



Utsunomiya University (Tochigi Prefecture)

You can utilize the various facilities attached to this university and take specialized training about the practical issues related to school education and lifelong learning.

◇ University overview

(1) Characteristics and history

Utsunomiya University has six Schools (Data Science and Management, Regional Design, Cooperative Faculty Of Education, International Studies, Engineering and Agriculture). Also we have graduate schools, Graduate School of Regional Development and Creativity (Master's course and Doctoral course), Graduate School of Education (Professional Degree Course). The Cooperative Faculty Of Education and Graduate School of Education aim to train schoolteachers and leaders of practical studies in education. The Graduate School has been constantly developing its systems and programs of research and education for in-service teacher training and accepts about 71 local in-service teachers as graduate or research students each year. It started accepting teachers from overseas as trainees in 1995 and a total of 71 took in-service training at the school. Located about 100 km north of Tokyo, Utsunomiya City is capital of Tochigi with a population of 510,000. The city is surrounded by natural beauty, with the River of Kinu in the east, the Nasu Mountain Range to the north, and Nikko, a world-famous sightseeing resort, to the west. It also has been rapidly developing as a "technopolis," a center of integrated high technology for industries and businesses.

(2) International exchange

- Number of international students

AY 2024: 126 AY 2023: 138 AY 2022: 136

- Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2024: 1 AY 2023: 1 AY 2022: 1

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

(1) Characteristics of the program

The Cooperative Faculty Of Education and Graduate School of Education offers courses for coping with practical issues related to school education and lifelong education. Trainees will have frequent opportunities to observe and participate in classrooms at schools and kindergarten attached to the Cooperative Faculty of Education. University's affiliated institutions for research and education (Library, Center for Education and Research of Community Collaboration, Media Network Center) are open to teacher Training Students. In addition, many in-service teachers are enrolled as graduate students and research students, allowing for active interaction.

(2) Number of students to be accepted: 10

(3) Period of scholarship: 2025.10 – 2027.3

(4) Requirement for program completion

Students are required to take a course in Japanese for Education and attend approximately 30 hours of specialized lectures on education. In addition, students are required to write a research paper under the individual guidance of their academic advisor. The thesis must be presented the year-end presentation meeting.



Building of the Cooperative Faculty of Education

(5) Outline of the course

- Japanese language education

You will take Japanese language courses at the Center for International Exchange, Utsunomiya University for 6 months from October 2025 to March 2026 (compulsory). If you wish, you can continue to take Japanese language courses after the 6 months.

- Specialized training

i) Approximately fifteen-lecture series(30 hours) common to all trainees will be given on such themes as Japanese education (educational systems and principles and particular school subject teaching), Japanese society and Japanese culture. ii) Japanese for Education, a specialized course in Japanese, will be given in the first semester. iii) Individual guidance by an academic adviser. iv) lectures and seminars in specialized fields on both undergraduate and graduate levels. v) Writing a research paper to be presented at the year-end presentation meeting and published in the annual issue of Utsunomiya University International In-Service Teacher Training Program Report.

- Practical training, participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges

Observation tours and practical trainings at the attached schools may be included in 'Common lectures' and 'training in the fields of specialization' as options. To those who are interested, opportunities will be offered to visit such institutions as vocational aid centers for the handicapped, juvenile welfare institutions, etc., as well as schools and other education-related facilities.

• Others

Although classroom instructions are mostly given in Japanese, some common course classes and individual instructions will be given in English.

◇ Follow-up for graduates

To those who are interested, advice on further study at Japanese universities after completion of the MEXT program will be provided.



International House (dormitory)



Single room

◇ Accommodations

There is an international dormitory, but exchange students are prioritized. So if you cannot move in, you have to move into a private apartment (*initial cost is about 100,000 to 150,000 yen).

○ Number of rooms

• Single room 55 • Couple room 6 • Family room 4

*Rooms in Building A have shower equipment but no kitchen unit. Rooms in Building C have kitchen unit but no shower equipment. You can't choose a building.

○ Monthly rent

Single room : 6,500 yen/month(*Restoration fee is 47,850 yen/1 and a half year)

Couple room: 13,000 yen/month (*Restoration fee is 62,700 yen/1 and a half year)

Family room: 15,500 yen/month (*Restoration fee is 70,950 yen/1 and a half year)

*Monthly payment after admission. (Restoration fee to be paid after moving in).

*Utilities are not included.

○ Facilities

Single room : Bed (comforter can be rented separately), refrigerator, study desk, chair, shelf, air conditioner

In addition to the facilities above, couple rooms/family rooms are equipped with a Stove, microwave, and washing machine.

○ Information for daily life

There are supermarkets in the neighborhood. It takes about 10 to 15 minutes to go to school by bicycle.

◇ Contact

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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

Name of department	Graduate School of Education							
Course code	Name of adviser	E-mail	Teaching field(s)	Course description	Targets for training	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
10001	UEHARA Shuichi	suehara@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Education	Deals with philosophy of education, comparative education and moral education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese,English	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese or English.
10002	MARUYAMA Tsuyoshi	marusan@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Curriculum Development & Technical and Vocational Education	Deals with Curriculum Development and Technical and Vocational Education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese,English	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese or English. Costa Rica 1, Laos 1, Malawi 1, Nigeria 1
10003	TAKAI Taro	takai.taro@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Japanese Language Education	Provides instruction and guidance on contents and methods of teaching in Japanese language education (excepting teaching of Japanese as a second or foreign language).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese.
10004	KANDA Emiko	e.kanda@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Japanese Language Education	Conducts research on the content and teaching methods of Japanese language education. (excepting teaching of Japanese as a second or foreign language)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese. Interest in Japanese language education in Japan.
10005	TAKAYAMA Rintaro	rtakayama@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Japanese Linguistics	Deals with the fundamentals of Japanese linguistics in general, while also studying the basic research methods for analyzing classical texts or modern Japanese, including dialects.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese. Complete the application form in Japanese.
10006	SUZUKI Keiko	suzukike@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Japanese Literature	Provides instruction and guidance for interpretation and appreciation of modern Japanese literature, specifically short stories in the Meiji and Taisho Eras.	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese; interests in classical Japanese literature.
10007	AMANUMA Minoru	amanuma@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Linguistics	Provides instruction and guidance for developing and/or modifying major current linguistic theories, such as Generative Grammar and Cognitive Grammar, placing a high value on empirical studies of various languages, particularly English and Japanese, at the same time.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of reading and writing academic papers in English, and proficiency in Japanese.
10008	SHIMODA Jun	shimoda@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	European History	Studies of European History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability in Japanese or English
10009	KOHARA Kazuma	kkohara@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	sociology	Comparative Sociology (education, culture, social structure).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese or English	1	Ability of reading academic papers and oral communication in Japanese or English. Strong interests and abundant Knowledge in both Japanese culture and of your own .
10010	HITOMI Hisaki	hitomi@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Science Education	Provides instruction and guidance on contents and methods of teaching in Japanese science education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese, English	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese or English. Guatemala 1, Brazil 1.
10011	MATSUBARA Mari	marim@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Mechanical Engineering, Electric Engineering	Deals with recent trends in electrical and Electronic Engineering, development of materials for teaching recent technologies, and development of study instruction systems in technology education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	2	Ability of communicating and reading academic papers in Japanese or English. Indonesia1
10012	KOHARA Shin-ichi	koharas@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Music Education	Provides instruction and guidance for conducting practice and theoretical research in music education, with special emphasis on acquisition of musical performance skills (including those of traditional Japanese music), based on the actual circumstances of music education in Japan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of solfège.
10013	MATSUSHIMA Sakurako	sakurako@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	Craft (Urushi Lacquer, Chasing, etc.)	Provides lectures and training on the materials, techniques, expressions and history of Japanese craft, and helps trainees to study craft expressions through production of works of art.	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese or English	1	Ability of communicating in Japanese or English.

10014	WATANABE Tokinari	watanabet@cc.utsunomiya-u.ac.jp	home economics education, family resource management	This course provides training in the theory and teaching practice of home economics education in Japan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others()	Japanese	1	Ability of reading academic papers and communicating in Japanese.
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