

The Kumamoto YMCA Japanese School
Short term course 2020

Course General Descriptions

Our aim is for students to master the four skills of “speaking”, “listening”, “reading”, and “writing”, which are necessary in real situations of life and work in Japan. Students study in class and through off-campus activities.

We will also provide various chances to help you speak Japanese more smoothly and know more about Japanese society and culture.

1. **Course Start** April / July / October / January
*Flexible enrollment is available. Please contact us for more details.
2. **Course Period** 3 months
*There are roughly 1-2 weeks of holidays.
3. **Class Size** 8 people per class
* If the number of applicants can't reach 3, the class may be closed
4. **Intended Age** 18 or older (Any student under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian.)

5. Courses and Level Descriptions

Class	Recommended Courses	The examples of what you will be able to do through this course
Advanced	Under preparation...	
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● students who have studied the Beginner's material for more than six months (300 hours), completed Minna no Nihongo Beginner I , II ● completed the A course ● students who have passed JLPT (Japanese–Language Proficiency Test) N4 (Level 3) * students who want to learn more vocabulary and grammar * On the topic of daily life, students want to read and write about daily life * students desire to communicate smoothly in various daily situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be able to ; – ask somebody to write a recommendation letter, communicate with hospital staff in an emergency situation or make a speech at a wedding for you. – communicate to a client on the telephone and apologize politely. – leave a message asking to reschedule an appointment. – draw a map or take notes while listening to slightly difficult directions. – ask your boss politely about a change in your days off or training while giving your reasons. – ask about recommended sightseeing spots of your travel destination. • When you seem to be late for an appointment with a teacher or colleague, you can explain the reason and apologize politely, and ask to rearrange the appointment. • have lost something or your child has gone missing, you will be able to explain the situation and ask for help. • buy something like electric appliances, you can not only tell the staff your hopes and requirements, but also understand the staff's explanations of the functions and their comparison. • you are misunderstood and cautioned, you can explain your situation calmly.
Beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● students who have studied the Primary material for more than three months (150 hours), completed Minna no Nihongo Beginner I ● students who have passed JLPT (Japanese–Language Proficiency Test) N5 (Level 4) * students who want to learn vocabulary and grammar necessary in daily life * students who want to review basic grammar and be able to use in conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be able to ; – ask about the surrounding locations, transportation and directions. – ask for and understand guidance at a station. – ask about and discuss company rules and your work schedule. – briefly explain something you heard from someone else. – explain your future dreams and plans using –tara or –reba. – communicate with a salesclerk and ask about reasonably cheap, good products.. – ask a friend to hang out or explain the reason why you cannot hang out. – have a simple conversation with your bosses and teachers using honorific language. • When you are late for work or an appointment, you can briefly explain the situation and apologize politely.
Intro- ductory	New Open! You will learn basics Japanese from zero. Ability to read Hiragana and Katakana is required.	

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6. Schedule

10:10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
11:00	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
11:10					
	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
12:00	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
12:50					
	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
13:40	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons

[Ordinary Lesson] Required Class: There are classes focusing on the main texts. We will also prepare extracurricular activities once or twice every month. In the extracurricular activities, we will prepare practical activities for you to communicate in Japanese out of the classroom, for example learning Japanese manners in a *Washitsu* (Japanese-style room).

[Optional Lesson] According to your wants, we can offer the following extra-curricular lessons after arranging the time and number of classes. *

Private Lesson: We prepare lessons in response to the needs of each person. For example; Pronunciation practice, Examination skills (How to pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test) etc.

* Private Lessons can be applied for and attended after the counseling of the applicant and the confirmation of intent from the applicant.

* It is necessary to pay extra fees.

7. Others

☆Japanese Practice Club

Learn a language, make more friends! Through these exchanges, you will learn more about Japan, so let's speak Japanese as much as possible.

☆Chuo Center Language School

At Chuo Center, a lot of youth volunteers composed of Japanese students who are studying English conversation and foreign languages gather here to plan and carry out various volunteer activities and events.

☆International Youth Volunteers

The international youth volunteers, mainly composed of college students, gather at Chuo Center. They hold regular meetings each month and plan events or volunteer activities themselves. Let's enjoy international friendships with Japanese students at YMCA.

☆Activity Program

In order to let you fully enjoy your short-term study in Kumamoto, we have prepared many short trips for you outside of class. Through going out to play and communicating with the surrounding people, you can not only master common Japanese expressions, but also understand the lifestyle and culture of Japan. This kind of activity beyond the classroom is a good opportunity to meet and communicate with your friends and Japanese people. It will become one of your life's most precious memories.

Dormitory Information

We have prepared a dormitory for you. For details about the dormitory, please refer to the webpages of Kumamoto YMCA. Those who want to live in a dormitory, please refer to the homepage, and then write down the desired dormitory numbers in the application form.

Corpo Flower (C)



No utility fee! Unlimited use of the internet! Close to the JR Kami-kumamoto station! Very convenient location!

Cost (3 months)	200,000 yen	
Location	Hanazono 1-4-14, Nishi Ku, Kumamoto City	
Distance from school	15 minutes(on foot) 5 minutes(by bus)	
Room size	Six mats in Western-style room	
Provided amenities	Toilet, Bath, Refrigerator, Washing machine, Gas stove, Air conditioner, Television, Futon and pillow	
Shared facilities	-	
Places in the neighborhood	Kami-Kumamoto Station, train station, hospital, supermarket, 100 Yen Shop, electrical appliance	

Dormitory information is constantly being updated.
Please refer to the website for more details.

Calendar

April 四月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	5	6	7	8☆	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29☉	30		

May 五月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	3☉	4☉	5☉	6☉	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

June 六月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

July 七月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	5	6	7	8☆	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23☉	24☉	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 八月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	9	10☉	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

September 九月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21☉	22☉	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

 	レッスン	Class	有課日期	수업일
 	閉館日	Closed	閉館日	휴일
☆	開講日	Start day	入學日期	개강일
☉	祝日	Holiday	節假日	공휴일

October 十月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	4	5	6	7	8☆	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 十一月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3☉	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23☉	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

December 十二月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

January 一月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	10	11☉	12☆	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

February 二月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	7	8	9	10	11☉	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23☉	24	25	26	27
	28						

March 三月	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20☉
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

วันที่มีเรียน
วันจบหลักสูตร
วันเริ่มหลักสูตร
วันหยุด

* The schedule is subject to change without notice.

☆Yearly Events at Chuo Center

At Chuo Center, a lot of youth volunteers composed of Japanese students who are studying English conversation and foreign languages gather here to plan and carry out various volunteer activities and events. Aside from the following events, festivals full of the senses of the seasons will be held at shopping arcade and the castle town every month.



Tuition • the Regulations of Attending a Course

*MUST-READ

○About the Refund

The fees cannot be refunded except in the following cases.

[Before your course attendance]

- If you cancel your application, the money will be refunded minus the registration fee.
- 10,000 yen will be deducted as a transaction fee.
- If you want to be refunded by bank transfer, you must pay the transfer fees yourself.

[After your course attendance begins]

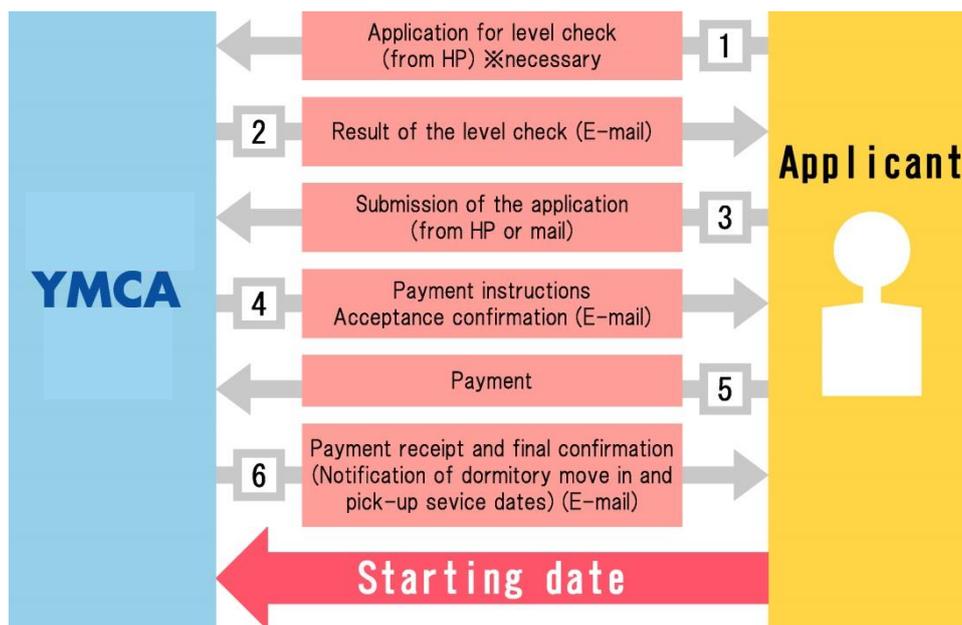
- No refund for any reason after you begin attending the course.

○Other Important Notes

- We cannot take responsibility in the accidents out of our school.
- Make sure you have the ability to complete the application procedures by yourself.
- Please pay your transportation costs, sightseeing admission fees, telephone charges and all other living expenses by yourself.
- If you cannot agree to the regulations of attending a course, according to the judgment of our staff, we can stop your right to take courses here and will not refund you any fees.

Application Procedure

Application form can be sent and downloaded from our website.



[Documents you should bring here on the first day]

- (1) The final confirmation (sent out in No.6 above)
- (2) Copy of your passport
- (3) Copy of the certificate of alien registration
- (4) Copy of your travel insurance participation certificate

*If you do not take all these documents, our school may reject your enrollment even after you come to Japan.

* Those who want to live in a dormitory need their personal seals (HANKO).

Appearance Photo • Map • Access



Google Map <https://goo.gl/maps/3QpE12319kF2>

○Access from the Fukuoka Airport

After you arrive at the Fukuoka airport, please take the highway bus "Hi No Kuni go 「ひのくに号」"; then get off at the Kumamoto Sakuramachi Bus Terminal. It will take you about 2 hours. When you get off at the bus station, please walk to the Chuo Center for about 7 min. Or you can also take a tram and get off at the Urusan-machi and walk to the Chuo Center for 1 min.

Required time	About 2 hours
One-way fare	2,280yen (as of January 2020)

○About the pick-up service

A taxi company cooperating with YMCA will pick you up at an airport arrival lobby or station. Applicants who need the pick-up service must clearly state this in their application form.

One-way fare	From Fukuoka airport	about 29,000yen
	From Kumamoto airport	6,000yen
	From JR Kumamoto station	1,000yen (as of January 2020)

Applicants who need the shuttle service when leaving Japan, please submit an application before the end of course. We will arrange it for you. Those who need this service, please pay a one-way fee same as in cash before the end of course.

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