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| **Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners**  **Application Guideline for Spring 2021** |

Niigata University (NU) will continue to offer Special Online Program for Japanese language learners for Spring 2021. The program is designed for students who will learn remotely from their home country.

**◆Eligibility**

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

1. The applicant is currently enrolled as a degree-seeking 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 course shown below.

**◆Application Deadline:**

The application package has to be submitted to the coordinator of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of NU by November 10, 2020.

Students have to apply through the coordinator of your home university; direct application to NU by individual students will not be accepted.

**◆Documents to be submitted**

1. Application Form for Niigata University Special Online Program for Japanese Language Learners 2021 (WORD or PDF)
2. Academic Transcript issued by home university (PDF)
3. Certificate of Enrollment issued by home university (PDF)

**◆Program Period**

April to August of 2021 \*Coinciding with NU’s First (Spring) Semester

　※Pre-orientation will be scheduled online in late March.

　※Make-up lessons may be scheduled during the month of August, 2021.

**◆Course Summary**

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

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| 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 |
| Platinum | Exam Preparation for JLPT N1 | Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook) | 2 / week  30 lessons approx. | 20 | 2 |
| Gold | Practice 4 skills  comprehensively  (listening, reading, writing, speaking) | Aiming to pass JLPT N1 (N1-level textbook) | 3 /week  45 lessons approx. | 30 | 3 |
| Silver | Aiming to pass JLPT N2 (N2-level textbook) | 3 /week  45 lessons approx. | 30 | 3 |
| Bronze | Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N3 | 3 /week  45 lessons approx. | 30 | 3 |
| Green | Already acquired an ability to pass JLPT N4 | 3 /week  45 lessons approx. | 30 | 3 |

**◆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 classes. Attending only certain days of the week is not acceptable.

**◆How lessons are conducted, Textbooks**

* All lessons will be conducted online (The kind of software will be announced at a later date). 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.
* No videos or recorded materials of lessons will be available online.
* A textbook will be arranged for each course.

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

Spring Semester (April to August)

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| Platinum | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Green |
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**◆Program Tuition**

Free of charge（Students must pay for a textbook. The price will be announced later.）

**◆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.

**◆Other Notes**

* Any additional information regarding this program will be posted online at the following website:

<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/study/japanese-language/special-online/>

* The result of application will be announced in about two months following the application deadline.