

The Japanese Language Section for International Students
at
Tohoku Bunkyo College

The **Japanese Language Section for International Students** (hereafter referred to as “JLS”) has been providing a **one-year intensive Japanese language course** for those who wish to study Japanese in pursuit of further education in Japanese universities or colleges. **Tohoku Bunkyo College** is located in Yamagata City, at the foot of beautiful Zao Mountain Range, famous as a ski resort with hot springs. Our school is an ideal place for studying in a quiet rural setting.

The intensive course is carefully designed to help individual students learn Japanese step by step from beginning level in a small group. Most of the students who enrolled in this course in the past successfully completed a vigorous one-year study and were admitted to Japanese universities or colleges of their choices.

1. Enrollment: 15 students

2. Duration of study: One year, from April to January, next year

3. Class schedule: Monday through Friday, from 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.,

4. First Semester : April to September, studying Beginning and Intermediate level Japanese.

Second Semester : October to January, studying Intermediate and Pre-Advanced level to prepare for the Examination of Japanese University Admission for International Students.

5. Visa status: Student Visas, valid for one year, will be issued to those who are admitted to JLS, and passed the screening by the Japanese Immigration Office.

6. Selection of students: Students will be selected on the basis of documents submitted by the applicants to the Admission Office of the college.

7. School expenses: Enrollment fee	60,000 yen
Tuition for a year	500,000 yen
<u>Texts and other expenses</u>	<u>80,000 yen</u>
Total	640,000 yen

8. Living expenses: Tokyo is world famous for its high cost of living. Living in a local city like Yamagata has a great advantage for students since living expenses are far cheaper than big cities. Most of the students enrolled in our college and living in apartments need about 840,000 yen a year in living expenses. Applicants who are from countries where frequent international bank transfers are difficult are required to send living expenses covering 12 months, together with school expenses when they are admitted to the course. The living expenses will be transferred to the student's account in a Japanese bank after his or her arrival in Yamagata City (The commission on the bank transfer must be paid by the student).

9. Health insurance: International students are required to join both the National Health Insurance System of Japan. 30% of your medical expenses must be paid.

10. Scholarships: The college offers scholarships to some eligible students in JLS.

11. Future opportunities: Those who successfully completed the JLS course and wish to pursue their study at Tohoku Bunkyo College/Tohoku Bunkyo Junior College will be admitted to the college with strong recommendations from the Department Head of JLS. The college will provide special scholarships for foreign students and reduced entrance fee for the graduates of JLS course. There will be careful guidance and counseling for all the students about their future plans in Japan.

- 12. School facilities:** As members of the college community, students of JLS are entitled to use such school facilities as the library, gymnasium, cafeteria, school infirmary and so on.
- 13. Location and environment:** Yamagata City is located in the northern part of Honshu Island . It takes about 3 hours by bullet train from Tokyo and 1 hour by train from Sendai. The college is located within the city boundary but in a quiet rural setting, ideal for studying. The view of Zao Mountain Range from the campus is breath-taking.

Any inquiries and requests for informational brochures should be made to:

Tohoku Bunkyo College Admissions and Public Relations Center

515 Katayachi, Yamagata City 990-2316 JAPAN

Tel: +81-23-688-2296 Fax: +81-23-688-9125

<https://www.t-bunkyo.ac.jp/departments/ryugakusei/contact/>

The Japanese Language Section for International Students Admission 2026
Tohoku Bunkyo College (Applicants residing outside Japan)

I Scheduled enrollment 15 students

II Eligibility requirements

1. Those who have completed (or who will complete by the time of admission) at least 12 years of formal schooling overseas, or those who have reached an educational standard equivalent to the above.
2. Those who fulfill the conditions for residence in Japan as set down in the Immigration Regulations and the Displaced Persons Act.
3. Those who have passed N5 or higher of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, or those of a similar proficiency.*
*Regarding the Japanese Language Proficiency equivalent to the N5
 - Applicants should possess a standard of Japanese language proficiency equivalent to level A1 or above, as defined in the “Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education” established by the Immigration Service Agency.
The Immigration Service Agency
http://www.moj.go.jp/isa/publications/materials/nyuukokukanri07_00159.html
 - Applicants should possess a record of completion of 150 hours (or more) of a Japanese Language Course

III Method of selection Selection will be made on the basis of the documents received.

IV Selection process

- The period of application A: October 14 (Tue.) 2025~November 18 (Tue.) 2025
 - * Documents arriving after November 18 (Tue.) 16:00 will not be accepted
- The period of application B: December 9 (Tue.) 2025~December 23 (Tue.) 2025
 - * Documents arriving after December 23 (Tue.) 16:00 will not be accepted.
- Admission announcement/ Application for issuance of Certificate of Eligibility
The College (by proxy) will apply to the Immigration Service Agency for a Certificate of Eligibility, which makes it easier for a foreign national to get a visa issued at an embassy or consulate within the standard processing period.
Once a Certificate of Eligibility has been issued, the College will send the applicant the notification of admission and the documents which need to be submitted for admission. After application the admission procedure will take more than one month to complete.
- *Upon confirmation of receipt of tuition and other fees during the admission period, the College will send the certificate of status of residence etc.

V Examination fee ¥30,000 (Japanese yen)

*Don't forget to pay “the commission on the bank transfer” with the examination fee.

VI Application documents Documents listed on the enclosed checklist should be submitted.

VII Method of applying

1. The above-mentioned documents should be sent by registered mail, using the enclosed envelope.
2. Send documents to:
Tohoku Bunkyo College **Admissions and Public Relations Center**
515 Katayachi, Yamagata City 990-2316 Japan
3. Payment of examination fee by bank transfer should be made to:
 - a. Recipient: GAKKOHJIN TOMIZAWA GAKUEN
 - b. The address of the recipient:
515-OAZA KATAYACHI YAMAGATA-CITY YAMAGATA 990-2316 JAPAN

- c. Phone number: +81-23-673-0102
 d. Swift code: SNAIJPJTXXX
 e. Bank account number:
 THE SHONAI BANK, LTD. KITAMACHI BRANCH No.165 A/C No.1044333
 f. The address of the bank:
 1-4-21 HONCHO YAMAGATA-CITY YAMAGATA 990-0043 JAPAN

- * The commission on the bank transfer is to be paid by the applicant.
- * Examination fee should be paid by bank transfer to the bank mentioned above.
 Once the fee has been received, applicants will receive a confirmation slip.
- * The examination fee is non refundable.

VIII Entrance procedure

1. Notification of admission

The results of whether an applicant has passed the entrance examination and whether their Certificate of Eligibility has been issued, are sent out to the applicant. Also, the College will send them the documents which need to be submitted for admission.

2. Fees payable :

In order to enter the College, the fees must be paid during the entrance procedure period.

3. Admission Certificates

Once the fees payable have been received, the College will send a successful applicant an Admission Certificate and a Certificate of Eligibility.

4. Application for a visa

Once the applicant receives their Certificate of Eligibility, an application for visa should be made by the applicant themselves at the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General with jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant lives, or the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General with jurisdiction in the country from which the applicant's passport is issued.

IX Fees

1. Fees payable(Single payment)

Entrance fee	Tuition fee	Texts and training expenses	Total
¥60,000	¥500,000	¥80,000	¥640,000

2. How to pay fees

The fees needed for entrance must be paid by the designated date.

Concerning bank transfer, those admitted will be notified together with notification of admission.

- * The commission on the bank transfer is to be paid by the applicant.

X Scholarship

College offers scholarships to some eligible students in JLS.

Caution

1. Unless all documents are properly completed, they will not be accepted.
2. Applications which are not received within the permissible period will not be processed.
3. All documents submitted (excluding graduation diploma and any one-time only issued documents) will not be returned irrespective of application result.
4. Payable fees (such as entrance fee etc.) cannot be refunded except in the case where the authorities will not issue a passport or visa.
5. The College cannot answer personal inquiries either by phone or mail concerning test results or student selection.
6. If any of the documents submitted contain statements of falsehood, admission will be cancelled.
7. If you cannot complete immigration to Japan by April 30 2026, admission will be cancelled.

Application documents

	Documents which should be submitted	Remarks
1	Application form	Must be filled out by applicant.
2	Medical examination certificate	Must be taken within the last 3 months.
3	Future plan after completion of the Japanese Language Section for International students	For languages other than English or Japanese, provide a translation.
4	Official high school or undergraduate Transcript	Should be the original, not a copy. Also, the official undergraduate transcript should be produced and certified by the college/university by which the degree was awarded.
5	Japanese or English translation of grade certificate	If original is in English, a translation is not necessary.
6	Certificate of (scheduled) graduation or diploma of high school	Should be the original, not a copy. The diploma will be returned. However long you have been in compulsory education, you must submit a certificate issued by the authorities.
7	Japanese or English translation of temporary certificate of completion	If original is in English, a translation is not necessary.
8	Proof of Japanese Ability (a or b) is needed	a. Certificate of N5 or above of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. b. Proof of completion of 150 hours (or more) of a Japanese Language Course *If you applied for the Dec. 2025 Japanese Language Proficiency Test, please include a photocopy of the registration application.
9	Copy of passport	Must include all appropriate information.
10	4 copies of portrait photograph and its data	Must be taken within the last 3 months. Please sign the reverse in English or Chinese characters. (4 cm vertically by 3 cm horizontally) Also send us its data required for application for CoE.
11	Examination fee ¥30,000 (Japanese yen)	Payment by bank transfer. Please include a copy of the confirmation slip on the designated forms.
12	Proof of address	If possible, fill out either in Chinese characters or English.
13	Letter of guarantee	Must be filled out by guarantor.
14	Proof of Solvency	If applicant is paying all expenses, this proof is unnecessary. Must be filled out by the payer of your expenses.
15	Japanese or English translation of proof of solvency	For languages other than English or Japanese, provide a translation.
16	The balance at the bank where the payer of your expenses has an account	If the payer of your expenses lives in Japan, a tax certificate is acceptable.
17	Proof of occupation of the payer of your expenses (a or b)	a. If the payer of your expenses has a full time job, please show proof of length of employment. b. If self-employed, a business license or similar is necessary.
18	Proof of relationship between applicant and the payer of your expenses (family register etc.)	If applicant is paying all expenses, this proof is unnecessary.
19	Evidence (photocopies are permissible) of bank account transactions over the past three years from the fee-payer's account	
20	Proof of annual earnings (for each of the past three years) ,from the fee-payer's account	