

Japanese Language Program

Course Guide

First Semester, Academic Year 2026

Office of Global Initiative

Tottori University

Japanese Language Program Course Guide  
Office of Global Initiative, Tottori University

CONTENTS

Academic Year 2026 First Semester Calendar	.....	2
Outline of the Japanese Program	.....	3
Course-by-Course Guide	.....	5
[Z] Common Subjects "Japanese Language" and "Japanese Culture and Society"	.....	5
[P] Japanese Courses by Purpose	.....	7
[N] Comprehensive Japanese Course ("NIKONIKO" Course)	.....	9
Floor Plan of Common Education Building	.....	13

Academic Year 2026 First Semester Calendar

April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	<i>30</i>			

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	<i>17</i>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				<i>1</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Wed., April 1 to Wed., April 8

Thu., April 30

Fri., May 1

Sat., May 30 and Thu., June 11

Mon., June 1

Fri., July 17

Sat., August 1 and Sat., August 8 to Mon., August 10

Tue., August 11 to Wed., September 30

Spring Vacation

Wednesday classes

Monday classes

Reserved days

University Memorial Day (No Classes)

Monday classes

Reserved days

Summer Vacation

## Outline of the Japanese Program at the Office of Global Initiative

### 1. Courses and Subjects

The Office of Global Initiative of Tottori University offers various Japanese courses and subjects for international students. Please refer to "Course-by-Course Guide," which starts on page 5, to learn about the content of each course.

[Z] Common Subjects "Japanese Language" and "Japanese Culture and Society"

--> page 5

[P] Japanese Courses by Purpose

--> page 7

[N] Comprehensive Japanese Language Course ("NIKONIKO" Course) --> page 9

### 2. Courses and subjects that you can take

First, please find out which category you belong to in the student classification. Out of the above courses and subjects, you can take the following courses, depending on your status.

Student Classification	Approved for Credits	Attendance Allowed
① Undergraduate students	[Z]	[P]
② Graduate students		[Z] , [P], [N]
③ Special auditing students (Temporary exchange students)	[Z]	[P], [N]
④ Japanese Studies Program students	[Z]	[P], [N]
⑤ Research students		[Z] , [P], [N]
⑥ Credited special register students, Auditing students (other than ③ or ④)	[Z]	[P], [N]

\* However, you may be permitted to take other courses or subjects, depending on your current Japanese proficiency level or other conditions.

\* [Z] Common Subjects "Japanese Language" and "Japanese Culture and Society" and [P] Japanese Courses by Purpose target students who will be presenting research or writing essays in Japanese.

### 3. Class

#### (1) Semesters

One year is divided into two semesters. The first semester starts on April 1 and ends on September 30. The second semester starts on October 1 and ends on March 31 of the next year.

#### (2) Class Hours

The class hours are as shown below.

Period	Class Hours
1st Period	8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
2nd Period	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
3rd Period	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
4th Period	2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
5th Period	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### (3) Cancellation of lectures

· In the case that there is a weather warning issued for the northern part of Tottori City (Yonago in the case of students of faculty of medicine) at 7 a.m. and that the public transportation service is suspended, the morning (the first and second periods) lectures are cancelled. They will be later conducted on a reserved day.

· In the case that there is a weather warning issued for the northern part of Tottori City (Yonago in the case of students of faculty of medicine) at 11 a.m. and that the public transportation service is suspended, the afternoon (the third, fourth and fifth periods) lectures are cancelled. They will be later conducted on a reserved day.

· Other lecture cancellations are notified when they occur.

#### (4) Bulletins

Other notifications concerning classes are shown on the bulletin board in the Office of Global Initiative (1st floor of the Common Education Building) and on the Web page (<https://www.ciatu.tottori-u.ac.jp/en>). Please check them out every day.

## COURSE-BY-COURSE GUIDE

### [Z] Common Subjects "Japanese Language" and "Japanese Culture and Society"

#### (1) Target and Objective

This course is offered to regular undergraduate international students, Japanese Studies Program students, etc. All the subjects in this course can be accredited as undergraduate credits. In the Japanese Language classes, students train to improve academic skills so that they can learn smoothly in their faculties. In the Japanese Culture and Society classes, students will come to understand Japanese affairs deeply by learning through lectures done from a wide viewpoint and investigating a theme that they have picked by themselves.

#### (2) Teaching Staff

Technique for Expression in Japanese I, Japanese for Regular Undergraduate Students I

: HIGASHIHIRA, Fukumi

Japanese in Practice I: OTACHI, Kurie

Japanese Culture I: CHAN, Cheongjan

Japanese Society I: KABURAGI, Emi

#### (3) Class Schedule and Rooms

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1					
2					
3 13:00-14:30	<b>Japanese Society I  C41</b>			<b>Japanese for Regular Undergraduate Students I  B32</b>	
4 14:45-16:15	<b>Japanese in Practice I  C41</b>		<b>Technique for Expression in Japanese I  C41</b>		
5 16:30-18:00			<b>Japanese Culture I  C41</b>		

#### (4) Course Content and Teaching Materials

Please refer to *Guide to Taking Common Subjects* or the Web Version of the Syllabus in the Tottori University Academic Affairs System.

<https://www.tottori-u.ac.jp/campuslife/class/syllabus/>

#### (5) Registration

Regular undergraduate international students are to lay down a study plan so that you can satisfy the graduation requirements of your own faculty and register to take courses at your own faculty.

You can get one credit from one "Japanese Language" subject and two credits from one "Japanese Culture and Society" subject.

Regular undergraduate international students can convert maximum 8 Japanese Culture and Society credits to liberal-arts credits and can also convert maximum 6 Japanese Language credits to foreign language credits. However, they can only convert maximum 12 credits in total. (Please refer to *Guide to Taking Common Subjects*.)

Japanese Studies Program students and special auditing students are to register at their own faculty, too.

As for "Japanese for Regular Undergraduate Students I," it is only offered to regular undergraduate international students only.

#### (6) Examination and Evaluation

Please refer to the syllabus.

#### (7) Main Schedule

The schedule is the same as that for the common subjects.

Thu., April 9	Classes start.
Thu., April 30	Wednesday classes
Fri., May 1	Monday classes
Sat., May 30 and Thu., June 11	Reserved days
Mon., June 1	University Memorial Day (No Classes)
Fri., July 17	Monday classes
Sat., August 1 and Sat., August 8 to Mon., August 10	Reserved days
Mon., August 3 to Fri., August 7	Periodic Examinations

[P] Japanese Courses by Purpose

(1) Target, Objective, and Course Content

"N1 Japanese" is offered to those wishing to take JLPT N1, expands students' abilities in grammar, vocabulary, characters, reading and listening.

"Case-based Learning for Cross-cultural Communication" helps you improve your cross-cultural understanding and communication capabilities in Japanese by using teaching materials based on cases of cross-cultural encounters.

"Report Writing Seminar" is offered to international students who need to write reports in Japanese. They will learn how to write reports and essays in Japanese.

In "Completion Research of Japanese Studies Program Students", the Japanese Studies Program students will work on their completion research.

(2) Teaching Staff

N1 Japanese, Case-based Learning for Cross-cultural Communication, and Report Writing Seminar: OSHIMA, Izumi

Completion Research of Japanese Studies Program Students: OTACHI, Kurie

(3) Class Schedule and Rooms

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1					
2 10:30-12:00	<b>Report Writing Seminar</b>  <b>B32</b>	<b>Case-based Learning for Cross-cultural Communication</b>  <b>B32</b>		<b>N1 Japanese</b>  <b>B32</b>	
3					
4					
5 16:30-18:00				<b>Completion Research of Japanese Studies Program Students</b>  <b>B3 Collab</b>	

(4) Teaching Materials

The teaching staff makes the teaching materials and distributes them.

#### (5) Registration

Please fill out the following online form with the approval of your supervisor.

<https://www.ciatu.tottori-u.ac.jp/online-application/jp-prog>

\* Authentication Code: nihongo

#### (6) Examination and Evaluation

In “Case-based Learning for Cross-cultural Communication”, "Report Writing Seminar" and “Completion Research of Japanese Studies Program Students”, evaluation will be done based on presentations and essays. Certificates of course completion will be issued to students whose marks and attendance rates are both 60% or higher.

Evaluation will not be done for "N1 Japanese". Certificates of course completion will not be issued for it, either.

#### (7) Main Schedule

Thu., April 9	Classes start.
Fri., April 17	Deadline for course registration
Thu., April 30	Wednesday classes
Fri., May 1	Monday classes
Sat., May 30 and Thu., June 11	Reserved days
Mon., June 1	University Memorial Day (No Classes)
Fri., July 17	Monday classes
Fri., July 31	Course ends.
Sat., August 1 and Sat., August 8 to Mon., August 10	Reserved days

[N] Comprehensive Japanese Language Course ("NIKONIKO" Course)

(1) Target and Objective

This course is for graduate students, research students, etc. It will improve Japanese abilities needed for everyday life and self-expressions or basic Japanese abilities in a way that fits each student's current Japanese proficiency level.

Tottori Campus	Yonago Campus	
Japanese A	Beginner's	Students who learn Japanese for the first time.
Japanese B	Elementary	Students who can speak simple Japanese. (Students who have taken 50 to 100 hours of Japanese lessons.)
Japanese C	Pre- Intermediate	Students who can perform basic communication in Japanese in everyday lives. (Students who have taken 200 to 300 hours of Japanese lessons.)
Japanese D		Students who can make themselves roughly understood in Japanese. (Students who have taken 300 hours of Japanese lessons or more.)
KANJI Workshop		All the students who want to study kanji.

(2) Teaching Staff

Tottori Campus

Japanese A: OSHIMA, Izumi

Japanese B: MAKINO, Kiyoko and MURATA, Kazuko

Japanese C: MURATA, Kazuko and KAWAGUCHI, Feifei

Japanese D: MURATA, Kazuko and ITO, Kuniko

KANJI Workshop: OTACHI, Kurie

Yonago Campus

Beginner's, Elementary, and Pre-Intermediate: TSUCHIE, Kanako

(3) Class Schedule and Rooms

Tottori Campus

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 08:45-10:15	<b>Japanese A B2 Collab</b>	<b>Japanese A B2 Collab</b>	<b>Japanese A B2 Collab</b>	<b>Japanese A B2 Collab</b>	
		<b>Japanese B A34</b>	<b>Japanese B A33</b>		<b>Japanese B A33</b>
	<b>Japanese D B32</b>	<b>Japanese D B32</b>	<b>Japanese D B32</b>		
2					
3					
4 14:45-16:15		<b>KANJI Workshop Language Shower Room</b>			
5 16:30-18:00	<b>Japanese C B2 Collab</b>		<b>Japanese C B2 Collab</b>	<b>Japanese C B2 Collab</b>	

Yonago Campus

	Wed.
2 10:30-12:00	<b>Elementary Tutorial Room</b>
3 13:00-14:30	<b>Pre-Intermediate Tutorial Room</b>
4 14:45-16:15	<b>Beginner's Tutorial Room</b>

(4) Course Content and Teaching Materials

Tottori Campus

**JAPANESE A**

This course will develop your basic communication skills in Japanese as it helps you acquire necessary expressions, based on topics which the original textbook *Nihongo Niko Niko*.

**JAPANESE B**

Based on the latter half of the textbook *Dekiru Nihongo Shokyu* published by Alc,

students will learn basic sentence patterns and expressions so that they can perform better communication. Students will also learn to read and write relatively short articles, using the first half of *Tanoshii Yomimono 55* published by Alc.

#### JAPANESE C

Based on the textbook *Dekiru Nihongo Sho-chukyu* published by Alc, students will learn new expressions by connecting them with the expressions they have already acquired so that they will be able to understand and express situations and feelings more accurately. Students will also learn to read and write relatively long articles, using the latter half of *Tanoshii Yomimono 55* published by Alc.

#### JAPANESE D

By using the textbook *Dekiru Nihongo Chukyu* published by Alc and *Marugoto Nihon no Kotoba to Bunka Chukyu 1* by Sanshusha, students will improve their thinking power and communicative competence for attaining the goal of their action, based on the theme of each unit.

#### KANJI WORKSHOP

You will choose a textbook that fits you, and you will study KANJI at your own pace with a Japanese student partner. (If you have your own KANJI textbook, please bring it.)

#### Yonago Campus

##### BEGINNER'S

By using the textbook *Irodori Seikatsu no Nihongo Nyumon* by Japan Foundation, students will improve their basic communication skills in Japanese, acquiring necessary expressions.

##### ELEMENTARY

By using the textbook *Irodori Seikatsu no Nihongo Shokyu 1* by Japan Foundation, students will improve their basic communication skills in Japanese, acquiring necessary expressions.

##### PRE-INTERMEDIATE

By using the textbook *Irodori Seikatsu no Nihongo Shokyu 2* by Japan Foundation,, students will learn Japanese so that they can form smooth human relationships through Japanese, focusing on conversations needed in laboratories.

#### (5) Registration

Please register by filling out the online form with the approval of your supervisor.

<https://www.ciatu.tottori-u.ac.jp/online-application/jp-prog>

※Authentication Code : nihongo

#### (6) Examination and Evaluation

Evaluation is based on the examination and attendance rates.

Certificates of course completion will be issued to students whose test scores and attendance rates are both 60% or higher.

#### (7) Main Schedule

Fri., April 3	Course Guidance (Tottori Campus)
Thu., April 9	Classes start.
Fri., April 17	Deadline for course registration
Thu., April 30	Wednesday classes
Fri., May 1	Monday classes
Sat., May 30 and Thu., June 11	Reserved days
Mon., June 1	University Memorial Day (No Classes)
Fri., July 17	Monday classes
Mon., July 27 to Fri., July 31	Term-end examinations
Sat., August 1 and Sat., August 8 to Mon., August 10	Reserved days
Wed., September 2, 9, and 16	Summer classes (Yonago Campus)

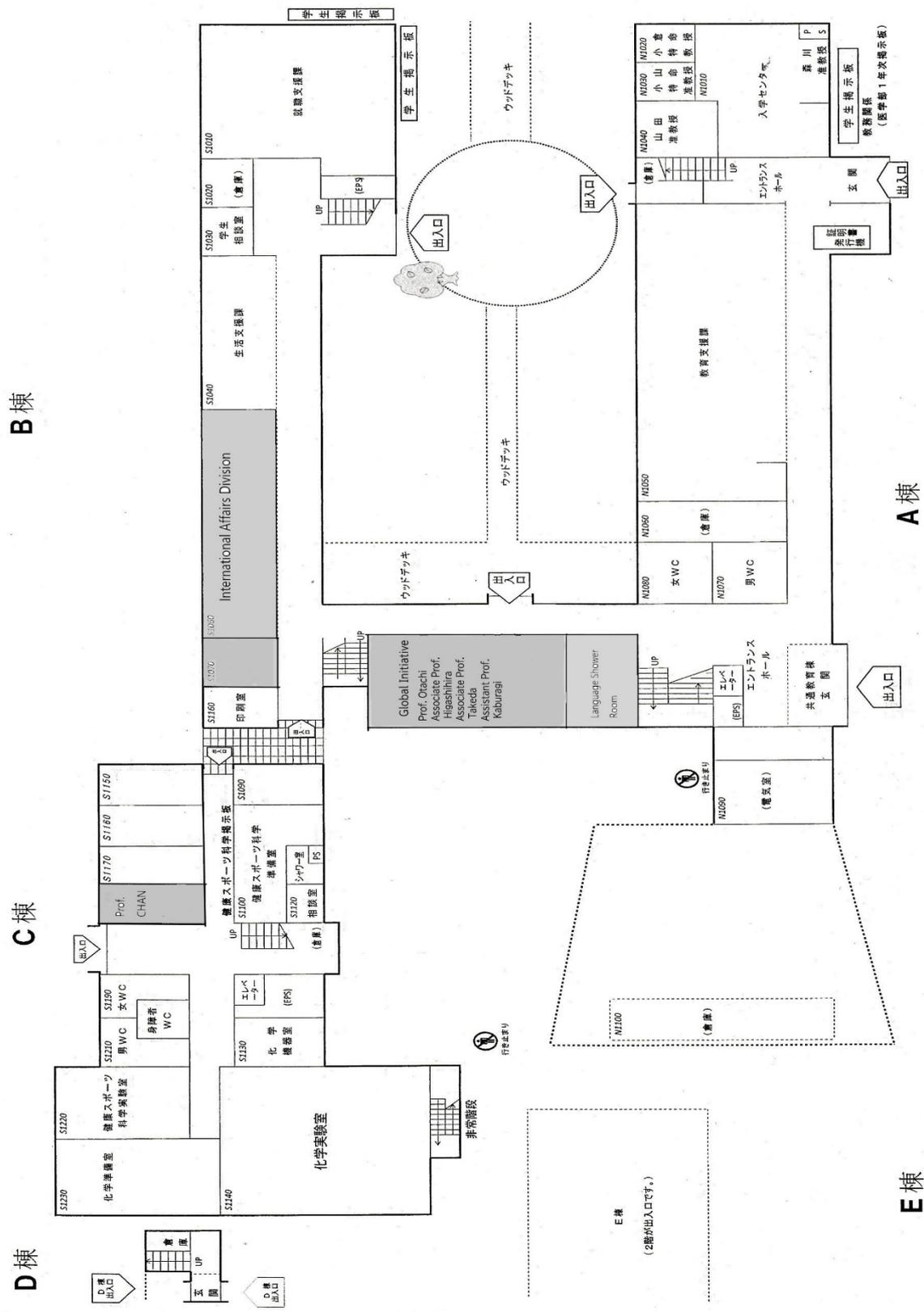
#### (8) Others

· Textbooks will be lent to students in "Japanese B," "Japanese C," "Japanese D," and "KANJI Workshop." Since they belong to the Office of Global Initiative, please do not write anything directly in the textbooks. If you wish to purchase any of these textbooks, please contact the Office.

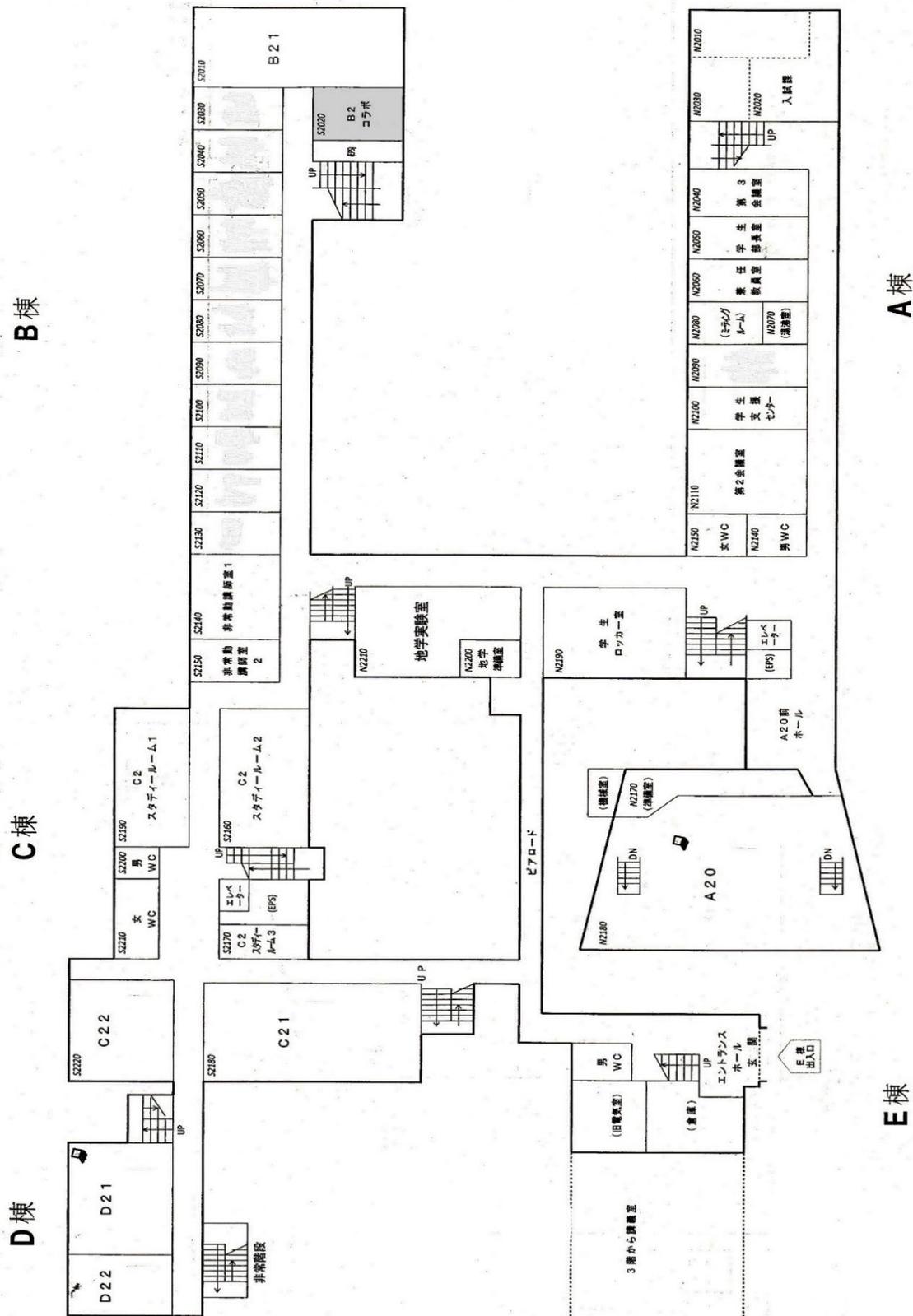
· You can transfer to another class within four weeks from the start of the course and only in the case that the teacher in charge thinks it appropriate for you to do so.

· In the case that your arrival to Japan is delayed, you can register for these courses if you have already learned Japanese, but if you are a beginner of Japanese, you must wait until the next semester to participate in these courses.

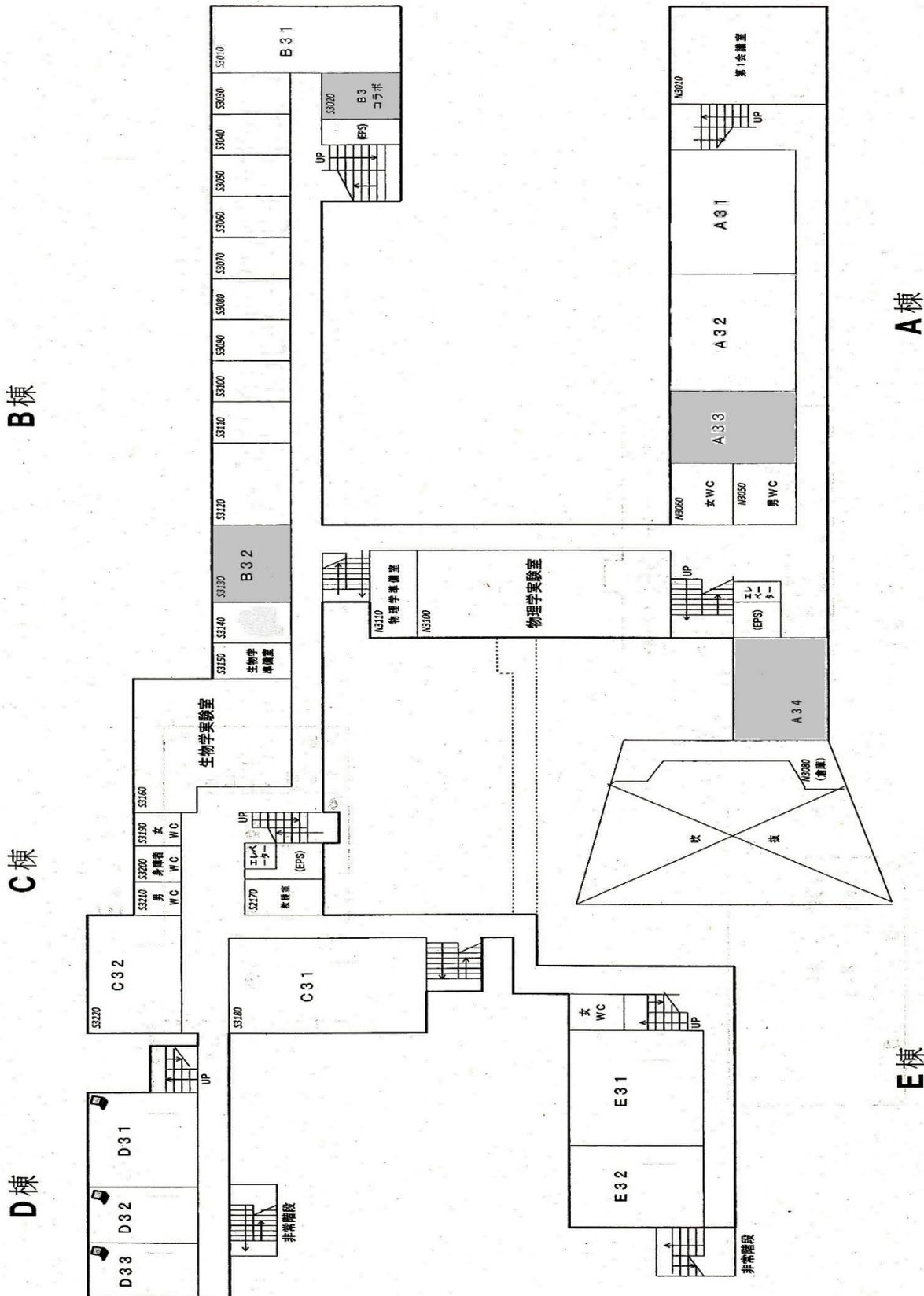
# Floor Plan of Common Education Building (1st Floor)



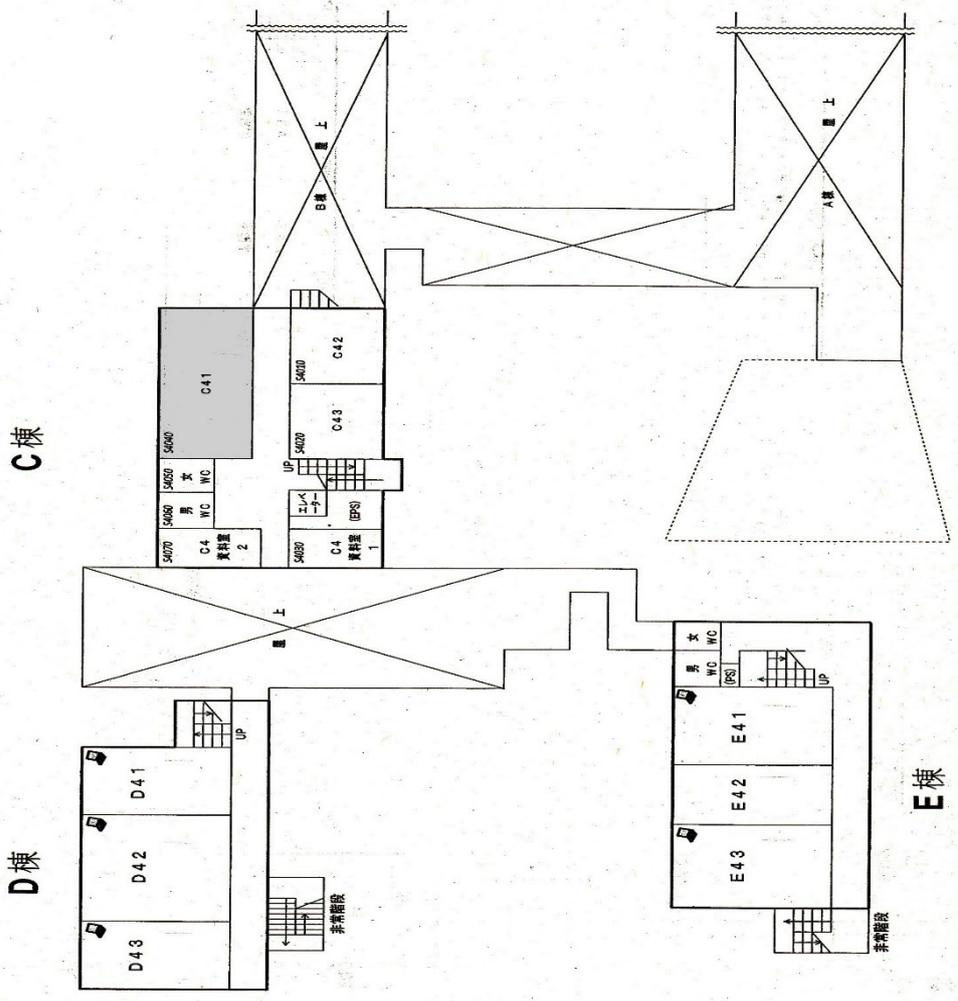
# Floor Plan of Common Education Building (2nd Floor)



# Floor Plan of Common Education Building (3rd Floor)



# Floor Plan of Common Education Building (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)



# REGISTRATION FORM OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

<https://www.ciatu.tottori-u.ac.jp/online-application/jp-prog>



※ Authentication Code ⇒ nihongo

**Deadline: Friday, April 17**