

Guide for Exchange Students at Japan Women's University Tokyo, Japan 日本女子大学 交換留学生ガイド

2023-2024 program

INTRODUCTION TO JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Japan Women's University began in 1901 as the first women's higher educational institution in Japan.

- ➤ Number of Students: Undergraduate 6,300 / Graduate 240
- ➤ 16 departments in 5 faculties:
- ①Faculty of Human Sciences and Design
- ②Faculty of Humanities
- **3** Faculty of Sciences
- **(4)** Faculty of Integrated Arts & Social Sciences
- 5Faculty of Transcultural Studies (2023.4 \sim) with 18 divisions in 5 graduate schools
- ➤ Japan Women's University will accept transgender students (female) from April 2024.



LOCATION

Japan Women's University (JWU) is in the Center of Tokyo.

→Very convenient for sightseeing & entertainment!



PROGRAM CALENDAR

	Semester	Duration
One Year	Fall/Winter/Spring	Mid-September 2023~ End of July 2024
	Fall Semester	Mid-September 2023~ End of January 2024
Half Year	Winter Intensive + Spring Semester	Early February 2024 ~ Early March 2024 + Early April 2024~ End of July 2024

^{*} If students have any concerns regarding their academic schedule at their home institution, please feel free to contact us.

THE OBJECTIVES AND FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Students recommended by partner universities will be accepted upon selection and approval.
- The Japanese language program is small-group, with seven classes per semester of intensive study.
- In addition, students have the opportunity to take a 5-week intensive Japanese language course in February and March.
- Depending on your language ability and major, you may take classes with Japanese students in either Japanese or English, and you are encouraged to aim for JLPT N3 or N2 by the time you return home.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. Japanese Language Study

- ① The intermediate class is suitable for students who can read and write 200 kanji when they join the program.
- 2 The upper intermediate class covers up to the N2 level of the JLPT.
- 3 Exchange students wishing to study in advanced classes at N2 to N1 level can take classes for degree seeking international students.
 - X You will be recommended an appropriate class based on your Japanese placement score on arrival.

CREDITS FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSES (INTERMEDIATE & UPPER INTERMEDIATE)

Fall / Spring Semester

- The Japanese language course has 7 morning classes per week.
- After completion,
 exchange students receive
 14 credits for each fall and
 spring semester.
- > Total class time for each semester is 9,450 minutes (157.5 hours).

Winter Intensive Japanese Course

- The 5-credit winter intensive course is a 5-week course from early February to early March.
- > Total class time is 3,375 minutes (57.0 hours) (tentative).

OTHER COURSES

2. Courses conducted in Japanese*

- Seminars & Lectures
- Physical Education Courses
- Language Courses

Examples:

- ✓ JAPANESE STUDIES (日本事情)
- ✓ CALLIGRAPHY AND ITS HISTORY (書 道及び書道史)
- ✓ PRACTICE IN CLOTHING FORMATION(衣造形実習)
- ✓ CULINARY PRACTICE(調理実習)
- ✓ PHYSICAL EXERCISES(身体運動)

3. Courses conducted in English

Examples

- ✓ SOCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF JAPAN (日本研究1)
- ✓ INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY(日本研究2)
- ✓ TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE(比較文学特論)

*Most of the courses at JWU are conducted in Japanese. We are happy to provide a study-buddy to support exchange students if their Japanese is not sufficient to understand the courses in Japanese.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 1)

	月(Mon.)	火(Tue.)	水(Wed.)	木(Thu.)	金(Fri.)
1		UPPER INTERMEDIA TE JAPANESE 2-a	UPPER INTERMEDIA TE JAPANESE 2-a		UPPER INTERMEDIA TE JAPANESE 2-a
2	UPPER INTERMEDIA TE JAPANESE 2-a	UPPER INTERMEDIA TE JAPANESE 2-a			UPPER INTERMEDIA TE JAPANESE 2-a
3					
4		日本事情1 (JAPANESE STUDIES I)	PHYSICAL EXERCISES II b (身体運動 II b)		
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Weekly schedule (example 2)

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	月(Mon.)	火(Tue.)	水(Wed.)	木(Thu.)	金(Fri.)
1		日本語学概論 (INTRODUCTI ON TO JAPANESE LINGUISTICS)		日本文学の基礎1 (INTRODUCTI ON TO JAPANESE LITERATURE I)	
2			日中交流史-1 (HISTORY OF JAPAN- CHINA RELATIONS- 1)		
3		日本研究1 (JAPAN STUDIES 1)			
4		日本事情1 (JAPANESE STUDIES I)	現代アジア文 化論 (MODERN ASIAN CULTURE)		
5	日本語II b -1 (JAPANESE II b-1)				

STUDENT LIFE

"What can JWU exchange students do?"

- ✓ Club Activities with Japanese students
- e.g. 茶道(Sado), 剣道(Kendo), ダンス(Dance), etc.
- ✓ Volunteer Activities
- e.g. at affiliated elementary school
- ✓ Part-time job
- e.g. as English conversation partner
- ✓ Events and Excursions

Welcome Party; excursion to famous temples in Kyoto, Asakusa and Kamakura; Bunraku (文楽) & Kabuki (歌舞伎); tours, etc.











STUDENT LIFE

Tutors for Exchange Students

Tutors meet with exchange students regularly and assist them with their life at JWU. Support includes:

- Pick-up service on arrival in Japan
- > Assistance with class registration procedures
- > Introduction to JWU facilities and services
- Language exchange



ACCOMMODATION

University Dormitory

On campus

(5 minutes from the campus)

Advantages

- The most inexpensive housing option.
- > The dormitories were renewed in April 2020.
- Exchange students can communicate daily with Japanese students.

Disadvantages

- Rules and curfew may be strict.
- They are not basically allowed to stay out overnight (But if they submit "Overnight Leave Request" in advance, they are allowed to do it).

Homestay

• Off campus

(About 1 hour from JWU by train)

Advantages

- Exchange students can enjoy authentic Japanese family life.
- They can learn Japanese from conversation with the family.

Disadvantages

> They must respect the family's rules, possibly including curfew.

Off Campus Dormitory

• Off campus

(Depends on your choice of rental)

Advantages

- Off campus dormitory is furnished.
- Compared with other options, you have more freedom.

Disadvantages

It may be a little far from the campus.

ACCOMMODATION FEES

University Dormitory

about ¥ 30,000 per month (tentative)

(¥300,000 year-long)

Including

- breakfast & dinner on weekday
- breakfast on Saturday

Please understand

- no meals
- ①on Sundays,
- ②from February to March
- ③A few days in September.

Homestay

$\frac{\$65,000}{\text{per month}}$

Students will be provided

- breakfast & dinner on weekday
- 3 meals on Saturday & Sunday

% Please kindly note that we may not be able to accept your homestay application in 2023-24 program due to the COVID-19 problem.

Off Campus Dormitory

¥50,000 per month

- Off campus dormitory is furnished
- Breakfast & dinner on weekday and utilities other than gas cost are included
- Free Wi-Fi

University Dormitory Photos

Senshin Dormitory

Senzan Dormitory









Shared Space





OTHER FACILITIES











ANNUAL CALENDAR

**ALL PHOTOS TAKEN ON OUR CAMPUS

September	 Arrive in Japan Orientation, Course Registration Welcome Party Fall Semester Begins Visit to Life Safety Learning Center (tentative)
October	 Mejiro Festival (University Festival) Day Trip to Asakusa with Japanese Students
November	Party with JWU alumnae
December	 Year-End Party Bunraku Tour Winter Vacation Starts

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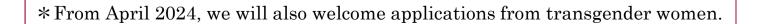
January	Classes BeginFall Semester EndsFinal Exams
February	Winter Intensive Course Begins
March	 Winter Intensive Course Ends Field Trip to Kyoto (tentative)
April	 Spring Semester Begins Orientation, Course Registration

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May	Golden Week Holiday (tentative)
June	Kabuki Tour
July	 Spring Semester Ends Final Exam Return Orientation Farewell Party Program Ends
August	Return to Your Country

APPLICATION DEADLINE & NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSIONS DECISION

- One Year (Fall/Winter/Spring)
- Half Year (Fall Semester only)
 - →Nomination deadline: March 31, 2023
 - Application deadline: May 1, 2023
 - →Notification of admissions decision: end of May 2023
- Half Year (Winter Intensive and Spring Semester):
 - →Nomination deadline: July 31, 2023
 - Application deadline: September 1, 2023
 - →Notification of admissions decision: end of October 2023



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