



Utsunomiya University (Tochigi Pref.)



Close to Nikko as a World Heritage, the most advanced Technopolis, and natural beauty. Students of the program can study a variety of topics in this ideal environment.

■ University Overview

① Outline

Utsunomiya University is comprised of 5 schools, 2 graduate schools and 12 Institutes for education and research.

The School of Regional Design, established newly in 2016, teaches practical knowledge, methods and technics for a better design of regional communities. The School of International Studies, being the only faculty in all national universities in Japan, promotes comprehensive studies of international societies and cultures. The School of Education has a long history of training educators and offers specialized programs that include practical skills training. The School of Engineering conducts leading-edge research and serves as a core facility for the industrial center. The School of Agriculture has a long tradition, but it is also producing remarkable results in new fields such as biotechnology and international cooperation.

② Number of School and Students

(as of May 1, 2018)

- School 342
 - Students
 - Undergraduates 4,071
 - Graduates 867
- total 4,938

③ The data of International Exchange

(as of May 1, 2018)

- Number of International students: 249 (from 24 countries)
 - Number of International visiting scholars: 2 (from 2-countries)
 - Number of Exchange Agreements with overseas universities: 73
- Number of Students in the Japanese Studies Program in past 3 years
- 2018-19 4
 - 2017-18 6
 - 2016-17 3

④ Local Environment

Utsunomiya University is located in the City of Utsunomiya (population: about 500,000), about 100 km north of Tokyo (about 50 min by Shinkansen).

Utsunomiya is surrounded by natural beauty, with the Kinugawa River to the east, the Nasu Mountain Range to the north, and world-famous Nikko to the west. With a strong academic tradition, as suggested by its proximity to the Ashikaga School, Japan's earliest-known university, Utsunomiya University has become renowned for cutting-edge technologies such as those being developed at the Technopolis Center.

■ Outline of the Program

① Program Purpose

Main purpose is the research study about Things Japanese and Japanese Culture, auxiliary purpose is to improve their Japanese skills.



② Program Feature

This course is offered by the Center for International Exchange of the Utsunomiya University in cooperation with the Schools, aiming to help students to improve and develop their Japanese language skills and to deepen their specialized knowledge of Japanese language, culture and society.



③ Quota

- 10 students
 - University recommendation 5
 - Embassy recommendation 5

④ Requirements for Applicants

Followings are requirements for this program, and both should be satisfied by the applicants.

- Applicants should be majoring in a field related to Japanese language or culture at their home university.
- Applicants should have the intermediate or higher level of Japanese proficiency (higher than N2 level of JLPT) that will enable them to pursue the program and study with Japanese students.

⑤ Goal

- To improve and develop their Japanese language skills equivalent to N1 in Japanese Language Placement Test (JPLT).
- To deepen their specialized knowledge of Japanese language, culture and society.
- To write an academic paper equivalent to the undergraduate dissertation thesis and give an oral presentation on the research at the end of the program.

⑥ Course Duration

October 2019 to August 2020 (11 months)

Date of Closing Ceremony : In the middle of August (tentative)

⑦ Outline of Subjects

1) Required Subjects :

The following 4 subjects are those only for the Japanese Studies Course. (30 hours for each subject)

- Japanese Language and Culture I ...2 credits
- Japanese Language and Culture II ...2 credits
- Special Seminar in Japanese Language and Culture I ...2 credits
- Special Seminar in Japanese Language and Culture II ...2 credits

2) Participating subjects such as tours and community exchanges:

There are various extra-curricular intercultural activities for international students offered by the Utsunomiya University .

3) Contents of completion study

International students will conduct a one-year research and research on Japanese culture, society, or Japanese-related subjects and write papers (over 12,000 characters) that summarize the results in Japanese. And students make presentation (about 10 minutes) about the outline at "Student Paper Submission Presentation".

Especially, students will prepare their own studies at " Special Seminar in Japanese Language and Culture I" of compulsory subjects. Students will also have opportunities to contact Japanese society and Japanese culture through off-campus training.

In " Special Seminar in Japanese Language and Culture II", Students need to periodically report the progress status of the research and research, examine the contents of the research, and aim for completion of the training paper.

4) Opportunities for cooperation with Japanese students

Since elective subjects other than essential subjects are regular subjects to be taken by Japanese students, etc., by taking these subjects, opportunities to cooperate with Japanese students can be obtained

5) Elective Subjects:

The following subjects are those given at the Liberal and General Education Center, School of International Studies and the School of the Education, in which the students of the Japanese Studies course are supposed to take together with regular students.

Each student may take other subjects in accordance with their research topic, if necessary. And the total number of required elective subjects is 12. (30 hours for each subject)

《 Subjects of Advanced Japanese Language 》

- Academic Japanese for Reading II1 credits
- Academic Japanese for Presentation1 credits
- Academic Japanese for Human Science and Social Science 1 credits
- Academic Japanese for Science and Technology1 credits

《 Model Subjects of Related to the Japanese studies 》

- Things Japanese2 credits
- The Japanese Writing System2 credits
- Japanese Linguistics2 credits
- History of the Japanese Language2 credits
- Japanese Culture2 credits
- Comparative Study of Cultures2 credits
- Multilingual Communication A2 credits
- Multilingual Communication B2 credits
- Cross-Cultural Communication2 credits
- Introductory Japanese Literature A2 credits
- History of Japanese Literature.....2 credits
- Japanese Communication Arts.....2 credits
- Globalization and Society2 credits
- Global Education2 credits
- Multicultural Education and Immigration2 credits



⑧ Extracurricular Activities

Students may participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including opportunities to interact with local residents.

⑨ Academic Guidance System

(1) Course Advisors and Coordinators

Hiroyuki Yumoto (Center for International Exchange)
Akiko Iizuka (Center for International Exchange)

Course advisors are responsible for organizing the Japanese Studies Course, and help each student to make their study plan and/or decide their research topic. They also coordinate the course at the whole university level.

(2) Research Supervisors

Research supervisors give students academic advice according to their research topic, and are decided after their arrival.

⑩ Course Requirements

Each student is required to take both required subjects (4 credits) and elective subjects (12 subjects or more), and give an oral presentation on their academic report at the end of the course.



■ Housing

● Condition

There is an international student dormitory at Utsunomiya University. However, unfortunately it is always fully occupied, so all the MEXT scholarship students are advised to rent a room at their own expense.

● Room rent (on average)

1-bed room 30,000yen/month

● Other costs

You may have to pay triple the amount of money for cleaning deposit, reward and handling charge.

You may have to deposit 15,000yen to your gas company to use the gas.

Sign up for house insurance, which costs 4,500-9,000yen.

In total you need 100,000-150,000yen to settle down here.

● Room facilities

Many rooms are air-conditioned but you have to buy heaters, stoves, kitchenware, microwaves, washing machines etc at your own expense.

■ Follow-up for graduates

Opportunities will be offered to graduates to take advice about your going to higher school in Japan after completing.

■ For more information, please contact

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