

For exchange students How to search courses

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Academic Highlights

- 1. No prior knowledge of Japanese language is necessary, and motivation to learn Japanese is welcome!
- 2. About 20% of courses are taught in English.
- 3. Some majors offer more English-taught courses than others. For instance, Communications, International Relations, Japan studies are widely taught in English and popular among exchange students.
- 4. We have one-year Japan Studies Certificate Program for exchange students.
- 5. Most of Japanese professors hold degrees from universities outside of Japan.

FAQ

Q: Are exchange students allowed to choose from all English and Japanese taught courses and from any faculty?

A: Yes, except for English for Liberal Arts (ELA) Program courses and doctor-level graduate courses.

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Q: Is there a minimum/maximum of courses to choose in total?

A: First of all, we are on trimester system. Each term is 11 week long. Autumn Term is from September to November, Winter from December to March and Spring from April to June. In most cases, our courses are worth either 2 or 3 credits and meet 2 or 3 70-minute-long periods per week. Japanese as a Foreign Language courses are 2 or 5 or 10 credits, depending on the track. If a student decides to take a JLP course, the minimum number of credits per term will be 7. If s/he decides not to take a JLP course, it will be 9. Maximum is 18 with Academic Adviser's approval. You can find three sample weekly timetables at the end of the presentation.

Q: When do students register for courses?

A: At the beginning of the term at ICU. No prior registration is necessary before arrival. If a student intends to take a JLP course, s/he must take a placement test (written and oral) at the beginning of the first term, and carefully choose non-JLP courses that do not conflict with his or her assigned JLP course.

Japanese as a Foreign Language



Japanese as a Foreign Language

Japanese: Intensive Japanese Step by 3 tracks Japanese Program Step 🛨 Program <elective> Intensive A J1: Japanese JSS 1 JSS 2 J2: Japanese JSS 3 JSS 4 Intensive B J3: Japanese J4: Japanese Intensive C J5: Japanese J6: Japanese Advanced Levels J7: Japanese J8: Japanese <elective> Advanced Seminar in Japanese A <elective>

Japanese as a First/Heritage Language

Special Japanese
Program

Special Japanese Core Course < compulsory >

Introduction to Japanese for First/Heritage Language Speakers

Special Japanese 1 Kanji 1

Special Japanese 2 Kanji 2

Special Japanese 3 Kanji 3

Readings in Academic Writing in

*4 Year Regular and Transfer students are required to complete up to SpJ 3 and SpJ Kanji 3.

Japanese

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Japanese

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Advanced Seminar in Japanese B

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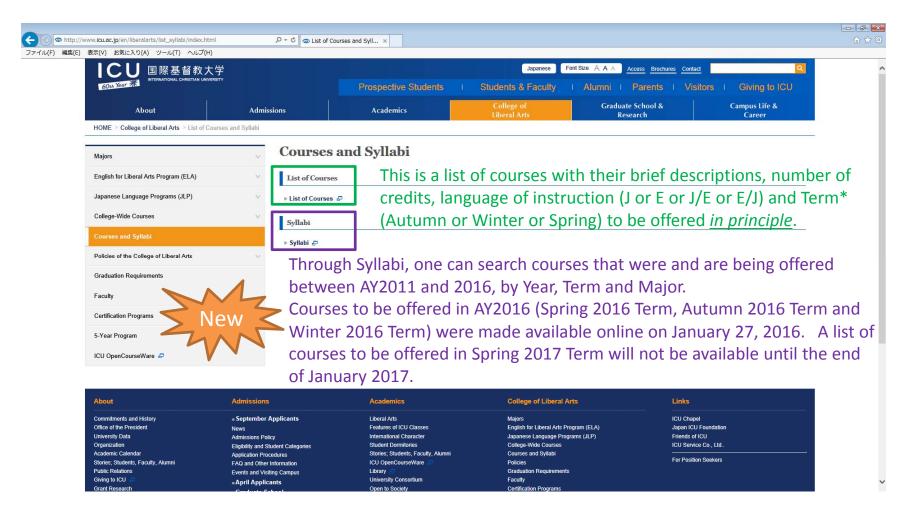
new courses from 2016

^{*4} Year Regular and Transfer Students are required to complete up to J7.

Japanese as a Foreign Language

- Intensive Japanese Program: Designed to complete basic to intermediate level in 3 terms, at double the pace of the Japanese Program. It meets 4 days a week totaling 15 periods a week carrying 10 credits a term.
- Japanese Program: Designed to give students a firm foundation in communication skills, in both spoken and written Japanese. The Japanese Program meets 3 days a week totaling 8 periods a week carrying 5 credits a term.

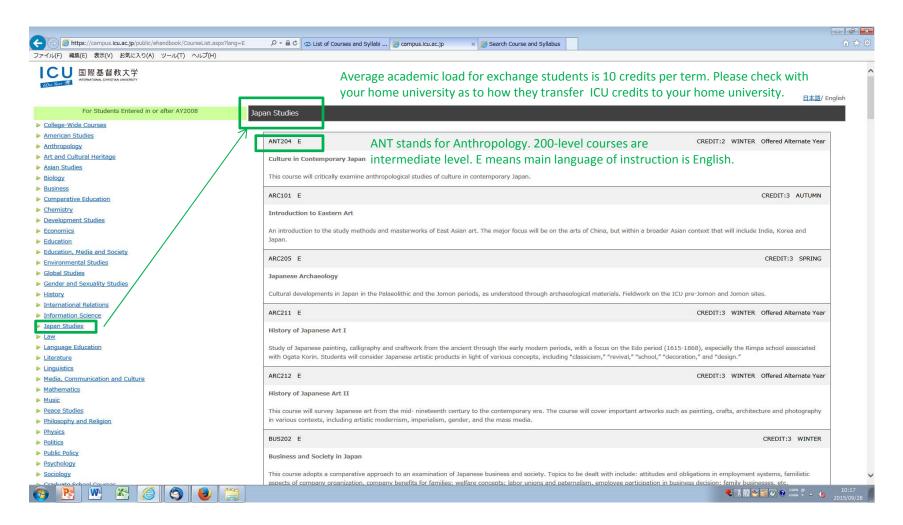
• Japanese: Step by Step: Starting in Spring 2016, this new program is designed to develop everyday communication competence in Japanese and provides practical skills including reading and writing to help students fulfil university life in Japan. It has 4 levels at elementary stage, each consisting of 4 periods of classroom teaching per week carrying 2 credits a term.



^{*} Autumn Term (September to November), Winter Term (December to March), Spring Term (April to June)

"List of Courses"

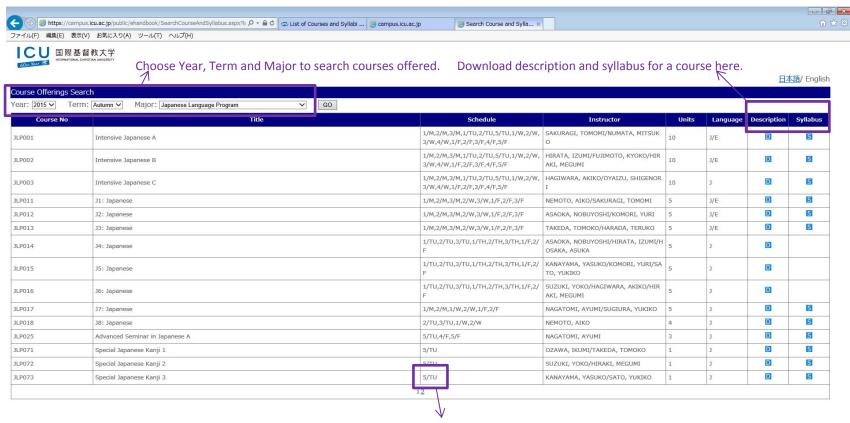
https://campus.icu.ac.jp/public/ehandbook/CourseList.aspx?lang=E



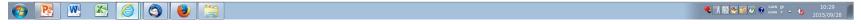
Note: Terms and languages of instruction (E, J) are subject to change.

"Syllabi"

https://campus.icu.ac.jp/public/ehandbook/SearchCourseAndSyllabus.aspx?lang=e



This means this course meets during 5th period every Tuesday. Each period is 70 minutes long.



Sample Weekly Timetable (AY2014-2015) Autumn Term (September to November)



Main Objective: To boost Japanese language proficiency by taking Intensive Japanese.

- JLP001 Intensive Japanese A (10 credits)
- SOC205 Introduction to Japanese Society (3 credits)

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1* Period (8:50-10:00)	JLP001	JLP001	JLP001		JLP001
2 [™] Period (10:10-11:20)	JLP001	JLP001	JLP001		JLP001
3 rd Period (11:30-12:40)	JLP001		JLP001		JLP001
Super4 th Period (1:15-3:00)	SOC205			SOC205	
4 th Period (1:50-3:00)			JLP001		JLP001
5 th Period (3:10-4:20)		JLP001			JLP001

Sample Weekly Timetable (AY2014-2015) Winter Term (December to March)



Main Objective: To learn Japanese more, while taking two English-taught courses in International Relations.

- JLP013 J3: Japanese (5 credits)
- IRL214 International Political Economy (2 credits)
- IRL232 Asian International Relations (3 credits)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDATI	SATURDAY
1 (8:50-10:00)	JLP013				JLP013	
2 (10:10-11:2()	JLP013		JLP013		JLP013	
3 (11:30-12:40)	JLP013		JLP013		JLP013	
Lunch Time (12:40-13:50)	L (*4: 13:15-)	U Chapel Hour (13:15-13:40)	N (*4: 13:15-)	C (*4: 13:15-)	H (#4: 13:15-)	
4 (13:50-15:00)		Convocation Hour (14:00-15:01)	IRL232		IRL232	
5 (15:10-16:20)	IRL214					
6 (16:30–17:40)	IRL214					

Sample Weekly Timetable (AY2014-2015) Spring Term (April to June)



Main Objective: To focus on student's major, IR, all taught in English.

- IRL216 Studies of the United Nations (2 credits)
- IRL385 Advanced Studies in Human Security (2 credits)
- PPL203 Policy Process and Political Institutions (3 credits)
- PPL206 Regional Governance (3 credits)
- POL232 Comparative Politics (3 credits)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDA
1 (8:50-10:00)						
2 (10:10–11:20)				PPL206		IRL216
3 (11:30-12:40)		PPL206		PPL206		IRL216
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5 (15:10-16:20)				IRL385		
6 (16:30–17:40)				IRL385		

Other Information

More information on our academic systems are available here.

http://subsite.icu.ac.jp/ieeo/exchange_invitee/academics.html

JLP

http://www.icu.ac.jp/en/liberalarts/collegewide/<a>/jlp/about.html

CLASS SCHEDULE

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