

Osaka Kyoiku University

(Osaka Prefecture)



Let's study Japanese at OKU with friendly people in Osaka!

■ University Overview

① About Osaka Kyoiku University (OKU)

Osaka Kyoiku University is one of the few educational universities of our nation to possess a history and tradition spanning over 145 years. The University has two departments, the Teacher Training Course and the Department of Educational Collaboration.

Tennoji campus has an Evening Program for Elementary School Teacher Training, which is the only national program of its kind in Japan for working students and in-service teachers. The Graduate School of Education offers 4 courses for master's degrees. Osaka Kyoiku University aims at being a composite educational university in collaboration with 10 affiliated schools and a kindergarten.

The main campus (Kashiwara Campus) is located inside the Kongo-Ikoma-Kisen Quasi-National Park in Kashiwara City, Osaka Prefecture. Kashiwara City is about 20 kilometers east of the central part of Osaka City, and has a long history with beautiful surroundings commanding verdant mountains. Tennoji Campus is situated in Osaka City.



② International Exchange

The number of international students at OKU as of October 1, 2019 is 191. OKU has 33 overseas sister universities and is exchanging many students between them. OKU has been accepting Japanese Studies Students (JSS) for many years and offering them intriguing programs.

③ Number of International Students and Japanese Studies Students (JSS) Studied at OKU in the Past 3 Years

2019: International Students 191, JSS 18

2018: International Students 173, JSS 8

2017: International Students 158, JSS 11

④ Regional Characteristics

-Cultural Power of Osaka

Western Japan has long been developing its unique culture; especially, the city of Osaka, we believe, played a central role in building the Western Japanese culture. Osaka has not only preserved the traditional Japanese culture, but also remains to have strong influences on the main stream of the contemporary Japanese culture.

-Beauty of Osaka-dialect

'Osaka-ben', a local dialect spoken in Osaka, is very popular among not only Japanese people but also international students. It sounds very powerful but warm, and it is often used as an icon of energetic and humorous Osaka people in Japanese manga and TV dramas. Although international students at OKU learn the standard Japanese in classes, they also can hear people speak Osaka-ben inside or outside the campus and easily learn its characteristics.

■ Outline of the Program

① Purpose of the program

(b) A course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency

② Feature of the program

- Japanese language classes are offered for JSS to improve their proficiency.
- Various courses are available for JSS to deepen their understanding Japan, Kansai area and Osaka.
- JSS will write a final report in the field of their interests under the guidance of their academic advisor.
- OKU offers variety of activities outside of the university for JSS to enjoy their stay in Japan, JSS can participate such activities as 1 day field trips (3 times a year), international events prepared by Japanese students and local volunteer groups, and visits to local schools.



③ Number of Japanese Studies Students to be Admitted

Total: 20 students

Embassy recommendation: 15

University recommendation: 5

④ Qualification and Conditions

Students who have obtained N2 level or above in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test are preferred.

⑤ Goal

-To learn to write reports in Japanese, and to present academic topics in precise expression
-To deeply understand the Japanese culture with a focus on western Japan.

⑥ Period of Study (Period of Enrollment)

October 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

⑦ Scholarship Payment Period

October 2020 to August 2021

⑧ Annual Schedule

September: Arrive at OKU
(in case of 2019, September 24)
Orientation

October: Fall semester begins
Welcome party

November: Home-visit program
1 day field trip

February: Fall semester ends

March: 1 day field trip (Sumo)

April : Spring semester begins

June: 1 day field trip

July: Submit the final report

August: Spring semester ends
Final report presentation

Completion ceremony

Leave Japan



⑨ Completion requirements

- 9 classes are required to take in both semesters.
- JSS will follow the CGER advisor's guidance and register for the recommended classes.
-"Japanese Studies" is a compulsory subject in the spring semester.

JSS who fulfill the above conditions will be presented a certificate at the completion ceremony. Transcripts will be issued after the program finishes.

⑩ Outline and Characteristics of the Program

1) Characteristics of the Program

- Different level of Japanese classes and variety of subjects on Japanese culture are available.
- JSS can take regular undergraduate courses in case they have enough Japanese language proficiency.
- One subject consists of 15 classes, and each class is 90 minutes

2) Course Descriptions

(1) Compulsory subjects

"Japanese Studies" is a compulsory subject, and 2 credits can be obtained by completing a final report and presenting the paper.

(2) Japanese Language course

Subject	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
Japanese Ia, Ib	1	1
Japanese IIa, IIb	2	2
Pre-Advanced Reading I, II	2	2
Pre-Advanced Integrated I, II	2	2
Pre-Advanced Kanji I, II	2	2
Current Topics I, II	2	2
Intermediate Reading I, II	2	2
Intermediate Listening I, II	2	2
Intermediate Conversation I, II	2	2
Intermediate Grammar I, II	2	2
Intermediate Kanji I, II	2	2
Intermediate Writing	—	2

(3) Subjects on Japanese Culture

Subject	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
Culture in Osaka I, II	2	2
Traditional Culture in Japan I, II	2	2
Cultural Exchange Workshop I, II	2	2
Japanese Society and Culture I, II	2	2
Early Modern History of Japanese Culture	2	—
Modern History of Japan	—	2
Ancient History of Japanese Culture	—	2
Education and Internationalization in Japan	2	—
Cross-cultural Understanding	2	—
Japanese Culture	—	2

3) Students Participatory Subjects

"Culture of Osaka I, II" aims to learn history and culture of Osaka through lectures and field trips. Students visit various historical sites.

"Traditional Culture in Japan I, II" is taught by OKU faculty members specialized in subjects such as Kendo, ceramics, traditional music, traditional dance, calligraphy.

"Cultural Exchange Workshop I, II" aims to deepen understanding of Japanese society and culture by participating various cultural exchange activities.

4) Collaborative learning with Japanese students

JSS are able to take subjects to learn with Japanese students such as "Cross-cultural understanding", "Japanese society and culture" and "Education for Understanding Asia". Students will interact through discussions and group work.

Following is the list of academic majors and courses recommended for JSS students.

Japanese literature, linguistics, and JSL.

- Multicultural Literacy Course

Those who want to learn education in Japan

- Course for School Teachers

Fine Arts and Music

- Fine Art Course / Music Course

⑪ Student Advising System

● Center for Global Education and Research

Center for Global Education and Research (CGER) are in charge of the operation of the JSS program. Also, they offer Japanese language classes and give advice to international students about their university life in Japan.

● Faculty Advisor

Faculty advisors instruct the class registration for Japanese Studies Students and also supervise their final report. Faculty advisors are selected among OKU faculties from the Course for School Teachers, Department of Educational Collaboration, CGER, and so on.

● Student Tutor Program

Each Japanese Studies Students will be introduced a Japanese student as their tutor. Tutors will give support for their study and life in Japan while the JSS are in OKU.



■ Accommodation

OKU has dormitories for international students on Kashiwara campus and in neighboring areas of Yao-city. Japanese Studies Students will be given rooms at Yamamoto International Student Dormitory Building 3 with priority.

<Yamamoto International Student Dormitory>

* Three students will share a 3 bedroom apartment and each will have his/her own bedroom.

• Facilities/Equipment:

(Private Room) Desk, Chair, Air conditioner, Bookshelf, Beddings (rental)

(Shared area) Kitchen, Bathroom, Refrigerator, Microwave, TV, Washer, Washstand

• Dormitory fees: ¥26,200-28,500 including the Internet, beddings (rental), utilities, and common fee.

* The dormitory fee differs depending on room types.

• Security Deposit: 1 month's rent (Required up front)

• Deposit: 30,000 Yen (Required up front)

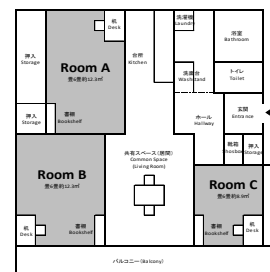
• Features: Japanese students (RA) and the dormitory manager will be helping you.

* You might share an apartment with a Japanese student (RA).

• Maximum occupancy: 21 persons (7 apartments)

• Address : 7-9 Yamamoto-cho Minami, Yao-city, Osaka 581-0013

* 5 min. walk from Takayasu station on the Kintetsu Osaka Line



■ Follow-up for OKU Alumni

● After Completing the JSS Program

Many Japanese Studies Students, after completing the program at Osaka Kyoiku University, will go home to graduate from their home institution. Then, some will return to study in Japan as a government scholarship student, or some will find careers in companies to utilize their excellent Japanese language ability.

● Information Service for Alumni

OKU CGER will provide information for international students alumni through medias like homepage.



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