

JLC Curriculum Outline (26 months)

Note that this is the suggested curriculum for full time 2 year students starting with no or little Japanese. For students of other types, we tailor-make to the individual's desires and needs, and class content does not need to be from the regular curriculum.

<u>Introductory Course</u>	<u>Pronunciation of Japanese</u> (PJ) including Hiragana and Katakana	2 classes (45 minutes) a day	2-3 weeks
<u>Elementary Courses</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Minna no Nihongo</u> Books 1 & 2 (皆の日本語) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plus Religious Language Supplement (RLS) 2. <u>Shokyu Kanji course</u> (初級漢字) 600 characters 	<p>2 classes a day</p> <p>I class a day concurrently with 1.</p>	Approx. 8.5 –10.4 months
<u>Proficiency Tests</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preliminary Simulated Oral Interview ● JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) level 4 		
<u>Intermediate Courses</u> <u>A</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shin Nihongo no Chuukyuu (新日本語の中級) and Christian Life Supplement (studied alongside 'Shin Nihongo no Chuukyuu') 2. Intermediate Kanji course (400 characters + 100 new readings) 	<p>2 classes a day</p> <p>I class a day</p>	4-6 months

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Intermediate</u> <u>Courses</u> <u>B</u></p>	<p>1. Bible Course (聖書コース)</p> <p>2. Intermediate Kanji (if not yet finished) followed by Reading ‘Simplified Bible Stories’</p>	<p>2 classes a day</p> <p>I class a day</p>	<p>2-3 months</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Advanced</u> <u>Courses</u></p>	<p>1. Sermon course (説教コース)</p> <p>2. Various optional courses According to time available</p>	<p>3 classes a day</p>	<p>3 months for sermon course if possible</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proficiency</u> <u>Tests</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Simulated Oral Interview ● JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) level 3 or above 		

The elementary and intermediate courses should be seen as the essential minimum. The sermon course is not only intended for those whose future ministry will include preaching. Even those who do not see preaching as a regular part of their future ministry will benefit from this course with its aim to give practice in sustained speaking on a particular topic. The course can be adapted to a great extent to the student’s particular needs and ability. If 3 months are not available, what time is available can be spent on the sermon course, or if more appropriate, on optional courses such as the cooking course or Sunday School course.

Options are basically anything the student would like to do within reason. But below are some that students typically choose from.:

- **Cooking course (up to 2 weeks)** – in this you can learn something about Japanese cooking as well as how to do a cooking class as an evangelistic outreach. Demonstrations are given to other students and JLC teachers in this course.

- **Sunday School course** – again a practical course preparing children’s talks and of varied length.
- **Learning to read Japanese Newspapers** – for example, by reading ‘Nihongo Journal’, actual newspapers or other texts
- **Becoming familiar with a basic Bible study text such as ‘Kiso no Manabi’** (基礎の学び)
- **Japanese culture**
- **Advanced Kanji** using for example, the text ‘Kanji in Context’.
- **Preparing for Proficiency Tests**