



HOKKAIDO INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Summer 2021 (Online)

The 35th Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program June 14 – July 16, 2021 (5 weeks)

This summer course will offer “project-based learning.” You will build various types of communities, while meeting new people online and learning from each other through the class projects. No textbook will be used.

NOTE: All the dates and times mentioned in this document are based on Eastern Standard Time (EST) or Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) unless otherwise stated.

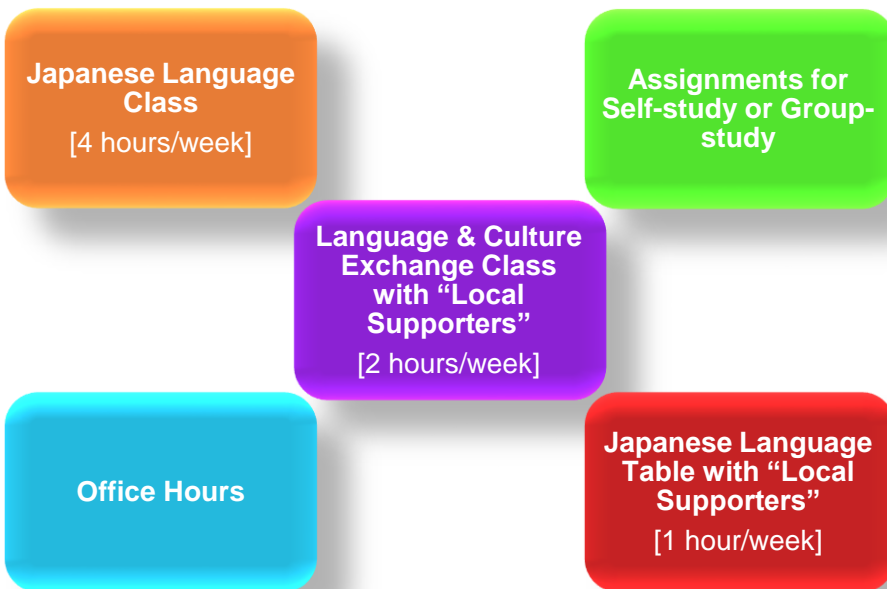
1. PROGRAM SLOGAN & OBJECTIVES

SLOGAN: えがお たっせいかん 笑顔と達成感 **“Smile and a Sense of Achievement”**

- OBJECTIVES:
- Retain, brush up, or improve Japanese language proficiency
 - Accumulate cultural and social knowledge
 - Build various types of communities
 - Contribute to people and town
 - Pursue a career or academic path



2. PROGRAM OVERVIEW



“Local Supporters”

Local people of various generations who are happy to share their interests, opinions, and daily lives with you. They are also interested in learning from you!



3. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Applicants should be enrolled at an institution of higher education in an undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate course. Professionals or graduates with at least a bachelor's degree are invited to apply.
- Applicants should have studied **at least the elementary level of Japanese** at any appropriate institutions, and have attained a proficiency of Intermediate-Low or higher as outlined in [the ACTFL proficiency guidelines](#).
- Applicants should be willing to abide by the program's regulations. They should also be able and willing to adapt to new situations with social and cross-cultural sensitivity.
- Applicants should be able to participate in the program for the full duration and be committed to an intensive Japanese language and Japanese culture study program.
- HIF Alumni are also eligible to apply.

Please note that the above conditions are negotiable only in exceptional cases.



4. PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Date	Time (EDT)	
June 4 (Fri)	9:00PM-10:00PM	Orientation
June 14 (Mon)	9:00PM-10:00PM	Opening Ceremony
June 15 (Tue)	11:00AM	Class starts
July 16 (Fri)	11:00PM	Class and Closing Ceremony end

5. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

<Course Materials>

Authentic materials, discussion, human interaction
No specific textbook is used.

<Classes>

1-2 classes, depending on the number of participants
The maximum capacity is 10 students per class.

<Level Check Test>

Participants are required to take a level check test before the program begins.

<Possible Topics (subject to change)>

- 食文化・料理 (food culture, cooking)
- コロナ時代を生きる (living in the age of coronavirus)
- 町おこし (town revitalization)
- ゆるキャラ (Yuru-chara, literally, loose or laid-back mascot characters)
- 振り返り・成長・達成感 (self-reflection, growth, a sense of achievement)



<Weekly Schedule>

EDT (JST)	11:00AM-1:00PM (0:00AM-2:00AM, + 1 day)	9:00PM-11:00PM (10:00AM-12:00PM, + 1 day)
Mon	Assignments due Tuesday	Office hours (drop-in hours with HIF staff)
Tue	<u>JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS</u> Mandatory, Delivered from the U.S. by Japanese language instructors	<u>JAPANESE LANGUAGE TABLE</u> Optional, Delivered from Hakodate by HIF staff, Local Supporters
Wed	Assignments due Thursday	Office hours (drop-in hours with HIF staff)
Thu	<u>JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS</u> Mandatory, Delivered from the U.S. by Japanese language instructors	Assignments/preparation for Friday's class
Fri	Assignments (weekly reflection)	<u>LANGUAGE & CULTURE EXCHANGE CLASS</u> Mandatory, Delivered from Hakodate by HIF staff, Japanese language instructors, Local Supporters
Sat		
Sun		

Office hours are available during the drop-in hours or by appointment, through text, audio, or video, with a Japanese language instructor or HIF staff member.

You are encouraged to apply if you are the type of student who...

- would like to enhance your Japanese language proficiency during summer.
- would like to experience the culture in Hakodate, a city that was ranked Japan's most attractive tourist destination six times since 2009 (The Local Brand Survey).
- would like to interact with local people in Hakodate.
- would like to learn Japanese language and culture through interaction with other participants who are from different universities.
- would like to learn Japanese language through authentic materials and interaction with local people, not through textbooks.
- is highly motivated.
- would like to contribute to someone or something.
- has completed the Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program before, and would like to learn more about Hakodate.



6. FACULTY

Title	Name	Affiliation
Program Consultant	Seiichi Makino	Princeton University
Executive Program Advisor	Osamu Kamada	Nanzan University
Program Advisor	Katsuhiro Ito	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Academic Coordinator	Yoshimi Sakakibara	University of Michigan
Instructors	Highly experienced instructors from Japan and overseas	

7. APPLICATION

<Application Schedule>

Application Deadline: **March 21, 2021**

Screening Results Announcement: **By April 5, 2021**

- Accepted students must confirm their participation within 3 days after the screening results announcement, by sending a message to jj@hif.or.jp along with an "HIF Pledge Card."
- Applications will remain open until enrollment fills.
- If we have insufficient enrollment (fewer than 5 students), the program will be cancelled.

<Application Fee>

Regular: US\$50 (By March 21, 2021)

Late: US\$80 (On and after March 22, 2021)

Application fees are non-refundable.

Please make a payment via PayPal.



<Application Documents & Procedures>

- Online Registration Form
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript
- Letter to "Local Supporters"
- Consent Form
- [HIF Reference Form](#) (to be completed by the applicant's current or most recent instructor of Japanese)
This form should be directly sent to HIF (jj@hif.or.jp) by a referee.

All of the forms, except for f) HIF Reference Form, must be submitted through [the HIF Online Application Portal](#).



8. TUITION

US\$ 1,000

Payment Deadline: April 15, 2021

Payment Method: Bank transfer or PayPal

<Bank Information>

Currency: US dollars

Method: Bank transfer

HIF does not send you a payment invoice. Please remit your fees to the North Pacific Bank.

Bank Name	NORTH PACIFIC BANK, LTD.
SWIFT (BIC) Code	NORPJPJP
Branch Name	HAKODATE-CHUO BRANCH

Branch Code	321
Beneficiary's Account No.	321-004390
Beneficiary's Name	HOKKAIDO INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
Beneficiary's Address	14-1 MOTOMACHI, HAKODATE, HOKKAIDO 040-0054 JAPAN
Beneficiary's Tel No.	81-138-22-0770

Notes:

- All bank charges and fees are to be paid by the applicant. If any extra fees are deducted in the process of transferring funds between banks, please pay the balance to HIF via PayPal.
- To facilitate accurate confirmation of your payment, please make sure you send the remittance in your name or add your name as a note on the transfer form.
- If you have to remit your fee in other currencies including Japanese yen, please contact HIF for instruction.

<PayPal: Payment Button>

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=KYHK7B4KWVG94

<Cancellation Policy>

If an applicant withdraws from the program prior to April 15, 2021, the total tuition will be refunded. For withdrawals on or after April 15, 2021, HIF will refund the total paid amount, less the cancellation fees stated below. Applicants who wish to withdraw must inform HIF by e-mail. The refund will be made via bank transfer or PayPal. HIF will offer no tuition refunds for cancellations made on or after Monday, June 14, 2021 (00:00 EDT).

Date of Cancellation Notice (Eastern Daylight Time)	Cancellation Fee
April 15, 2021 (00:00) – April 30, 2021 (23:59)	US\$100
May 1, 2021 (00:00) – May 31, 2021 (23:59)	US\$200
June 1, 2021 (00:00) – June 13, 2021 (23:59)	US\$300
On and after June 14, 2021 (00:00)	US\$1,000

9. OTHER

<Financial Aid>

HIF does not provide financial assistance or scholarships for tuition or other expenses. Your home institution may provide financial assistance. Please contact your study-abroad program director for further information.

<Academic Credits>

Participants who satisfactorily complete the Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program will receive certificates of completion and grade transcripts. Although HIF is not an institution accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Science, many universities in the U.S. have recognized the quality of the Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program (established in 1985), giving their students credits equivalent to their own Japanese program. Participants are encouraged to consult their academic dean to find out if it is possible to transfer credits to their home institutions.



<Equipment & Environment Requirements for Online Courses>

You will need a relatively quiet space, a computer, high-speed internet access, a microphone, a web cam, and headphones.



Please join our Online Information Session!

Time & Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 7PM-8PM (EST)
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 7PM-8PM (EST)

Language: English & Japanese

During these interactive sessions, you may ask questions and learn more about our online summer program.

Click [here](#) to register for our upcoming Online Information Sessions.

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View from Mt. Hakodate