

Year-Long Student Visa Course Schedule

July 2022 – June 2023

Semester Schedule

Arrivals	July 22 – 28, 2022
Semester 1	August 1 – September 23, 2022 (8 weeks)
Holiday	September 26 – 30, 2022 (1 week)
Semester 2	October 3 – December 16, 2022 (11 weeks)
Holiday	December 19 – 30, 2022 (2 weeks)
Semester 3	January 2 – March 17, 2023 (11 weeks)
Holiday	March 20 – 31, 2023 (2 weeks)
Semester 4	April 3 – June 16, 2023 (10 weeks classes, 1 week interim holiday as below)

1-year total: 40 weeks of class, 6 weeks of holiday

Please note: student visa course schedule may change without prior notice.

Special Days

July 29, Friday	Orientation, placement test and paperwork day
August 11, Thursday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
September 19, Monday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
September 23, Friday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
October 10, Monday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
November 3, Wednesday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
November 23, Wednesday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
January 2, Monday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
January 9, Monday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
February 23, Thursday	National holiday (no classes, alternate event)
May 1-5, Monday-Friday	Golden Week national holidays

Student Visa Rights and Responsibilities

The Japanese government researches each application carefully before approving a student visa. Your student visa is an important document that comes with some specific rights and responsibilities. It is important that you are aware of these.

Rights

- Part-time work. With written permission from GenkiJACS and Japanese Immigration, you are allowed to work up to 28 hours per week (40 hours per week during holidays).
- Contracts. Your long-term visa allows you to sign standard contracts in Japan, including renting an apartment, opening a bank account, getting a contract cellphone, etc.
- Refunds. In the unavoidable case that you have to leave the program early, you can receive a refund of the tuition for unused 10-week blocks, as per our refund policy. Please note that leaving the program early is uncommon, and depending on Japanese Immigration, will generally mean that the remainder of your student visa is cancelled, and may require you to leave Japan immediately.

Responsibilities

- Attendance: You are required to attend at least 80% of classes, on time. If your attendance falls below this, you may not be able to renew your visa, or you may be required to return home.
- Academic performance: You are required to show acceptable academic improvement. If your exam scores/teacher evaluations are too low, you may not be able to renew your visa, or you may be required to return home.
- Good behavior: In Japan, people tend to identify with and focus on social groups more strongly than in some other countries. One downside of this is that any bad behaviour by one member of a group reflects on all of the members of that group. So, for example, if a GenkiJACS student is arrested for committing a crime, the police will call school staff, and the school will be considered responsible too, and required to take measures to prevent this from happening again. Please always remember that if you behave badly, it will have negative effects for other GenkiJACS students, GenkiJACS staff, and the image of foreigners in Japan.