

PRE-INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE

Prerequisites: Beginner Course or JLPT N 5

Hiragana and Katakana

Target level: JLPT N5 (<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>)

Approach: We follow a task-based, skills-orientated and communicative approach, fostering communicative competence in the target language by giving special attention to the typical idiom of engineering-related and adjacent subject areas. On the basis of their previous knowledge of Japanese, students will thus be guided towards the specific usage of Japanese in academic, scientific and work-related contexts.

Course main objectives:

- To acquire listening, reading, speaking and writing skills at a pre-intermediate level, particularly focus on the Japanese writing system.
- To acquire grammar, vocabulary, and expressions as well as communication and interpersonal skills in realistic situations.
- To learn up to 50 Kanji (Chinese characters) and to develop strategies for learning Kanji.
- To be able to describe simple devices such as home electrical goods.
- To introduce the culture as it relates to the everyday life in the target country.

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