

This announcement is intended specifically for international students, not for Japanese students.

For a Smooth Start to Japanese Lessons

Congratulations on passing the entrance exam to NAIST! We look forward to welcoming you to our campus soon as you begin your journey toward a bright carrier.

The NAIST curriculum includes two Japanese language courses—**Intensive Japanese I and II**—designed for international students who are eager to learn Japanese, for example, to pursue employment at companies that typically require N3-level proficiency. A brief placement test will be conducted just before the first Intensive Japanese I class begins in October to assess your current Japanese level. To make the most of these courses, we encourage you to study introductory-level Japanese on your own before enrolling at NAIST.

To support your self-study, we recommend the **JF Japanese e-learning *Minato*** platform, provided by the Japan Foundation (URL: <https://minato-jf.jp>). This platform helps expand your understanding of Japan, its people, and the Japanese language. Registration is free, and both free and paid courses are available. Please check the details of each course for more information.

Additional useful websites and apps are listed below:

1) HIRAGANA/KATAKANA Memory Hint and KANJI Memory Hint

For learning Japanese characters Hiragana and Katakana:

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/kansai/clip/kanamemoryhint/>

For learning Chinese characters used in Japan:

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/kansai/clip/kanjimemoryhint/>

2) Quizlet for Japanese vocabulary

L1-L8: <https://quizlet.com/join/gR6qY68mb>

L9-L10: <https://quizlet.com/join/uVkKJ2Dtc>

3) Japanese word list

https://www.dekirunihongo.jp/?page_id=175

4) Information site to study Japanese

<https://nihongo-e-na.com/jpn/>