

学校 | the school

GenkiJACS was created to be one of the first Japanese schools in Japan teaching communicative Japanese for everyday life, rather than academic Japanese for higher education. All aspects of our schools in Fukuoka and Tokyo are organized around this central philosophy. That's why lessons focus not just on what to say, but on when, how and why to say it. That's why we run multiple programs and events to help our students make friends with Japanese people. And that's why our class sizes are by far the smallest of any accredited Japanese school in Japan. We call this "the GenkiJACS difference". It's a big part of the reason why we were the first Japanese school ever to be voted Star World Language School, the highest award available to a language school, and why students come back to study with us again and

again! At GenkiJACS, we believe in treating every student like a VIP. Staff have helped students to arrange birthday parties, to ship medicine, to rent a studio for music practice, to shop for non-allergen products, and much more. We adapt our lessons to the needs of each student, while keeping them practical and interesting, to give you the skills and confidence for success. Classes involve real-world situations, guest instructors, field trips and more, and the small size of our schools means you'll have plenty of time to talk with the teacher both inside and outside of class. The proof is in reviews from former students, where GenkiJACS is regularly ranked highest among all Japanese schools. If you only have one chance to study Japanese, make sure you do it right: learn Japan with GenkiJACS!



"I cannot recommend this place enough. The teachers were top notch. They taught to extremely high standards while simultaneously making interesting and fun lessons. I was able to learn a lot on my intensive course. Great school, great teachers, great lessons, great city, great fun!" ~Abs, UK

THE GENKIJACS DIFFERENCE









Small class size

A maximum of **eight students** gives you lots of chances to practice with the teacher.

Exciting courses

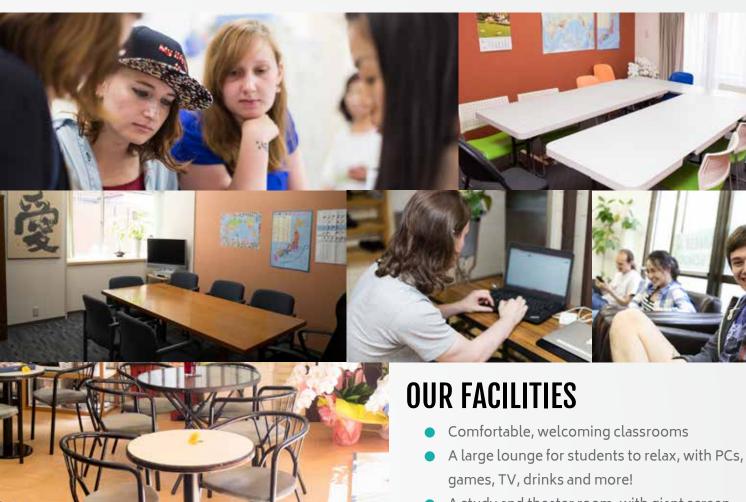
Learn about cosplay culture with a professional otaku teacher, or study ancient arts such as sword-fighting and zen meditation.

Flexible schedules

Unlike most Japanese schools, courses start almost **every Monday** year-round, and you can study for as long as you want, from 2 weeks to a year or more!

Great teachers

They're the most important part of any school. That's why we hire the best native Japanese staff, and perform regular training.



Classrooms are designed to accommodate up to eight people around a spacious communal desk. All rooms are individually air-conditioned and have large windows, letting in natural light. Our Tokyo school is in the grounds of the beautiful Hanazono shrine, just minutes from the central Shinjuku Station. And our Fukuoka school is only 5 minutes' walk from the biggest and busiest train station in Kyushu!





Lots of class levels

We run a huge number of classes all the time, so we're almost guaranteed to have a class at the right level for you!

Proven quality

Multiple accreditations and awards, including being selected as one of the top language schools in the world, are a guarantee of a great education.

- A study and theater room, with giant screen

We offer a variety of services to make your stay here enjoyable:

- PCs with broadband Internet access
- free wireless Internet access
- textbooks, mangas and a library of other reading material
- game console with large selection of games
- TV, DVD player, and large library of DVDs for free rental
- portable DVD and CD players for independent study
- big-screen video projector
- free coffee, tea and Japanese tea



standard japanese



10 grammar lessons | 10 practice lessons

You won't get far in Japan without being able to speak the language, but using the special techniques our teachers have developed, you'll be surprised how easy it is to learn to speak Japanese, and you'll be fluent before you know it! Our Standard Course uses interesting and modern materials and activities to focus on improving your Japanese speaking ability in a way that gives you the flexibility to adapt to new situations. Small-group classes offer a full range of useful and exciting activities at a reasonable cost. That's probably why it's our most popular course!

japanese + conversation



10 grammar lessons | 10 practice lessons 5 conversational lessons

This course builds on the Standard course by adding five extra-small group lessons per week focusing on specialized, communicative Japanese, current affairs, and vocabulary that can be hard to cover in standard classes, giving you the tools you need to actually communicate in daily life with Japanese people.

japanese + traditional culture



10 grammar lessons | 10 practice lessons 3 two-hour cultural lessons

Are you interested in Japanese culture? This course offers you the opportunity to learn about the culture while learning the language, and the chance to participate in it with other Japanese people. You will learn topics such as kimono-wearing, pottery, tea ceremony, calligraphy, zen meditation, Japanese cookery, martial arts such as aikido, katana sword fighting, religion, customs and more!

japanese + pop culture



10 grammar lessons | 10 practice lessons 3 two-hour pop-culture lessons

This course combines the best of our fun excursions to local pop culture hotspots, and Japanese study using manga, anime and music. You'll attend cosplay events, learn how to draw your own manga, and much much more! You'll also learn modern Japanese slang, and master the intricacies of Japanese youth culture.

japanese + activities



10 grammar lessons | 10 practice lessons 3 two-hour pop or culture lessons

[Fukuoka only] This course combines the best of our Traditional and Pop Culture courses. Available to younger students only.

"GenkiJACS is really fun and has a casual environment where you can learn at your own pace." ~Hannah, USA



課程 | basic courses

"GenkiJACS was amazing. The two weeks I was in Japan were the best two weeks in my entire life. I will return to Fukuoka next year." ~Allen, Germany

Which course is right for me?

Select the combination of courses that's right for you, based on your own study goals and interests!

Our core course offers two 50-minute grammar classes and two 50-minute "application" classes each day. In general, you will study new grammar each afternoon, do related homework that night, then practice your new skills in the application class the next morning.

Pick the course that suits your needs: If you're looking for...

FUN

Japanese + Pop Culture

INTENSIVE STUDY

Japanese + Conversation

FREE TIME

Standard Japanese

CULTURE

Japanese + Traditional Culture

The most exciting, useful lessons you'll ever have!

学生ビザコース | student visa course

What is a student visa?

The student visa lets you stay in Japan for a year or more, and allows you to work part time while you study. The student visa application is quite difficult. However, GenkiJACS can complete most of the process for you, and provides support in English for any parts you have to do. We're here to make it easy for you!

Note: The student visa has several government requirements, including academic (you must pass regular tests to move to the next unit of study) and attendance (you must attend more than 80% of classes or your visa may be cancelled). We recommend student visa applications only for people who are serious about learning Japanese.

The course

Our Standard Japanese course, booked and paid in advance for 12 months. You'll study 20 class hours per week - two classes focus on grammar, and two classes focus on applying your skills to real-world situations. Classes have a maximum of 8 students, by far the smallest of any accredited Japanese school, and focus on communication skills for daily life, rather than academic Japanese.

Starting dates and application deadlines

The course has 2 intakes each year: April, and October. The student visa application also has very strict deadlines:

Preferred start date

Application deadline

April

November 20, the previous year

October

May 20

If you are eligible for any other kind of long-term visa, such as a Working Holiday visa, you are welcome to study on this course for 6, 9 or 12 months, and start in January, April, July or October. Contact us for more details!

Available levels

Only available to students at Beginner 0, Beginner 1 or Beginner 2 level.

システム | system

All classes are held on a rolling start basis. This means that you enter an ongoing class, partway through that class's syllabus. When you arrive at GenkiJACS, you are placed into the ongoing class that is most appropriate for you. Your placement is decided based on the following:

- The results of your online level check test.
- The results of the placement test and interview held on your first day at school.

If your ability level is slightly below the level of that class, we provide free "catch-up classes" to raise you to the appropriate level. As your study continues, you move up automatically through the class levels. When you complete the material for one level, you will advance to the next level, for as long as you study with us. Because we offer so many different small-group class levels at any time, we are able to place you into a class that matches your current ability level much more closely than at other Japanese schools!



"The best part was the small classes. It makes it easier to get to know your teachers and fellow students. A great learning experience!" ~ Virgilio, America

Our teachers and staff are the heart and brain of our schools

All of our teachers are graduates of a rigorous 420-hour Japanese teacher training course, the standard qualification for professional Japanese language school teachers. It is equivalent to a university minor, and the result is a very high standard of teaching. Most teachers are bilingual, speaking English as well as Japanese. This means that if required, they can explain difficult grammar points in English, answer English questions if you can't ask your question in Japanese, and more. Of course, if you prefer the teacher to speak no English, that is no problem too. You'll spend more time with the teachers than almost anyone else you meet in Japan, so we only hire the best!





Rie Kirby school director

I created GenkiJACS because I felt there were no schools that truly taught communicative Japanese for everyday life, and focused on the particular interests of students in Japanese culture. So GenkiJACS integrates cultural learning into all the classes, and also offers special courses focusing on culture. Traditional Japanese schools emphasize studying the written language to enter a Japanese university, but GenkiJACS focuses on smooth communication, for daily life in Japan. We also offer a flexibility that other schools can't match. I hope you'll come and give us a try!



Tomoe Yoshiguchi HEAD TEACHER - TOKYO

After graduating from university, I worked as a Japanese teacher both in Sweden and within Japan, and started at GenkiJACS in 2010. GenkiJACS is a school where students can attend as many times as they like in order to realize their goals and objectives! At GenkiJACS you will learn all about the best of modern and traditional Japanese culture while studying this beautiful language!

世界中からの友達と日本語で話そう! 日本文化に触れよう! 一緒に日本を楽しもう!

AWARDS, ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS



The International Association of Language Centres is a network of high-quality, independent language schools teaching their native language to international students. The IALC Quality Scheme and Code of Ethics ensure that all IALC schools provide high quality language services. IALC-accredited language schools provide effective language courses and cultural immersion for all ages, needs and interests. Accreditation is a guarantee of quality, as IALC inspects schools regularly. GenkiJACS is only the third Japanese school ever to be accepted by IALC.



GenkiJACS was shortlisted by popular vote as one of the top five world language schools eight years in a row, as part of Study Travel Magazine's yearly Star Awards, and in 2016 we finally won! We are proud to be the only Japanese school to have ever won this prestigious award, making us one of the top language schools in the world!



The Centrala studiestödsnämnden approves and sends out Swedish financial aid for studies, which includes both grants and loans to students in Sweden and abroad. GenkiJACS is accredited by the CSN, allowing Swedish students to receive financial support for study with us.



GenkiJACS is part of the Japan Tourism Agency's program to provide support for foreigners coming to Japan.

"The best thing is the warm atmosphere and the kindness of teachers, staff, and other students." ~Agnel, France

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ACCREDITATION

Since 2015, GenkiJACS Fukuoka is fully accredited by the Japanese government to provide student visas for long-term study. The detailed and exacting accreditation process means you can trust that our teachers and courses meet the government's high standards. The benefits of studying on a student visa include longer stays, work rights, and student discounts.

UNIVERSITIES

GenkiJACS is accredited by multiple universities worldwide, allowing students of those universities to receive credit at their home school for their study with GenkiJACS.

BILDUNGSURLAUB

GenkiJACS is recognized by most German state authorities as eligible for up to an extra 10 days of educational leave, for courses of more than 30 hours per week.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

GenkiJACS runs a variety of cultural experience classes, taught by experts to help you gain a deeper understanding of Japanese culture while you learn the language. Classes can be taken individually or as part of the Plus Culture courses. There are too many to list all of them, but here are a few examples:

- Cosplay: Dress up as your favorite Japanese anime or game character.
- Swordfighting: Learn the art of katana in a (hopefully) safe environment.
- Manga-drawing: Learn the basics of how to draw your very own manga!
- Kimono-wearing: Study the complex procedure of putting on a formal Japanese kimono.
- Calligraphy: Learn how to write your own name in kanji, and make your own inkan name stamp too!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer a full program of social events and activities to make sure your free time is as fun as your school time! Here are some examples:

- City tour: Once a week new students are taken on a free tour around the city.
- Friday party: Every Friday, we take students to a different local restaurant to experience Japanese cuisine at its finest, whether it's catching and eating your own fish, eating at a robot restaurant, or visiting traditional yatai street stalls.
- Outings: On weekends we organize outings to local festivals, shows and famous places, depending on the season. For example, we regularly arrange private bus tours to nearby tourist destinations.
- Movie/game night: Once a week, students gather at school to watch a Japanese movie, or learn traditional Japanese games such as "hanafuda" from Japanese people.

at Japanese restaurant





CAREER SERVICES

volunteer in japan

Combine study with volunteer opportunities! Our partnership with a major volunteering organization lets you stay and eat for free at over 400 locations in Japan. Other volunteering opportunities we can introduce include working with children, old people, and the disadvantaged.

internships

Intern at any of thousands of Japanese companies, in almost any industry! Our partnership with one of the biggest work placement organization means that you can intern for one to three months in a field of your choosing, and there's even a chance you'll be hired at the end of it! Our partner provides resume and interview help, business skill seminars, and support throughout your internship. It's the easiest way to start your career in Japan!

SERVICES FOR MINORS

- Airport pickup: Upon request, a representative from the school can be waiting at the airport to pick the student up and take him/her to the accommodation (extra charge applies).
- Weekly reports: For parents who require it, we provide weekly updates on student progress, including information on academic achievement, interactions with the host family, activities that week, and our observations.
- Personal alarm: Japan is very safe, but all minor students are provided with a free personal alarm, to alert others in case of danger. Students are asked to carry this when walking alone.
- Emergency contact numbers: We offer a 24-hour emergency contact number that can be used by the student him/herself or parents calling from overseas, in the event of an emergency.

宿泊 | accommodation

We offer a variety of different types of accommodation, to meet your particular needs. Each accommodation type has its advantages and disadvantages, so choose carefully! Our accommodation coordinator makes sure that your lodgings match your preferences, whether that means non-smoking, vegetarian, no pets, or anything else. Most accommodation options offer a private room, and we check in with you regularly during your stay to make sure everything is going smoothly.



"My host family was wonderful! Friendly, welcoming, great food, and easy communication. They went well above and beyond what I expected." ~Karen, Canada



宿泊 | accommodation

Homestay

The opportunity to stay with a Japanese host family is the perfect way to immerse yourself in the culture, and practice at "home" what you learned at school that day. When arranging a host family for you, we take into account your needs or preferences, including smoker or non-smoker, allergies, English ability, and so on. Your host family are likely to be the people you become closest to during your stay, which is why we perform a thorough screening of all host family applicants, to ensure that they can provide a suitable environment to assist your learning and to allow you to fully experience Japan. Homestays are available to students of all ages.

If you'd prefer more privacy, we also offer a shared apartment option (Fukuoka only), like a homestay but with more freedom. Staying with other people in the city gives you the opportunity to make friends easily, and go out freely, but still have a lot of privacy. You have a private bedroom, but share the central facilities, such as kitchen, bathroom and laundry with the apartment owners. You prepare your own meals, so a shared apartment is perfect for adults on a budget. Students 18 and older can stay in shared apartments.

Guesthouse

A private room in a shared house with other GenkiJACS students and Japanese university students gives you the freedom to enjoy the city life, but also the chance to make lots of friends. We offer multiple guesthouses around the city, in a variety of locations, some mixed-gender, some male or female students only. Guesthouses are perfect for university students or young adults on a budget. Students of any age can stay in guesthouses.

Dormitory (Tokyo only)

A shared room in a dormitory will give you the perfect opportunity to make a new friend! Dormitories are the most cost-effective and social of our accommodation options. In addition to sharing a bedroom, you will also share a bathroom, kitchen and laundry with Japanese university students or other GenkiJACS goers! Our dorm rooms are strictly same-gender only, and most have free internet available. Students age 18 and up can stay in a dormitory.

Private Apartment

Private one-room apartments are similar to a hotel room in quality, but much more spacious! They include a bed, living area, kitchen area, and bathroom, and all amenities needed for a simple life. Most private apartments are very centrally located, in the main entertainment district, and within easy walking distance of the school itself (in Fukuoka). Two people can stay in the same apartment for only a small extra charge. Private apartments are perfect if privacy and convenience are your prime concerns. Apartments include broadband Internet access. Students 18 and older can stay in private apartments.

場所 | location

FUKUOKA

Fukuoka City is the largest city in South-Western Japan. Fukuoka was ranked as the best city in Asia by Asiaweek magazine multiple times because of its cleanliness, safety, excellent amenities and all-round good quality of life. It has been ranked by Monocle Magazine as one of the top 20 most liveable cities in the world for the last 5 years, and number 1 for shopping! Close to both mainland China and Korea, it is a link to the rest of Asia and beyond. Summers are warm, winters mild, and the people friendly. Fukuoka's renowned cuisine and warm-hearted people will make your stay here a pleasure. The city is full of wonderful restaurants, and its hard to visit an izakaya without making new friends. In addition, Fukuoka is bursting with culture: its many art galleries, museums, and theaters will give you your fill of the Japanese arts, while the nightlife is some of the best in the country. Fukuoka is also unparalleled in convenience - the international airport is just 5 minutes from the school and city center by subway, and getting around couldn't be easier!

Our school is centrally located just four minutes' walk from Hakata Station, the biggest train station in Southern Japan. Every amenity is within short walking distance, whether it's karaoke, game centers, hospitals, onsen or fitness clubs. The Hakata Station complex contains some of Japan's biggest department stores, where you can buy nearly anything! And from the station it's just minutes to the downtown entertainment area, some of Japan's most beautiful temples and shrines, or even the beautiful beaches of Momochi.



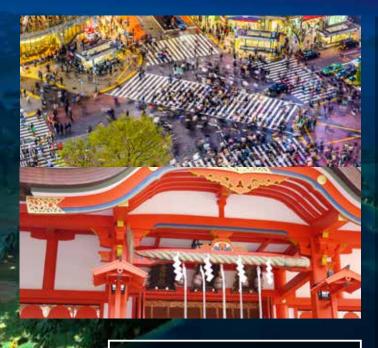
- About 1.5 million people
- Good fun, great beaches
- All GenkiJACS courses
- Students must be 14 or older
- Student visas available



WHICH CAMPUS IS RIGHT FOR ME?

First of all, there's no need to choose! We pride ourselves on our complete flexibility, so you can divide your time in Japan between our Tokyo and Fukuoka schools as you like. For the tech-savvy and otaku-inclined, it doesn't get more exciting than the winding, PC-component-filled alleys of Akihabara, Tokyo, whereas the quiet, beach-town atmosphere of Fukuoka is the perfect place for students who really want to focus on their studies. We recommend studying at both schools, for the full Japan experience!

TOKYO



- About 38 million people total
- Great entertainment options
- GenkiJACS' main courses only
- Students must be 18 or older
- Student visas not available

Tokyo stands on the world fashion scene as a truly international city. It offers the best of modern Japanese culture, cutting edge entertainment, and a range of things to do that is unparalleled. Tokyo's top attractions include Tokyo Sky Tree, one of the world's tallest buildings; Akihabara, Japan's electronics mecca; Harajuku, the fashion epicenter; and of course Shinjuku, the home of fun.

GenkiJACS' Tokyo branch is just minutes on foot from Shinjuku Station, Tokyo's central train station, in the heart of the city's entertainment district. We can't think of a more convenient location for a Japanese school, surrounded by hundreds of restaurants, karaoke boxes, bars, game centers and more. Despite that, you study in a perfectly calm and serene environment, as the school is in the grounds of the famous Hanazono Shrine. Every morning you'll pass through the shrine's massive red torii gates to get to school. Classroom windows overlook the central shrine itself, and you can take lunch on the shrine steps.

TOKYO

FUKUOKA

Whichever location you choose, you're sure to fall in love with Japan!

