

Connect with the world through Japanese

Discover yourself at Nagoya YWCA

NAGOYA YWCA



THE NAGOYA YWCA SCHOOL OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE

Why Nagoya

Policy

<Educational Philosophy>

Through Japanese language education, students grow as individuals and gain the skills to shape their future

We nurture individuals who express themselves, respect others, and contribute to a more peaceful world

Message from Head of School

Nagoya is a city where culture and industry come together. Conveniently located in the educational district, Nagoya YWCA offers an ideal environment for studying abroad. With small classes and close relationships between students and faculty, we make sure every student feels valued. We look forward to sharing this special chapter of your life in Japan with you.

Mihoko Hanyu, Head of School



History

Since 1978, Nagoya YWCA has offered a wide range of Japanese language courses to meet the growing demand for studying Japanese. Students from more than 30 countries and regions, primarily in Asia, South America, North America, and Europe, have come to study here, each pursuing their own goals.

- 1977 Launched Japanese classes for YWCA's English teachers
- 1978 Opened Japanese classes for the general international community
- 1979 Opened evening classes (once a week) and morning classes (twice a week)
- 1984 Opened Intensive Japanese Course (five times a week, three months)
- 1985 Opened Full-time Japanese Course (20 hours per week)
- 1986 Authorized by the Ministry of Justice, Full-time Course eligible for student visas
- 1989 Established as a Miscellaneous School, Nagoya YWCA School of Japanese Language, authorized by the Governor of Aichi Prefecture
- 1990 Introduced Nagoya YWCA Scholarship Program
- 1995 Published Nihongo Shochukyu (Japanese for Beginners and Intermediates)
- 2004 Published Wakatte Tsukaeru Nihongo (Understanding and Using Japanese)
- 2017 Accredited by the Ministry of Justice under the Notification Standards for Japanese Language Education Institutions

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Find your path at Nagoya YWCA. What do you want to achieve with Japanese?
What will you be able to do?

► School Features

1

Small classes with close relationships between teachers and students

With a maximum of 15 students per class, we provide personalized attention and close support

2

Communication built on a solid foundation of Japanese

Using original materials based on many years of teaching experience, we help students strengthen their Japanese fundamentals while encouraging self-expression

3

One-year programs to match your goals

Choose from two one-year programs: ONE-YEAR JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM and ONE-YEAR JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR CAREER PREPARATION

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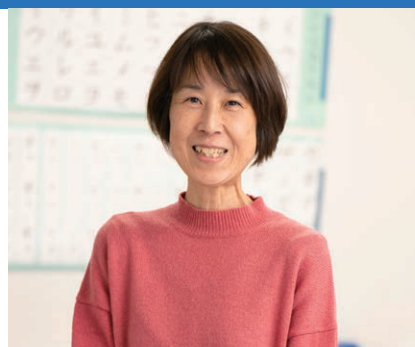
Support for self-directed learning

We incorporate active learning methods to foster the ability to continue learning independently

► Comments from Our Teachers

Language is a tool that connects people. At YWCA, you can study together with classmates from many different countries and build connections with people around the world. All of our teachers and staff are here to support your learning.

Kaori Hisada, Instructor



At YWCA, you'll have chances to talk not only with your classmates but also with Japanese people, including university students and working professionals. Study with us and build real communication skills.

Fumiko Taniyama, Instructor



Course

ONE-YEAR JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM

Enrollment
Periods

April, October

Capacity

40 students (April), 26 students (October)

Learning Goals

- ◆ Can understand the main points of familiar, everyday topics when spoken in standard Japanese
- ◆ Through understanding Japanese culture, can briefly express experiences, hopes, opinions, reasons, and explanations on familiar or personal topics

Recommended For

- ◆ Those who want to learn Japanese while experiencing daily life in Japan
- ◆ Those who want to develop the ability to communicate in everyday Japanese
- ◆ Those who want to study not only the language, but also Japanese culture and society



What You Will Learn

J1 (6 months)

Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese Kanji and Vocabulary
Reading Listening Writing Special Activities

You will be able to

- Use Japanese in everyday situations such as shopping
- Talk and write about things you like and your future dreams
- Share your own experiences through speaking and writing

J2 (6 months)

Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese Kanji and Vocabulary
Listening Speaking (Interaction) Writing
Special Activities

You will be able to

- Make requests or decline while explaining circumstances
- Express opinions on familiar topics while giving reasons
- Explain topics of personal interest in detail, using examples

CEFR

A2

B1

JLPT

N4

N3

Features!

Japanese for Everyday Life



Practical training is provided in small, supportive classes so that students can build the communication skills they need for everyday life

Guest Interviews



Japanese guests are invited to class, giving students the chance to use Japanese in practice

Japanese Cultural Experiences



Opportunities are provided to experience traditional culture such as tea ceremony and calligraphy, as well as a variety of seasonal events

Course

ONE-YEAR JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR CAREER PREPARATION

Enrollment
Periods

April, October

Capacity

20 students (April), 14 students (October)

Learning Goals

- ◆ Can understand the main content of both concrete and abstract topics, and interact with Japanese speakers without feeling nervous
- ◆ Can independently obtain the information necessary for participating in society and continue learning autonomously

Recommended For

- ◆ Those who want to use Japanese for employment
- ◆ Those who want to build essential professional skills through Japanese



What You Will Learn

J3 (6 months)

Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese Kanji and Vocabulary
Reading Listening Writing Presentations
Career Planning

You will be able to

- Reflect on your career and express your dreams and hopes
- Understand academic texts, summarize them, and participate in discussions
- Express opinions on social topics

J4 (6 months)

Subjects

Comprehensive Japanese Kanji and Vocabulary
Reading Listening Presentations Career Planning
Special Activities

You will be able to

- Choose a career path and take steps toward it
- Behave and speak appropriately as a member of society
- Prepare materials on topics of personal interest and give a presentation

CEFR

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JLPT

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Features!

Advanced Japanese



Classes focus on understanding texts and news about social issues, practicing how to state opinions, and preparing and delivering presentations, with an emphasis on the Japanese needed for

Various Exchanges



Opportunities are provided to interact with people of different generations at nearby high schools, universities, and after-school programs. Student-proposed activities are also

Career-Oriented Classes



Students prepare resumes and cover letters, and practice interviews. Opportunities are provided to interview professionals working in Japan and to take part in internships

Schedule

April	Orientation (for April entrants) JLPT Preparation Course (optional)	October	Orientation (for October entrants) JLPT Preparation Course (optional)
May	Field Trip (whole school)	November	Health Checkup
June	Japanese Culture Festival	December	Exchange Party
July	Speech Contest	February	Cultural Presentation
August	Summer Vacation	March	Field Trip (class) Final Exam Graduation Ceremony (for April entrants)
September	Field Trip (class) Final Exam Graduation Ceremony (for October entrants)		



Speech Contest



Exchange Party

Scholarships

Nagoya YWCA offers its own grant-based scholarship program. There are two types of scholarships: the General Scholarship, awarded to outstanding students who have studied at Nagoya YWCA for more than six months, and the Refugee Scholarship, which provides one year of Japanese study for those who have been officially recognized as refugees. Each year, scholarships are awarded to more than six students, helping them continue their studies.

Voices from Scholarship Recipients



Thank you very much for your scholarship support. My goal is to work for a Japanese company in the future. With this scholarship, I was able to buy stationery, a dictionary, and pay the examination fee for the JLPT, which all supported my Japanese studies.

Mai Thu Trang (Vietnam)



I applied because I wanted to focus on my studies without putting a financial burden on my family. When I was selected as a scholarship recipient, I was overwhelmed with gratitude for the support I received from my family and teachers. I used the scholarship to buy textbooks and JLPT practice materials.

Erina Lamichhane (Nepal)

Career Support

Comprehensive career support is provided at Nagoya YWCA. From choosing a company or school to preparing documents and practicing interviews, each student is carefully supported until a future path is decided.

Whenever you feel unsure about your next step, you are always welcome to come and talk with us. Let's work together toward your dreams!

Tomomi Horibe, Full-time Instructor, Career Advisor



Paths After Graduation	
Universities	Aichi University Kyoto University of Foreign Studies Takushoku University Tokyo University of Information Sciences Nagoya University of Commerce and Business Nihon Fukushi University Aichi Sangyo University Seijoh University Chubu University Nagoya Sangyo University Nanzan University
Vocational Schools	Aichi Business College Trident College of Languages, Aviation and Hotel Akemi Bunka Fashion College Nakanihon Automotive Junior College Ohara Travel, Hotel, and Bridal School HAL Nagoya Chubu Beauty College Nagoya Business Academy TOYOTA Technical College Nagoya Nagoya Hospitality Academy
Employment	Quest Global Japan Corporation

Your Stories at Nagoya YWCA

Voices from Our Students



Classes at YWCA are really interesting. The teachers explain things clearly and encourage us to participate actively. The materials and activities are excellent, and my Japanese has improved quickly.

Anabel (Peru)



Our classes are small but lively. We often practice conversation and help each other understand difficult grammar. You don't just learn a language here, you also build friendships and learn new cultures.

Liu (Canada)



The YWCA teachers always teach Japanese in a cheerful atmosphere, encouraging students to actively participate in the classes. They also teach everyday expressions that Japanese people really use.

Moon (Korea)



YWCA has great events. My favorite is the December exchange party, where all students join in with skits and games. You can make friends with students from other classes, which makes studying Japanese even more enjoyable.

Kharel (Nepal)



Through my classes, I learned specialized Japanese, business conversation skills, knowledge of workplace culture, and even how to prepare documents. These gave me confidence and professional skills for my career.

Lu (China)



When I first came to Japan, I felt that it would be impossible for me to enter university because I could barely speak Japanese. Thanks to studying Japanese at YWCA, I was able to pass the entrance exam for the university I wanted.

Sandeepa (Sri Lanka)

Voices from Our Graduates

Studying at YWCA helped me get accepted into my first-choice university and pass the JLPT N1. The daily lessons and support for further study made it possible. YWCA provides individual support for each student. They created study plans that matched each student's level. The school felt like family, and they were always there to help me, answering my questions not only about Japanese but also everyday life. I am proud to have studied at YWCA.

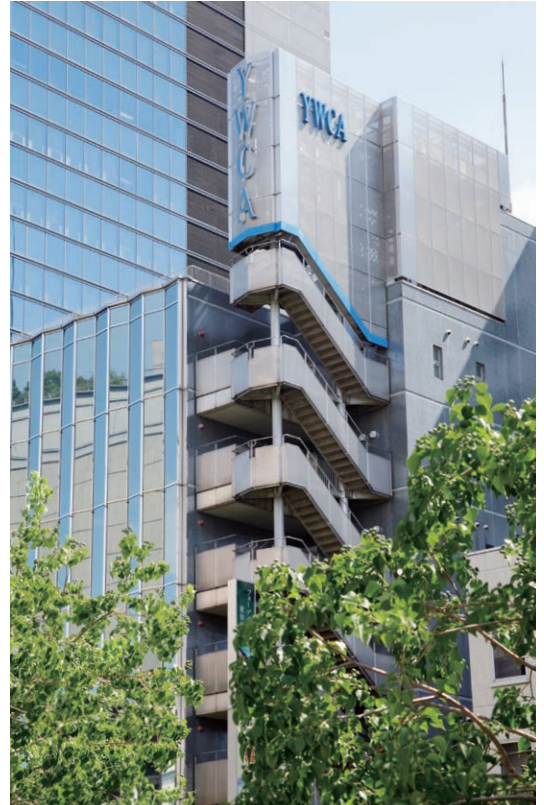
Panta (Nepal), entered the Faculty of Informatics at Tokyo University of Information Sciences



I am currently working as an interpreter at a ward office. When I first came to Japan, I couldn't speak Japanese at all, but after studying at YWCA, I was able to find a job immediately after graduation. At YWCA, I learned not only grammar, reading, and listening, but also everyday conversation and job-hunting skills. What I learned has been extremely helpful in both my work and daily life.

Phuong (Vietnam)





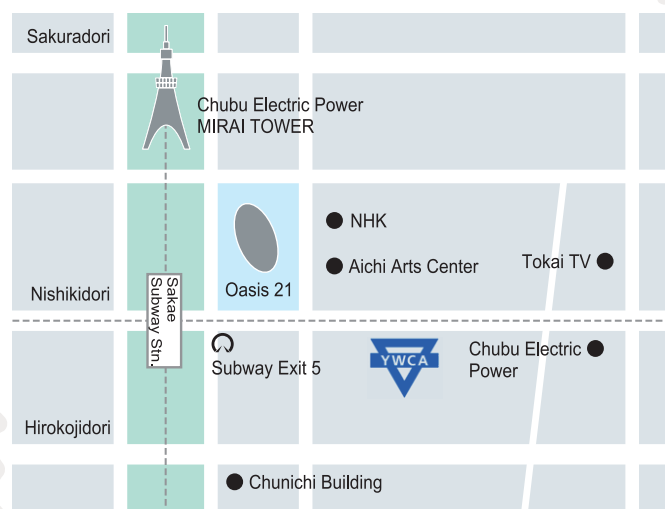
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