, 1990).

_____ and Saxenhouse, Gary, 'Technology and the Future of the Economy', in Kozo Yamamura and Yasukichi Yasuba (eds.), *The Political Economy of Japan*, 1 (Stanford, Calif., Stanford University Press, 1987).

Ozaki, Iwao, 'The Effects of Technological Change on the Economic Growth of Japan, 1955-1970', in Karen Polenske and Jiri Skolka (eds.), *Advances in Input-Output Analysis* (Cambridge, Mass., Ballinger Publishing Company, 1976).

NOTES: Citations from the Internet must specify, along with the website address itself, the time and date you "visited."

Submission & Presentation Schedule

Submission deadline for your ISP materials (paper, abstract, PPT slides) by email :

January 29th (Fri.), 2027 (tentative)

Public Oral Presentations:

February 12th (Fri.), 2027 (tentative)

IMPORTANT!! – The presentation event is not only for the presenters – Attendance is required, and participation encouraged, of all JTW students. Support your JTW friends!

3.5. Advanced Laboratory Research (ALR) – Optional

OVERVIEW

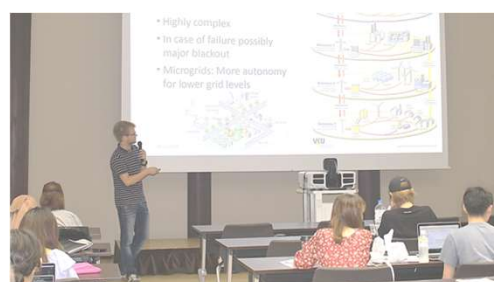
An ALR project is an optional opportunity for you to design and carry out a research project of your interest typically via participating in an ongoing broad research project in a laboratory setting in the faculties of **science and engineering**.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ALR projects are conducted in English, and this opportunity is available if you are: 1) majoring in science, engineering, or closely-related fields of study; and 2) in at least **your third year of study** in your home university.



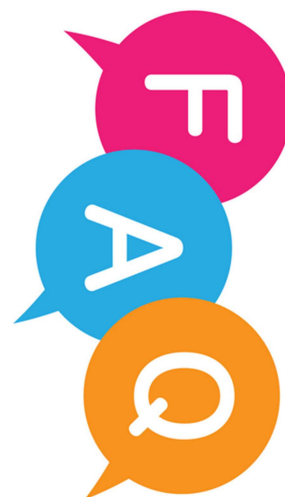
- You are required to carry out your ALR project in a laboratory setting **under the guidance of your ALR supervisor** in any of the faculties of Engineering, Sciences, Agriculture, or Pharmacy.
- The JTW Program will help arrange on your behalf a faculty member, outside the JTW program, appropriate to serve as your ALR supervisor.
- Learning objectives and achievement criteria as well as research duties and expectations vary significantly by ALR supervisors; these are determined by **negotiation between you and your ALR supervisor**, and in consultation with a JTW faculty coordinator. To complete your ALR project, you must meet the requirements arranged in advance with your ALR supervisors.
- Per semester, **only one ALR may be counted** towards the JTW completion requirements.



4. FAQ

Re: JTW Core Courses

- Q.** Is it possible to add or change courses after attending the first session?
- A.** Yes, you can make changes up until the registration deadline. It is recommended that you attend the first session of all courses you are interested in (or those you are placed in for JACs) to gain a better understanding of the course structure and requirements. When selecting courses, be realistic about the amount of work you can handle to ensure that you can successfully complete all of your courses.
- Q.** Can I audit a course (for no credit)?
- A.** Yes, you may. However, please note that your auditing experience will not be recorded on your academic transcript at Kyushu University and will not count towards the JTW completion requirements. If you are interested in auditing a course, please consult with the course instructor for permission.



Re: ISP/ALR

- Q.** Can I withdraw from ISP and/or ALR in the middle of the semester?
- A.** No, you can't. If you withdraw, your course grade will be an F (fail) unless there is a compelling reason, such as returning home for health reasons.
- Q.** Do I have to pay a special fee to join an ISP/ALR research group?
- A.** Not necessarily. For scientific research groups, you may be required to purchase a mandatory insurance policy recommended by your research laboratory.

Re: JACs

- Q.** I am not satisfied with the results of the JACs placement test. Am I allowed to change the class level I have been placed in?
- A.** No, you cannot change your class level once placed. Class placements are determined exclusively by the results of your placement tests. Your previous experience with learning Japanese or your perceived level of proficiency do not influence your class placement.

Re: Others

- Q.** Can I take a foreign language course other than JACs?
- A.** Yes, as part of RFCs. However, we do not recommend that JTW students take foreign language courses outside of JACs for two reasons: (1) Foreign language courses at Kyushu University are taught in Japanese, requiring at least a near-native level of Japanese to comprehend the material; (2) These courses tend to be intensive and time-consuming, which may hinder your academic performance in other courses.
- Q.** Where can I find course materials?
- A.** You can do all of this in the Moodle system at [Moodle](<https://moodle.s.kyushu-u.ac.jp/login/index.php>). We will provide you with details about how to access Moodle shortly after your arrival on campus. The password will be the same one you set for SSO-KID. If you forget your password or have trouble logging in, please check the following link for assistance:
[Password Recovery] (<https://sso.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/FAQe.html>)
- Q.** Who should I contact to apply for the signature and stamp for my confirmation of arrival, mobility, departure, learning agreement, and certificate of enrollment?
- A.** Contact the JTW office to apply for all of these documents. Note that the procedure will take 7-10 working days.

Re: RFCs

- Q.** Can I enroll in courses that were not included in my original application to the JTW program?
- A.** Yes, you can. Once the semester begins, you will have a two-week course shopping period during which you can explore and select courses to formally enroll in.
- Q.** How can I find the latest versions of course syllabi?
- A.** Click the link below to search in Campusmate.
*Please note that most syllabi will only be updated at the beginning of each semester.
<https://syllabus.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>

Questions? Concerns?

For more detailed FAQs, please check the link below.

[FAQs_Course-Registrarion_JTW_0202.pdf \(kyushu-u.ac.jp\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns about the academic guidelines of the JTW program, please contact the **JTW Office** at: intlr-jtw@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp



5. Academic Calendar

JTW Fall-Winter 2026-27 Academic Calendar (Tentative)

NOTES:

This calendar only shows the dates of for-credit academic activities and events that require your attendance as part of the JTW program.

Dates of extracurricular learning opportunities such as **study trips** and **on-campus cross-cultural events** will be determined and announced later as we go through the semester.

IMPORTANT!

It is particularly important that all of you attend the **ISP presentations**. Your attendance is not optional – it's strictly mandatory. **When scheduling your fight back home, please make sure to not depart the campus before these events.**



JTW Academic Calendar (2026-27 Fall-Winter)							
2026							
Month	Sun.(日)	Mon.(月)	Tue.(火)	Wed.(水)	Thu.(木)	Fri.(金)	Sat.(土)
9	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						JACs Placement Test starts	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10						Mandatory JTW Orientation JACs Placement Test ends	
	27	28	29	30	1 Thu 1	2	3
		Mandatory Campus-wide Orientation (all international students)			Classes start	Mandatory Fall Opening Ceremony (No class) Course registration starts	
	4	5 Mon 1	6 Tue 1	7 Wed 1	8 Thu 2	9 Fri 1	10
	Disaster Prevention Center Meet up with Host Families					Course registration ends(5:00pm)	
	11	12	13 Tue 2	14 Wed 2	15 Thu 3	16 Fri 2	17
	18	19 Mon 2	20 Tue 3	21 Wed 3	22 Thu 4	23 Fri 3	24
		Course Registration Adjustment starts		Course Registration Adjustment ends(5:00pm)			
	25	26 Mon 3	27 Tue 4	28 Wed 4	29 Thu 5	30	31
						No classes	
11	1	2	3	4 Wed 5	5 Mon 4	6 Fri 4	7
		National Holiday	National Holiday		Monday's Class		
	8	9 Mon 5	10 Tue 5	11 Wed 6	12 Thu 6	13 Fri 5	14
	15	16 Mon 6	17 Tue 6	18 Wed 7	19 Thu 7	20 Fri 6	21
			Local Elementary School Visit				
	22	23	24 Tue 7	25 Wed 8	26 Mon 7	27 Fri 7	28
		National Holiday			Monday's Class		

12	29	30 Mon ⁸	1 Tue ⁸	2	3 Thu ⁸	4 Fri ⁸	5
			JACs Quarter 3 ends	*Reserve Day			
	6	7 Mon ⁹	8 Tue ⁹	9 Wed ⁹	10 Thu ⁹	11 Fri ⁹	12
	13	14 Mon ¹⁰	15 Tue ¹⁰	16 Wed ¹⁰	17 Thu ¹⁰	18 Fri ¹⁰	19
20	20	21 Mon ¹¹	22 Tue ¹¹	23 Wed ¹¹	24 Thu ¹¹	25 Fri ¹¹	26
							New Year Holidays
2027							
Month	Sun.(日)	Mon.(月)	Tue.(火)	Wed.(水)	Thu.(木)	Fri.(金)	Sat.(土)
1	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	3	4	5 Tue ¹²	6 Wed ¹²	7 Thu ¹²	8 Fri ¹²	9
	10	11	12 Mon ¹²	13 Fri ¹³	14 Thu ¹³	15	16
		National Holiday	Monday's Class	Friday's Class		No Classes	
17	17	18 Mon ¹³	19 Tue ¹³	20 Wed ¹³	21 Thu ¹⁴	22 Fri ¹⁴	23
	24	25 Mon ¹⁴	26 Tue ¹⁴	27 Wed ¹⁴	28 Thu ¹⁵	29 Fri ¹⁵	30
	31	1 Mon ¹⁵	2 Tue ¹⁵	3 Wed ¹⁵	4 Thu	5 Fri	6
2	7	8 Mon	9 Tue	10 Wed	11	12	13
				JACs Quarter 4 ends	National Holiday	Mandatory ISP Presentation	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		*Reserve Day	Spring Break (~April)				
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

Important Note: Dates are tentative and may change due to unavoidable reasons, such as natural disasters. We do not recommend booking your return flight on the same day or the day immediately following the ISP Presentation/Closing Ceremony.

* "Reserve days" refer to scheduled makeup days (予備日) built into the academic calendar so that classes cancelled due to typhoons, disasters, or unforeseen circumstances can be held.