

Short-Term Intensive Japanese Program AY2026 Winter Application Requirements

1. About the program

Rikkyo University presents the AY2026 Winter Short-Term Intensive Japanese Program in Ikebukuro Campus (Tokyo).

(1) Program overview

- The entire program consists of about 46 hours of Japanese language classes including cultural activities. Additionally, some optional social events will be held. There will be ample opportunity to interact with Rikkyo local students.
- In this program, **“Beginner” and “Elementary” level classes** will be held. The classes are suitable for students who have no or little experience in learning Japanese or students who have learned Japanese for approximately one year and are at JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) N4/N5 level.
- **The program capacity is limited** and the maximum number of participants in the program is 30 students.
- English is the primary language for communication.
- Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and an Official Transcript.
- Participants will stay in a single room at the designated hotel near Ikebukuro campus.

(2) Program schedule

- **January 25 (Mon), 2027 – February 4 (Thu), 2027**

*No classes on Saturdays and Sundays.

*Participants need to arrive and check in at the designated hotel **on Sunday, January 24**, and check out **on Friday, February 5, 2027**.

(3) Program location

- **Rikkyo University, Ikebukuro Campus, Tokyo**

2. Tuition and Fees

The program cost does not include transportation expenses (to, within and from Japan), or any other miscellaneous living expenses for the duration of the program.

【Itemized List of Program Costs】

- Tuition: 120,000 yen
- Accommodation (hotel room and management fee): 154,000 yen
- Activity Fees (including Insurance fee*): 9,000 yen
- Administrative Fee: 37,000 yen

Total: 320,000yen

*Rikkyo University will arrange the overseas travel insurance that covers the following:

Injury & Sickness that results in death – 3 million yen, injury that results in physical impediment – 3 million yen, rescuer's expenses – 10 million yen, which includes treatment for disease and accidental injury, personal liability insurance compensation authorized – 100 million yen, which includes incidental settlement negotiation services.

However, it is each participant's own responsibility to arrange their own insurance policy to cover all necessary costs as our insurance does not cover chronic disease.

3. Requirements

The following students are eligible to apply for this program.

(1) Students who are enrolled at Rikkyo University's partner universities.

*Enrollment period at the partner universities should cover the entire duration of the program

(2) Students at universities that are currently negotiating a partnership with Rikkyo University.

(3) Students who were introduced to the program by the teaching staff of Rikkyo University.

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4. Application

(1) Application Period: July 1, 2026 – September 26, 2026

Interested applicants must submit the following form and documents to the Center for Japanese Language Education through the online application.

1. Application form (Google Form)

***Application period will start on July 1, 2026**

>>> <https://s.rikkyo.ac.jp/SIJApplication>

2. Latest official university transcript issued by the home university (PDF)

*The document must be in English. A certificate of enrollment is not accepted in place of a transcript.

3. Copy of passport (PDF)

4. Face photograph (JPEG or PNG)

*Please upload a photo taken on or after April 1, 2026. The photo will be used for **Rikkyo Student ID Card** when the applicant is successfully admitted to the program.

(2) Application Deadline

September 26, 2026, 11:59 p.m. (Japan Standard Time)

(3) Admission Decision

The admissions of the program will be confirmed on or after the following date.

October 9, 2026 (JST)

(4) Payment Deadline

October 30, 2026, 11:59 p.m. (JST)

5. Cancellation and Withdrawing

*The time deadline for each date is at 11:59 p.m. Japan Standard Time sharp.

*The transfer fee is deducted from the refund.

- If you wish to cancel your participation in the program, and declare your intent to do so by December 22, 2026 (JST), 80% of your fees will be refunded.
- If you cancel your participation in the program by January 23, 2027 (JST), 30% of your fees will be refunded.
- If you cancel your participation on or after January 24, 2027 (JST), you will not get any refund.

6. Other Information

- (1) Participants are only allowed to stay outside of the designated hotel overnight on Friday night and Saturday night.
- (2) Participants are responsible to arrange an appropriate visa to enter Japan for the purposes of the program. Rikkyo University will prepare and send them the documents necessary for the visa application, which are Letter of Reason for Invitation, Letter of Guarantee and Travel Itinerary, once they are admitted to the program and the payment is confirmed. Please refer to the Entry Visa Information (p.4).
- (3) Official transcript will be sent to the home university of participants, once it is finalized.
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7. Contact Information

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入国ビザについて Entry Visa Information

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* 日本入国の際のビザ免除対象国・地域は以下のリンクでご確認いただけます。

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/toko/visa/tanki/novisa.html>

In order to participate in the Rikkyo Short-Term Intensive Japanese Program, those who are nationals and citizens of the visa-exempt countries and regions do not need to apply for a visa to enter Japan.

*Please check the list of the countries and regions for visa exemption from the link listed below:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

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