In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result of the “stay at home” order issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom, all in-person testing has been suspended until further notice. SDSU continues to monitor the evolving situation around COVID-19 and follow the guidance of our national, state and local government officials as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you need to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, please contact Dr. Kitajima at rkitajima@sdsu.edu

Who is required to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test?

According to the SDSU General Catalog, the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, created and edited by the Association of International Education, Japan and the Japan Foundation, is taken to assess and place students at the most appropriate level in the curriculum of the Japanese Language Program at SDSU. **Students who have special backgrounds, and those SDSU students who took Japanese elsewhere, including SDSU students who participated in exchange programs, are required to meet with the program adviser and to take this examination.**

General Test Information

There are **four testing levels**.

**Level 4** is designed for students who have had 150 hours of instruction in elementary grammar, *kanji* (approximately 100 characters); have a vocabulary of approximately 800 words; can converse at a very elementary level; can read and write simple or short sentences; and have finished the first half of an Elementary Japanese course/text.

**Level 3** is designed for students who have had 300 hours of instruction in basic grammar, *kanji* (approximately 300 characters); have a vocabulary of approximately 1500 words; can converse in practical everyday situations; can read and write unsophisticated paragraphs; and have finished an Elementary Japanese course/text.

**Level 2** is designed for students who have had 600 hours of instruction in advanced grammar, *kanji* (approximately 1000 characters); have a vocabulary of approximately 6000 words; can converse, read and write on general topics; can read and write unsophisticated paragraphs; and have finished an Intermediate Japanese course/text.

**Level 1** is designed for students who have had 900 hours of instruction in highly advanced grammar, *kanji* (approximately 2000 characters); have a vocabulary of approximately 10,000 words; can function in social situations and situations at universities/research institutions.

The number of questions on each test varies, as do the time limits, but all four levels contain **three sections**:

1) Characters and Vocabulary  
2) Listening Comprehension  
3) Reading Comprehension and Grammar
**Students Requesting Accommodations**

Students with accommodations already authorized by the SDSU Student Ability Success Center (SASC), and placed on the SDSU Testing Services reservation system by SASC, will be offered an accommodated test session automatically during online test registration. SASC information can be found at [http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/](http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/).

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