

# SUMMER COURSES IN JAPANESE

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**2021 ONLINE PROGRAM**



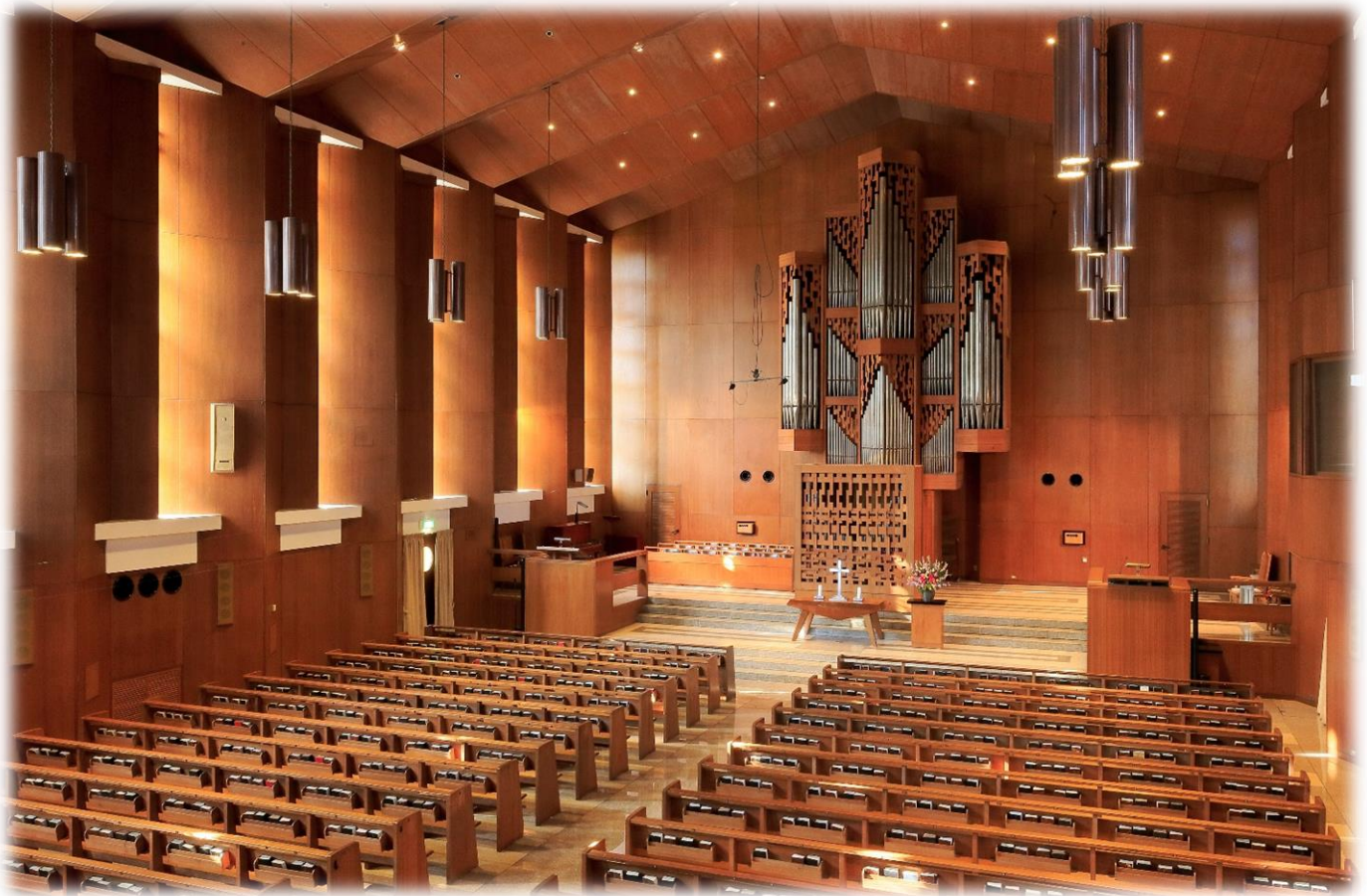
# International Christian University Summer Courses in Japanese (SCJ) June 28 – August 12

## Message from the President



**Shoichiro IWAKIRI**  
President

International Christian University has been offering its Summer Courses in Japanese program for almost 50 years to students from all over the world. In Summer 2020, the novel coronavirus prevented us from carrying out the program, and the situation does not seem sufficiently ameliorated to offer it in the usual way in 2021. However, given the undoubted pedagogical and cultural value and importance of this program, we have decided to offer it online. The pandemic cannot, and should not, deprive you of the opportunity to nurture yourself in Japanese language and culture. I hope that, with the assistance of the information technology tools, our SCJ program in the summer of 2021 will present you with an unforgettable experience of traditional and contemporary aspects of Japan.





**Mark WILLIAMS**

Vice President for International  
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## Message from the Director

International Christian University has been offering its Summer Courses in Japanese (SCJ) for almost 50 years. This past summer, due to the corona virus, we were unable to proceed with the program for the first time; but that has made us all the more determined to go ahead with SCJ in the summer of 2021. And so, although at this stage we are unable to plan for a full scale residential program, we are keen to provide students with the opportunity to take part in SCJ on an online basis. And, having spent the past few months adjusting to the challenge of online teaching and adjusting our teaching methodologies and pedagogies to this 'new normal', we are confident that we will be able to meet the expectations of this year's students.

Needless to say, we would love to be able to welcome all the SCJ students to our campus for the summer of 2021. But we believe that we have come up with a program that will meet the needs of our students whilst ensuring that we adhere to the current guidelines and expectations surrounding learning in the corona era. As such, although we will not be able to operate entirely as normal, we look forward to welcoming you to our program and will do our utmost to ensure that you receive a positive and rewarding educational experience.

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## 1. AN OVERVIEW OF THE SUMMER COURSES IN JAPANESE

The Summer Courses in Japanese (SCJ) program at International Christian University (ICU) is an intensive six-week program. In content, method and rigor, the SCJ courses (from C1 to C7) are equivalent to ICU regular term courses, worth five units of academic credit. Classes are kept as small as possible. A balance of all the language skills - listening, speaking, reading and writing - is taught at each level.

### 2021 program schedule 【 June 28 – August 12 】

June 28 (Mon)	Placement test website will be opened
July 5 (Mon)	Orientation & Interview
July 6 (Tue)	Classes begin
August 12 (Thu)	Classes end, Final examination

\* **IMPORTANT!** Placement test, Orientation and Interview are mandatory.

\*\* Classes will be held on Japanese national holidays (July 19, August 11).

#### About PC Compatibility and Internet Connectivity

You will basically need the following environment to view and participate in online classes.

**PC:** We recommend desktop computers and laptops, but tablets are also acceptable.

**Webcam:** This is required for interactive online classes, either built-in or external to a PC.

**Headset:** It is strongly recommended that you prepare your own headset.

## 2. CLASSES

There are seven levels of Japanese classes on offer. The program runs for six weeks (Monday through Friday), with classes conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. (JST=Japan Standard Time). Please check the time in your own country.

### Weekly schedule

(JST = Japan Standard Time)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 <sup>st</sup> period(8:30-9:30)	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> period(9:40-10:40)	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> period(10:50-11:50)	Class	★	Class	★	Class

★ Individual tutorial sessions, conversational sessions with Japanese students, and other activities may be held in these time slots.

### 3. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The course offerings listed below are subject to change depending on 1) the number of students accepted, and 2) their Japanese language abilities as determined by the placement test. C-Sp (Japanese as a First/Heritage Language: Special Japanese Program) class will not be offered for 2021 SCJ.

#### **C1 (Basic level : CEFR A1)**

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An introductory course, intended for students who have no previous knowledge of Japanese. The content of the course includes pronunciation, speaking skills, listening practice, reading and writing. Upon completion of this course, students are expected to have acquired essential grammar, a basic vocabulary, Hiragana, Katakana and a total of 55 kanji and be able to communicate in simple and practical everyday situations. The focus is on situations directly related to the student's activities and surrounding environment.

**PREREQUISITE:** Those who have no knowledge of Japanese script are expected to learn Hiragana & Katakana as a prerequisite for joining the program. The following are some websites to help learn Japanese.

Introduction to Japanese [https://a1.marugotoweb.jp/ja/introduction.php#japan\\_knowledge](https://a1.marugotoweb.jp/ja/introduction.php#japan_knowledge)  
Training - Hiragana <https://a1.marugotoweb.jp/ja/hiragana.php>  
Training - Katakana <https://a1.marugotoweb.jp/ja/katakana.php>

#### **C2 (Basic level : CEFR A1/A2)**

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A continuation of C1 or the equivalent. Upon completion of this course, students are expected to have further developed competency in the basic language and mastered a total of 102 kanji. The focus of situations is expanded to include the student's contact with other people.

#### **C3 (Basic level : CEFR A2)**

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A continuation of C2 or the equivalent. Upon completion, students are expected to have acquired mastery of basic contemporary Japanese grammar, vocabulary, and a further 94 kanji. With this foundation, we hope that students will be able to express themselves in both spoken and written forms at a level necessary for daily university life.

#### **C4 (Intermediate level : CEFR B1)**

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A continuation of C3 or the equivalent. This course is for students who have completed basic level Japanese and have mastered the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. It aims at achieving a smooth transition from Basic to Intermediate Japanese. At the end of the course, students should be able to communicate in basic Japanese, incorporating a fundamental knowledge of culture.

### **C5 (Intermediate level : CEFR B1)**

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A continuation of C4 or the equivalent. Aims to develop the four language skills further, and trains students so that they can use Japanese to deal with practical matters in their academic as well as social life. At the end of the course, students should be able to read authentic materials with the help of a dictionary, and to express their opinions.

### **C6 (Intermediate level : CEFR B1/B2)**

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A continuation of C5 or the equivalent. Aims at establishing a solid base for students to fully utilize Japanese in academic as well as in social contexts.

### **C7 (Advanced level : CEFR B2)**

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A continuation of C6 or the equivalent. Prepares students for attending courses taught in Japanese, writing assignments, and participating in discussions.

## **4. PLACEMENT TEST**

Placement in classes is determined by a placement test which will be conducted online.

The placement test website will be opened on June 28 (Mon). From June 28 (Mon) to June 30 (Wed), students will be able to complete the test at their own timing. Detailed information will be notified to all students who are admitted to the program.

## **5. ACADEMIC CREDIT**

At the end of the course, the SCJ office will provide a Certificate detailing the grade attained and the number of classroom hours. This will state that the Summer Courses in Japanese are equivalent in content, teaching method, assessment and rigor to the corresponding regular term courses at ICU, which are assigned five academic units of credit. Students who have this certificate should not have problems transferring the grade attained in SCJ to their home academic institutions.

**Note: Students must attend at least two-thirds of all classes to receive this certificate.**

## 6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

To qualify for admission to SCJ, students must satisfy the following conditions.

1. 18 years old or over on the first day of the program
2. Those who are currently enrolled as degree seeking students in, or have graduated from, a college or university on the first day of the program, and have an academic interest in Japan.
3. Senior high school students are not eligible to apply for the Summer Courses in the year of their graduation. *However, students who have been admitted to ICU through [English Language Based Admissions \(September Entry\) 2021](#) are eligible to apply for SCJ.*
4. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is desirable.

### **IMPORTANT!**

For this year only, given the challenges caused by the current pandemic, we are limiting the total number of participating students to 70. We have also set the minimum number of participants at 45. In order to meet these requirements, we will be admitting students in accordance with the following criteria:

- i. All students who were accepted for SCJ2020 will be admitted (with no screening requirement);
- ii. All students who are applying through our partner institutions will be admitted on the basis of documentary screening;  
(If you are not sure about partner status, please check the following link:  
< [https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/global/partner\\_institutions.html](https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/global/partner_institutions.html) >)
- iii. Assuming that we have not filled the quota of 70 participants, at this stage we will consider general individual applicants. If you are a student of one of our partner institutions but are applying directly to SCJ, you will be considered in this category.

## 7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Note for those who will participate in the exchange/invitee program from Autumn Term 2021 after the completion of SCJ:

If you are a student nominated from one of our exchange/invitee partner universities and are applying for both the SCJ and exchange/invitee program, the application procedure is different from the ones listed here. Please follow the instructions given by your home institution.

### Note for those who are applying for the Universal Admissions: English Language Based Admissions (September Entry) 2021:

The application procedure and schedule are different from the ones listed here. Please follow the steps below.

1. Complete the online application for the [English Language Based Admissions \(September Entry\) 2021 \(ELBA\)](#) including payment of the application fee from the [Online Application System](#).
2. Apply for the SCJ from My Page on the [Online Application System](#) by the deadline of online entry for each application period of ELBA.

### Application Schedule

(JST=Japan Standard Time)

Online entry	December 22 (Tue) – February 26 (Fri) 2021 (JST)
Deadline for submission of all application documents	February 26 (Fri) 2021 23:59 (JST)
Notification Date	April 1 (Thu) 2021 (JST)
Deadline for Payment*	May 28 (Fri) 2021 23:59 (JST)

\* The schedule will be different if you pay through your home institution. In that case, please contact your home institution.

### APPLICATION STEPS

**STEP 1** Read "6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION"(p.7) carefully

**STEP 2** Prepare application documents

The application documents are different depending on your status. Please prepare your documents by following the instructions on [http://scj.info.icu.ac.jp/home/2021/icuscj\\_application](http://scj.info.icu.ac.jp/home/2021/icuscj_application)



<Application documents>

1. Identification Photo (head shot) - \*mandatory
2. Statement of Purpose
3. Official Academic Transcript
4. Letter of Recommendation

### **STEP 3** Online Entry

- Follow the instructions on [http://scj.info.icu.ac.jp/home/2021/icuscj\\_application](http://scj.info.icu.ac.jp/home/2021/icuscj_application)

### **STEP 4** Submission of application documents

- After completing the online entry, you will receive an auto-reply e-mail which includes a link to upload your transcripts. Upload the Official Academic Transcript to the link by the submission deadline.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher of your current or most recent institution also needs to be uploaded by the submission deadline. The link for this purpose will only be shared with the email address you specify in your online entry.

### **STEP 5** Notification of admission decisions

Admission decisions will be sent on the notification date(s).

Note for those who apply through ICU partner institution: admission decisions will be notified to your home institutions.

### **Document Screening**

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At the document screening, we will review your statement of purpose, the letter of recommendation and your academic transcript.

## 8. SCJ FEES

	Amount	Payment Due Dates (JST)	How to Pay***
Application Fee*	¥10,000	May 28 (Fri) 2021 (JST)	Bank transfer
Tuition Fee**	¥140,000		

\*Application fee is Non-refundable in all cases.

\*\*Textbook fee is included in the tuition fee above.

\*\*\* Detailed information will be notified to students who are admitted.

### Cancellation Policy

Please contact us by e-mail if you discover that you cannot participate. < e-mail: [scj@icu.ac.jp](mailto:scj@icu.ac.jp) >

If applicants cancel participation in the program after payment of the program fee, the following cancellation fee will be deducted from the tuition payment depending on the time you inform the SCJ office.

(JST = Japan Standard Time)

Payment day - May 28 (Fri) (JST)	20% of the payment amount
May 29(Sat) – June 27 (Sun) (JST)	70% of the payment amount
On and After June 28(Mon) (JST)	100% of the payment amount

\*The date will be based on the date and time when the SCJ office receives the email.

\*Any bank handling fees will be deducted from the refunded fee.

\*The procedure will be different if you pay the fees through your home institution. For details, please contact your home institution.

### All correspondence regarding the Summer Courses in Japanese

#### **Summer Courses in Japanese Office**

#### **International Christian University**

3-10-2 Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo 181-8585, Japan

Tel: 0422-33-3501 (from overseas/ 81-422-33-3501)

Fax: 0422-33-3631(from overseas/ 81-422-33-3631)

e-mail: [scj@icu.ac.jp](mailto:scj@icu.ac.jp)

Website: <http://scj.info.icu.ac.jp/>

#### Handling of Personal Information:

All personal information will be used for admission purposes, such as document screening, correspondence with applicants, announcement of admission results, entrance procedures, and other related administrative tasks.

Data collected through the admission process may be used for data analysis for admission related research which will be used only within the University.

Further information on the ICU policy for the protection of personal information can be found at: <https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/policy/>