

JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

The HIF Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program is a university level intensive summer course that focuses on proficiency-oriented instruction. The program aims to help participants acquire or improve communication skills in all aspects of Japanese language through the integrated study process of the classroom, homestay, and local community environments in Hakodate. The total hours of Japanese class is 140 hours and equivalent to two semesters of Japanese study at most universities.

The Japanese language classes meet for three hours every morning, Monday through Friday. Past participants have found this program to be highly demanding, as they needed to study for at least 3 hours per day on their own to manage homework assignments, quizzes, lesson tests, midterm and final exams and to maintain class participation. Both committed and proactive participants benefited a great deal from this schedule.

Courses & Main Textbooks

Regular Japanese courses are divided into the following levels, which are determined in accordance with the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.

Class A	Genki II (Lessons 13-23)
Class B	Genki II (Lessons 19-23) Tobira (Lessons 1-4)
Class C	Tobira (Lessons 1-9)
Class D	Tobira (Lessons 6-15)
Class E	Tobira (four lessons excerpted from Lessons 11-15) Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced [New Edition] (three lessons excerpted)
Class F	Authentic Japanese: Progressing from Intermediate to Advanced [New Edition] (six lessons excerpted)



HOMESTAY

The eight-week homestay provides you with full immersion in Japanese language and Japanese culture. Host families volunteer to participate in the program not merely to accommodate you but also to help you to practice your Japanese and deepen your understanding of Japanese. They are also willing to learn the language(s) and culture of your country. The homework and class topics are expected to reflect your homestay experience. During the homestay period, staying out overnight is prohibited whether at another student's home or at a hotel, except for the semester break.

Advices from Former Participants

- Talk with your host family as much as possible. Share your interests, but also try to find out your host family's interests, as well.
- If you have problems with your host family, please talk to them. They are hosting to also learn about or adapt to your culture; neither side should have to fully give in.
- Try as many new things as possible, even if they are scary. The more you put yourself out there, the more you will learn. Try everything you can.
- Don't be afraid to talk to your host parents. Balance work and fun. Don't hide in your room all the time.
- Spend every day as if there is no tomorrow.

INDEPENDENT STUDY (IS)

IS is designed to enhance your Japanese proficiency by accomplishing your individual study objectives, in addition to the regular Japanese classes. The study objectives, method, timelines, and the tangible result should be discussed and defined by consulting with your instructor. You may choose a theme related to your interests provided that you can finalize and submit the outcome before the summer program is completed. You are required to report the progress of your IS to your instructor and peer group named "support group" at least once a week so that you can refine your work. Participants are strongly encouraged to choose a theme for their IS before the program begins. This will provide you with sufficient time for a full discussion of your project's objectives, methods, timelines, etc. with your instructor and support group members.

IS Samples

IS is briefly categorized into four types based on its theme and methodology.

<Type 1: Research>

- Modern Hakodate, Historical Hakodate: Architectural Landscape
- The Issues of Northern Territories Today
- The Entrance Exam War in Japan
- The Doctor-Patient Relationship

<Type 2: Experience & Learn>

- A Peek into the Life of Japanese Agriculture
- What is Kyudo?
- The Fishermen of Hakodate

<Type 3: Create & Learn>

- How to Draw Hakodate
- Let's Make Bento!

<Type 4: Improve>

- Ways to Learn Kanji



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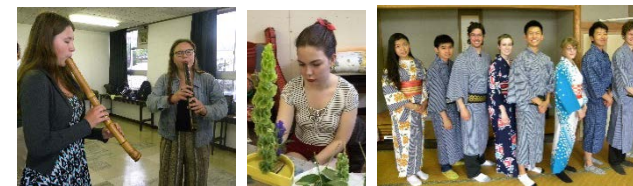
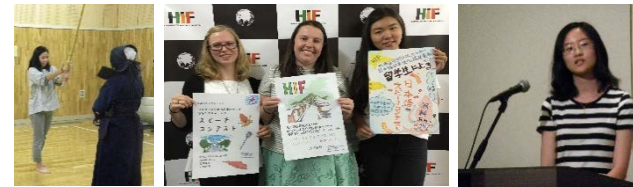


Do you know **HAKODATE?**



Japan's northeast island, Hokkaido, was sparsely populated until the early 19th century, when Japanese people came from all parts of the country to settle the land to create the Hokkaido we know today. Whereas Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, and other areas of Japan are known for their intense summer heat and humidity, the summers in Hokkaido are relatively cool and pleasant.

Hakodate is located in southern Hokkaido. Hakodate is a small, quiet, rural town, with a population of about 280,000. Hakodate was one of the two Japanese ports opened by Commodore Perry when he visited Japan in 1854. At that time, Hakodate led Japan's progress towards modernization. The night view of the town from Mt. Hakodate is considered one of the most spectacular in the world. In 2015, Hakodate was ranked Japan's most attractive tourist destination for the second year in a row.



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