

Incorporated Educational Institution



ARC Gakuen

**ARC TOKYO JAPANESE
LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

2024 Admission Procedure

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1. School features

1. About Incorporated Educational Institution ARC Gakuen

Incorporated Educational Institution ARC Gakuen was constituted to welcome young individuals interested in Japanese culture and society intending to learn the language, and to contribute to their education as citizens of the world. The values behind the name 「ARC」 are “Articulation, “Realization” and “Contribution, and our distinctive trait is the multinational spirit of the school.

We opened the school, conveniently accessible from Iidabashi station, in October 2017, with the aim of contributing to the growth of the local community and the diffusion of Japanese language and culture, by providing high-quality Japanese language education all while promoting a deep mutual understanding between people of different backgrounds.

2. Communication skills training and various classroom activities

ARC Tokyo Japanese Language School’s learning objective is the acquisition of Japanese communication ability: being able to appropriately express one’s feelings and thoughts; being able to grasp correctly others’ intentions; discovering each other’s culture and traditions. All starts from communication based on mutual understanding and respect.

At the core of classroom life lie active tasks: the school provides students multiple opportunities to put into practice what they have learned and express themselves. In addition, students can improve reading, writing, listening, speaking and even thinking skills thanks to a wide range of optional classes, lessons on Japanese Affairs, project works, and multiple chances to exchange information and ideas.

3. Academic and Career support

(1) Higher education counseling

For students who plan to enter higher education in Japan, the school periodically holds seminars to provide and share the latest news on Japanese education; individual counseling and interview simulation are also available for a complete support. In addition, students with excellent marks and attendance rates can enjoy a recommendation system.

(2) Employment support

In recent years, foreign students finding employment in Japanese firms are increasing. To get employment offers, it is necessary to have a good understanding of Japanese corporate culture. The school obtained the permission to operate as a free employment agency, so for students requesting it, teachers actively help collecting information and simulating job interviews.

(3) Special classes for different post-graduation goals

Students of the advanced levels have access to three special classes with highly specialized curricula divided per post-graduation goals: Business Japanese Class and Preparatory Class Graduate School.

(4) Exam preparation courses

In preparation for EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students; twice a year: June and November) and JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test; twice a year: July and December), the school organizes free extra classes to train students to solve the exams problems. (EJU: Comprehensive Japanese; JLPT: level N1, N2 and N3)

4. School events

Throughout the school year, student life sparkles with events such as field trips, sports day and speech contest. The school also organizes seasonal events every term.

5. Scholarships

Students have access to multiple scholarships: the “Program for the promotion of the admission of international students” (former “Scholarship of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for international students”), the “LSH Scholarship”, the “Kyoritsu Maintenance Scholarship”, as well as ARC Tokyo Japanese Language School’s own scholarship.

6. School facilities

The 8-story building is furnished with a school library, infirmary, lounge and courtyard, where students can spend their free time relaxing and studying. Students can also borrow books and textbooks from the school library. Wi-Fi network is available in the whole building.

7. Kind Staff

Bright and kind staff always encourage you and support your life in Japan. Support is provided in English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Italian and German. Please let us know anytime freely when you have some troubles about anything, for example, about study, life, part-time and full-time work, any personal struggle and so on.

2. Course outlines

【Standard Study Abroad Course】

(1 term = 3 months)

	Course name	Duration	Start	Capacity	Total capacity
First Part (Morning)	2 years Standard Study Abroad Course	2 years	April	40 people	80 people
	1 year and 9 months Standard Study Abroad Course	1 year and 9 months	July	40 people	80 people
	1 year and 6 months Standard Study Abroad Course	1 year and 6 months	October	40 people	80 people
	1 year Study Abroad Course	1 year	April	40 people	40 people
	Sub-total				160 people
Second Part (Afternoon)	2 years Standard Study Abroad Course	2 years	April	40 people	80people
	1 year and 9 months Standard Study Abroad Course	1 year and 9 months	July	40 people	80people
	1 year and 6 months Standard Study Abroad Course	1 year and 6 months	October	40 people	80people
	1 year and 3 months Study Abroad Course	1 year and 3 months	January	20 people	40 people
	Sub-total				140 people
Total				300 people	560 people

(1) **Conditions:** A healthy mind in a healthy body. Applicants must have at least graduated from high school.

(2) **Selection:** Document screening, interview (by phone or Skype).

(3) **Visa:** With the Admission Certificate issued by ARC Tokyo Japanese Language School, students are released the “Student” status of residence (Student visa). During the enrollment, the school takes care of visa renewal when needed.

(4) **Timetable:** One class period is 45 minutes, with 4 periods per day.

	First Part (Morning)	Second Part (Afternoon)
1 st period	9:15 – 10:00	13:30 – 14:15
2 nd period	10:00 – 10:45	14:15 – 15:00
break	10:45 – 11:00	15:00 – 15:15
3 rd period	11:00 – 11:45	15:15 – 16:00
4 th period	11:45 – 12:30	16:00 – 16:45

(5) **Holidays:** No classes on Saturdays, Sundays, Public holidays, Golden Week, O’bon Holidays, Fall break, Winter holidays, Spring break and holidays established by the school principal.

【University Preparation Course】

The Preparatory Course was created for those students who plan to enter higher education in Japan, but have completed high school education in their home countries in less than 12 years, which is the minimum education required to access Japanese universities. The Japanese education system allows foreign students who do not have 12 years of formal education to access universities after they successfully complete the Preparatory Course designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

ARC Tokyo Japanese Language School Preparatory Course caters students pursuing education in Humanities, and beside providing Japanese language education (1360 studying hours in the 2-year curriculum and 960 studying hours in the 1 year and a half curriculum), the course also includes the basics of Mathematics, Civics and English.

(1 term = 6 months)

	Course name	Duration	Start	Capacity	Total capacity
First Part (Morning)	2 years University Preparation Course	2 years	April	20 students	40 students
Second Part (Afternoon)	1 year and 6-months University Preparation Course	1 year and 6 months	October	20 students	40 students
Total				40 students	80 students

(1) **Conditions:** Having graduated from high school in their home country, or expecting graduation before coming to Japan; being at least 16 years of age or older. Students enrolling for October term must have a Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N4 or higher.

(2) **Selection:** Documents screening, Written examination, Interview (can also be taken online).

(3) **Visa, (4) Timetable, (5) Holidays:** Same as the Standard Study Abroad Course.

3. 2024 year schedule

School Terms	Entrance Ceremony · L/C	Class Duration	Holidays
April Semester 2024	April 3 rd	April 8 th ~ June 21 st	Golden Week : April 27 th ~ May 6 th
Summer Holidays		June 22 nd ~ July 7 th	
July Semester	July 3 rd	July 8 th ~ September 20 th	July 15 th , September 16 th Obon Holidays August 10 th ~ August 18 th
Fall Holidays		September 21 st ~ October 14 th	
October Semester	October 9 th	October 15 th ~ December 20 th	
Winter Holidays		December 21 st ~ January 8 th	
January Semester 2025	January 7 th	January 9 th ~ March 19 th	January 13 th , February 24 th

*For the year schedule of the University Preparation Course, see relevant paper.

4. Entrance procedure

(1) From application to admission

- ① Submission of Application form, requested documents and payment of Application fee
(Applicant → School)
↓ ※Application deadlines: at least 6 months before entrance
- ② Document screening (School → Applicant)
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- ③ Application for Certificate of Eligibility to Immigration Bureau (School → Immigration Bureau)
↓ ※4 to 5 months before entrance
- ④ Electronic Issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility (digital format) (Immigration Bureau → School)
↓ ※1 to 2 months before entrance
- ⑤ Payment of registration fee and tuition (reservation of student's dormitory) (Applicant → School)
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- ⑥ Admission Certificate and Certificate of Eligibility are sent to the Applicant by email (School → Applicant)
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- ⑦ Applicant applies for Student visa at the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate
(Applicant → Embassy/Consulate)
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- ⑧ Applicant arrives in Japan and enters the school

(2) Tuition payment

Bank name: **MUFG Bank**

Branch: Shibuya-Meijidori Branch (470)

Account number: Savings Account 4124703

Account holder: GAKU) ARC GAKUEN

(3) Important notes on bank transfers and payments

Applicant or applicant's representative must pay application fee, registration fee and tuition directly to the school using the bank details above. When making a bank transfer, applicant's name must be mentioned in the payment description. Applicants who made the dormitory reservation through the school must pay relevant fee together with registration and tuition. Bank handling fees are at applicant's charge. In case they are deducted from the amount invoiced, the school will ask to settle the difference after the applicant has entered school.

※The applicant should send proof of payment by FAX or email as soon as the payment is settled.

※Tuition fees can be paid using Flywire. Please inquire with the school.

5. Application documents

◆ When submitting documents

- (1) Applicant must provide original version of the application documents.
- (2) Applicant must correctly fill in the form provided by the school.
- (3) Once submitted, application documents cannot be returned. If necessary, applicant should mention it when applying.
- (4) All certificates provided should be submitted within 3 months from issue date.
- (5) For documents written in any foreign language a Japanese translation is required.
- (6) The school might reach the applicant by email, phone or FAX concerning the content of application documents. Applicant should provide correct contact information that can be used whenever necessary.
- (7) The school reserves the right to request additional documents.
- (8) In case the documents provided contain false information, admission is revoked and the applicant is ordered to leave the country.

◆ Documents concerning the applicant *Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 concern all applicants regardless of nationality. Remaining items apply to some areas only.

① Application form, Sheet A

Name: name must be the same as on passport.

Enrollment time: desired enrollment time must correspond to available courses.

② Application form, Sheet B

a. Education: Report it in chronological order, from elementary school to the highest degree attained; schools addresses must also be mentioned with as much precision as possible. In relevant field, applicant should indicate the level of each school attended, using the following letters: S, Elementary school; J, Junior High school; H, High school; V, Vocational school; U, University; M, Graduate school; D, Doctorate.

b. Working experience: Fill in with past full-time working experience.

*Those who have a blank period of more than 6 months in their education or working experience (military service, hospitalization...) must provide relevant explanation on a separate sheet (A4, free format), signed and dated.

c. Japanese study experience: Specify if you have studied Japanese before, in chronological order and for how many hours.

d. Japanese proficiency: Report if you have taken Japanese proficiency test such as JLPT, J-TEST, NAT-TEST...

e. Past stays in Japan: Specify if you have records of past visits to Japan, in chronological order and as per passport stamps.

f. Letter of motivation: Write down the reasons for wanting to study in Japan, and what you plan to do after you graduate from a Japanese language school.

g. Post-graduation goal: check the right post-graduation goal.

h. Past Visa application records: Mention if you applied for any type of visa in Japan, and whether the application was successful.

③ Diploma of the highest educational institution If you are still enrolled, please submit Certificate of Enrollment. Diploma and other certificates are returned to the applicant once the visa application is over. Applicants from Mainland China must provide authentication certificate or high school grades certification report.

④ Applicant's personal background Certificate of Employment, etc.

⑤ Japanese proficiency certificate Provide certificate like JLPT, J-TEST, NAT-TEST, and a certification of the hours of study issued by the Japanese language institution you attended before application. If Japanese language proficiency test results are not available yet, provide copy of your exam admission slip.

⑥ Passport copy If you own a valid passport, provide copy of your personal data page, and copies showing past Immigration stamps if you have visited Japan in the past.

⑦ Picture (4×3cm) 4 pieces Provide pictures taken within 6 months from application date (front, head uncovered); write your full name on the back of all picture and past one on the top right corner of Sheet A of the application form.

◆ Documents concerning the financial sponsor *Items 1 and 2 concern all applicants, regardless of nationality. Remaining items apply to some areas only.

① Application form, Sheet C

② Bank statement Sponsor must provide his/her bank statement issued within 3 months before showing available balance application (for Mainland China, Certificate of Deposit must be submitted as well).

③ Funds collection explanation Copy of passbook, explanation on family income and average expenses, statement of cash transactions for the past 1 years.

④ Employment Certificate Sponsor must provide his/her employment certificate. For executives, Corporate Registry is required.

⑤ Income/Tax Certificate Sponsor must provide documentation proving sponsor's income in the last 1 years prior to application.

⑥ Explanation of relationship between the applicant and the sponsor Family register, Birth certificates, Certificate of residence, Household registration certificate, any official proof. If applicant and sponsor are fairly removed relatives, they must provide an explanation on why the sponsor took this role (A4, free format).

6. Fees and payments

■ Standard Study Abroad Course (non-taxable)

Course Duration	2 years	1 year and 9 months	1 year and 6 months	1 year and 3 months	1 year
Entrance Term	April	July	October	January	April
Application fee	30,000 JPY	30,000 JPY	30,000 JPY	30,000 JPY	30,000 JPY
Registration fee	70,000 JPY	70,000 JPY	70,000 JPY	70,000 JPY	70,000 JPY
Tuition 1 st year	768,000 JPY	768,000 JPY	768,000 JPY	768,000 JPY	768,000 JPY
Tuition 2 nd year	768,000 JPY	576,000 JPY	384,000 JPY	192,000 JPY	/
Total	1,636,000 JPY	1,444,000 JPY	1,252,000 JPY	1,060,000 JPY	868,000 JPY

■ University Preparation Course (non-taxable)

Course Name	2 years University Preparation Course	1 year and 6 months University Preparation Course
Application fee	30,000 JPY	30,000 JPY
Registration fee	70,000 JPY	70,000 JPY
Tuition 1 st year (First Semester)	398,000 JPY	/
(Second Semester)	398,000 JPY	398,000 JPY
Tuition 2 nd year (First Semester)	398,000 JPY	398,000 JPY
(Second Semester)	398,000 JPY	398,000 JPY
Total	1,692,000 JPY	1,294,000 JPY

■ Fees and payments

- ① Both application fee and Registration fee are not refundable.
- ② For enrollment cancellation, please notify your intention in written form one day prior to entrance ceremony, the latest. After the applicant finishes to return the Certificate of Eligibility (or in case the applicant has already entered Japan, after confirmation of their return to home country), tuition fee is refunded. If the visa was denied by the diplomatic mission abroad, applicant must return the Admission Certificate and provide passport copy showing the visa denial stamp. In case of enrollment cancellation after the entrance ceremony, regardless of the reason, tuition fee for the first school term cannot be refunded.
- ③ For withdrawal before the end of the original application period, upon sponsor's approval and after submitting the Notification of withdrawal together with an explanation letter within the end of the term the student wishes to withdraw from, with the principal's authorization, the student will be refunded tuition corresponding to the school terms not attended yet; refunds are bank transferred after deducting a cancellation fee of 20% from refundable amount.
- ④ Refunds are bank transferred to the student once the school has duly confirmed student's return to home country, entrance to higher educational institution in Japan, or change of residence status. It is also mandatory to complete the prescribed refund procedure (submission of required documents etc.) within one month after withdrawing from school or turning down admission. Refund would be effective after one month from completion of relevant procedure. Bank fees are at receiver's charge.
- ⑤ If students are expelled for violation the law or school regulations, no refund is possible.
- ⑥ The school does not allow enrollments exceeding 2 years (maximum duration of the Standard Study Abroad Course).
- ⑦ Tuition must be paid within the deadlines set by the school, otherwise the student will not be allowed into classes.
- ⑧ The school is not liable in the event classes are cancelled due to circumstances beyond the school's control, such as natural disasters, accidents or epidemics. Refunds will not be made in such cases.
- ⑨ Costs of textbooks and learning materials differ from one class to the other. The students purchase them in school after classes have been decided with a level check test. However, textbooks in use are subject to changes due to curriculum update or improvement.

■ Textbooks used for the Standard Study Abroad Course (example)

Elementary - Beginners	Price	Intermediate - Advanced	Price
Minna no Nihongo beginner 1, II Ed.	2,750 JPY	Task-Based Learning Japanese Intermediate1	2,200 JPY
Minna no Nihongo beginner 2, II Ed.	2,750 JPY	Comprehensive Japanese Practice through Specific Topics – Upper intermediate	1,650 JPY
Kana Master revised edition	1,650 JPY	Comprehensive Japanese Practice through Specific Topics – Advanced	1,650 JPY
Kanji Master N5 revised edition	1,980 JPY	Advanced Japanese for International Students-- From Reading Comprehension to Conversation and Composition III Ed.	2,200 JPY
Kanji Master N4 revised edition	1,980 JPY	Kanji Master N2 revised edition	1,980 JPY
Kanji Master N3 revised edition	1,980 JPY	Kanji Master N1 revised edition	2,200 JPY

※Please inquire with the school for textbooks of the Preparatory Course (about 54,015¥ for the 2-year course, 42,783¥ for the 1 year and a half course).

7. Life in Japan

1. Cost of life

Living expenses (food, housing, utilities etc.) range from approximately 100,000¥ to 150,000¥ per month. When signing a housing contract, the tenant might have to pay, besides rent, a deposit and a non-refundable deposit. At ARC Tokyo Japanese Language school students can buy the student pass to commute to school. The school recommends students bring at least 400,000~500,000¥ for living expenses for the first few months. Many students take part-time jobs; minimum hourly wage in Tokyo area is around 1,100¥.

2. National Health Insurance, Foreign Students Plan Insurance

Students holding a Student Visa are issued a Resident Card upon arrival in Japan. Within 14 days since establishing the address, foreigners must submit the "Moving-In Notification" to the nearest city hall or ward office and apply for National Health Insurance. Students who applied for National Health Insurance can use JLIC Foreign Student Plan Insurance system through ARC Academy. JLIC Insurance covers the medical fees not reimbursed by the National Health Insurance (30%) for any illness or injury the student suffers during the enrollment (medical expense per case must be over 3,000¥). Students with short-term visa cannot apply for National Health Insurance, but can apply for JLIC Insurance after admission.

Moreover, all people who live in Japan included international students become insured of national pension when they turn 20 years old. They are required to pay insurance fee. But international students can use special payment system for students which allows to postpone contributions while you are a student. Please ask us for details

3. Part-time jobs:

Foreigners in Japan under a student visa, after obtaining a specific permission called "Shikakugai Kyoka" from the Tokyo Regional Immigration Services Bureau, can work up to 28 hours per week (8 hours a day during long holidays). Students are not allowed to work in the entertainment and amusement trades.

4. Illegal behavior:

A student who infringes the law or school regulations, or fails to pay the tuition within the deadlines, would be expelled or asked to withdraw from school and leave the country. The same applies for unmotivated long absence from school or misconduct. Student must keep an attendance rate of 90%.

5. Accommodation

The school can provide information on accommodations within a convenient reach. In case the housing facilities do not have vacant rooms, it might not be possible to meet students' requests.

Affiliated student dormitories (3-month cost simulation, all charges included)

① Tōkyō LIFE STYLE Higashi Jūjō (managed by Human Resources Development Co., Ltd.)

Nearest station: 3-minute walk to Higashi Jūjō station on JR Keihin Tōhoku Line.

Description: 6 stories reinforced concrete house, with Western-style rooms.

Facilities: Internet, AC, TV, rice cooker, fridge, toilet in the bathroom, mini-kitchen, desk, chairs, bed and bedding.

	Admission fee	Facility fee	Rent (monthly)	Utilities (monthly)	Futon	Cleaning fee	Total (3 months)
Single room	30,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	59,000 JPY	12,000 JPY	10,000 JPY	20,000 JPY	333,000 JPY
Double room	30,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	39,000 JPY	10,000 JPY	10,000 JPY	10,000 JPY	257,000 JPY

② DK House Shinkoiwa (managed by Daiichi Kōsan Co., Ltd.)

Nearest Station: 8-minute walk to Shinkoiwa Station on JR Sōbu line

Description: 4 stories reinforced concrete house, with Western-style rooms.

Facilities: Internet, bed, desk, chairs, fridge, AC.

Common toilets, shower, kitchen and coin-operated washing machine. Dining room and recreation facilities available. At departure, deposit are redeemed.

	Deposit	Admission fee	Rent(monthly)	Administration (monthly)	Bedding	Total(3 months)
Single room	20,000 JPY	30,000 JPY	55,000 JPY	12,000 JPY	10,500 JPY	261,500 JPY

On photo and video shooting in school

For recording purposes and use in classroom activities, photos and video shooting is organized within the school. Kindly be informed that this material might also be used for promotional purposes (website, brochures, etc.).

8. School Map



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