



# Osaka University

(Osaka Prefecture)



Attentive instruction, varied class offerings and courses to support individual student objectives

## ■ Introduction to our university

### ① Profile of Osaka University

Osaka University having been founded as Osaka Imperial University in 1931, so it has a long legacy. In October 2007, it merged with Osaka University of Foreign Studies to become the new Osaka University. Its current efforts are focused on not merely educating students in a single field of study, but producing talented persons with advanced specializations and a broad, interdisciplinary perspective. The university currently has 11 academic departments, as well as 16 graduate programs, 6 research institutes, 4 libraries, 2 hospitals, and more than 30 educational research institutes. It has an enrollment of over 24,400 students and around 6,500 staff members. Osaka University has three campuses: Suita, Toyonaka, and Minoh. The Japanese Studies program is conducted mainly at the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) on the Minoh campus.

### ② Results of international exchange

(as of May 1, 2017)

Inter-university exchange Agreements: 114  
Students study abroad: 1,629

### ③ Number of foreign exchange students and Japanese Studies students accepted over the last three years

2017: International students 2,273, J-program 58  
2016: International students 2,184, J-program 54  
2015: International students 2,094, J-program 62

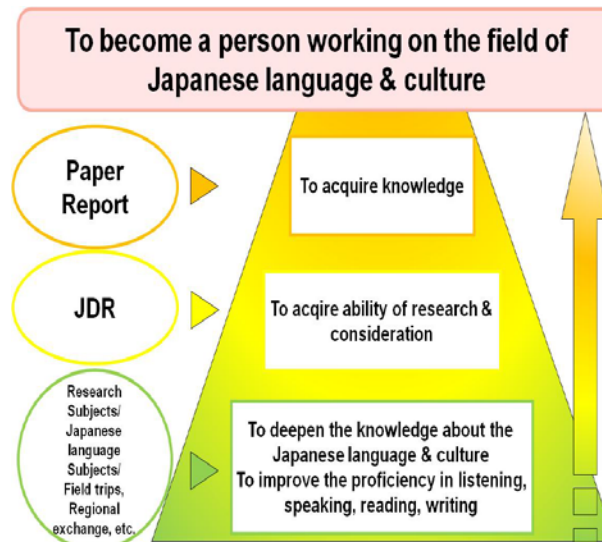
### ④ Local features

Minoh City lies in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture in a region referred to as Hokusetsu. The Saito area in Minoh city is welcoming to international students and functions as an international culture park; developments are underway for a host family system and other forms of exchange programs.

## ■ Course overview

### ① Learning objectives

A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency



### ② Course features

#### ☆ Attentive individual instruction

One teacher who becomes their advisor assigned to one student. In addition to advising students on their studies and lives, the advisor will hold small-group classes for one class every week. During these classes, the advisor will provide each student with instruction based on their study theme.

#### ☆ Wide selection of class offerings

Over 100 weekly classes have been established entirely for Japanese Studies students. These classes are intended to improve their skills and proficiency in Japanese language, as well as develop knowledge required for their research in various fields of Japanese Studies. Students may freely choose subjects according to their levels and academic objectives.

#### ☆ Two Courses in support of individual objectives

J-program includes two courses.

#### ○ Research course:

Students decide on their own theme and conduct their own research. Guidance on the knowledge of their theme and research methods is provided by their advisors. At the end of this course, students complete a thesis.

#### ○ Practical Japanese course:

Students participate in various forms of training. Under the guidance of their advisor, students improve their Japanese language abilities and skills and acquire the abilities about Japanese language and culture to be able to work in the wide range of the society. At the end of this course, students complete a report on the results of their training.

### ③ Total Number of Students

60: 40 students with embassy recommendation,  
20 students with university recommendation

### ④ Qualifications and Conditions of Applicants

Foreign exchange students satisfying the following requirements may apply for this program.

1. Applicants must be an undergraduate at a foreign (non-Japanese) university majoring in fields related to Japanese language or Japanese culture at the time of arriving in and leaving Japan.
2. Applicants are expected to have studied Japanese for over two years.
3. Applicants are expected to have fundamental cultural background knowledge of Japan.

### ⑤ Program Goals

1. To improve Japanese proficiency by taking lessons in Japanese Language Subjects.
2. To deepen the knowledge about Japanese language and culture by taking lessons in Research Subjects.
3. To acquire the ability to research and consideration by taking lessons in Directed Research and Reading.
4. To be able to write a research paper or a report in Japanese as well as make an oral presentation based on the result of the research and study during the program.

NOTE: Most students reach a degree of proficiency in Japanese equivalent to level N1 of JLPT or more at the time of completion of the program.

### ⑥ Period of Program

October 2018 – August 2019

NOTE: It is eleven months program from this year.

NOTE: The orientations will start at the end of September, therefore you need to arrive in Japan before that.

### ⑦ General Outline of Subjects Offered

Classes in J-program are given for 15 weeks in each semester. All classes are held in Japanese. One class period lasts 90 minutes. Students should take a placement test for every semester. There are three levels in Japanese proficiency: intermediate, upper-intermediate, and advanced levels.

#### 1) Required Subjects

Students are required to take three types of subjects: Directed Research and Reading, Japanese Language Subject, Research Subject.

#### ☆ Directed Research and Reading (JDR)

Students are assigned to classes of Directed Research and Reading (JDR) depending on the courses they belong to. JDR is exclusive to this program. It is held for 30 hours in a semester. This subject offers attentive guidance to students in preparation for reports and research papers according to their own study fields. This is a unique point in this program.

#### ☆ Japanese Language Subject (approximately 60 classes per semester)

This subject is designed to improve students' skills and proficiency in Japanese. These classes consist of small number of students. They are divided into 3 levels: intermediate, upper-intermediate and advanced. Students are offered 6 categories of Japanese Language Subject:

- Reading: To improve reading skills
- Listening: To improve listening skills
- Writing: To improve writing skills
- Speaking: To improve speaking skills
- Grammar & vocabulary: To improve vocabulary (the basis of all Japanese language abilities) focusing on grammar and sentence patterns.
- Kanji & vocabulary: To improve vocabulary (the basis of all Japanese language abilities) focusing on Kanji and Chinese loan words.

#### ☆ Research Subject (approximately 40 classes per semester)

This subject is designed to provide knowledge about

Japanese language and culture. Students are offered 2 levels: upper-intermediate and advanced. It is a major feature of this program that international students are offered so many exclusive classes. 100 classes or more of Japanese Language Subjects and Research subjects per week are provided for each semester. Students may choose approximately 20 classes (600 hours) or more in two semesters according to their Japanese levels and objectives. The main courses offered in the research course are as follows.

#### [Research Subject on the Japanese Language]:

This category includes Linguistics, Japanese linguistics, Japanese pedagogy. Introduction to linguistics/ Introduction to Japanese linguistics, Phonetics and phonology, Morphology and syntax, Pragmatics, Semantics, Linguistic Typology, Dialectology, Japanese language history, Japanese pedagogy, etc.

#### [Research Subject on the Japanese Culture]:

This category includes Humanities & Social sciences. <Humanities> Introduction to Japanese literature, Classical/Modern Japanese literature, Japanese history, Introduction to Japanese culture, Introduction to Japanese traditional performance arts, The way of tea ceremony and Japanese culture, Japanese clothing history, Japanese art, Japanese Religion and culture, Comparative culture, etc. <Social sciences> Introduction to Japanese Economics, Introduction to sociology, Japanese economics, Japanese business administration, Sociology of Japan, Women's studies, International relations theory, etc.

#### 2) Off Campus

Some research classes offer a variety of off campus activities necessary for their objectives. (e.g.: art museum field trips for History of Japanese art, Noh performances for Introduction of classical performing arts, etc.). JDR also offers some field trips and workshops. (e.g.: sake brewery field trips, merchant house field trips, Buddhist statue factory field trips, interpretation and translation seminars, etc.).

The students will have opportunities to watch some theater performances to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture.

(Example: training trips, Takarazuka performances, kabuki performances, bunraku performances, etc.).

### 3) Other Classes

Students may take some classes about the Japanese language and culture offered in the other faculties, according to their levels of Japanese.

### ⑧ Yearly events

(2016-17 examples)

- Oct Meeting tutor & host family,  
International students welcome party
- Nov University festival,  
Practical Japanese course field trip,  
Field trip(overnight), Theater  
Visits (Takarazuka),
- Dec Field trip, Research course interviews
- Jan Practical Japanese course field trip
- Feb Examination term, Theater Visit(Kabuki),  
Research course interviews,  
Mid-term presentations, Field trip(one-day)
- Apr Field trip (overnight),  
International students welcome party
- May Icho festival (University festival),  
Meeting tutor, Field trip (overnight)  
Practical Japanese course interpretation-  
translation Workshop,
- Jun Lecture meeting of former J-Program  
students, Theater Visit (Bunraku),  
Practical Japanese course field trip
- Jul Examination term,  
Research paper or report submission
- Aug Research course interviews
- Sep Final presentations and program,  
Completion ceremony

NOTE: In 2018-19 program, completion ceremony will be held in August 2019.

### ⑨ Academic Advising

1. Persons in charge of the program :  
Masafumi SANO, Yoshinari SHIBATA, Kaoruko MATSUMURA, Akiko MIZUNO, Mami MURATA
2. Academic advisors and students' enrollments:  
Japanese Studies Program students belong to the CJLC. CJLC teaching staff, including the aforementioned persons, serve as academic advisors for Japanese Studies Program students.

NOTE: Academic assistance by Japanese tutors will be available to students who need it.

### ⑩ Requirements for Program Completion

1. Complete the prescribed number of credit hours.
2. Participate in presentations.
3. Submit a research paper or a report in Japanese based on the result of the research and study during the program.

NOTE: The judgment of the approval of completion is made by the meeting of the CJLC teaching staffs.

NOTE: Credit Transfer: Transfer of credit will be subject to the regulations and procedures of students' home universities. Students who need credit transfer should make inquiries about details of the curriculum prior to application.



Field trip  
--Kotohira--



Theater Visit  
--Kabuki--

### ■ Accommodations

There are several dormitories on campus (e.g. Minoh Foreign Students Dormitory, fee: 25,000 yen per month [\*]) available for Japanese Studies Program students. In cases where they are not available, the university will help students to find a room in a private apartment house near the campus (rent: 30,000 ~ 50,000 yen per month).  
•This is the fee as of 2017. In case the dormitory fee is revised in 2018, the revised fee is applied.

### ■ Follow-up of Alumni

Every year the CJLC Alumni Survey Project strives to obtain information about the progress of students postgraduation, many of whom go on to become graduate students, university teaching staffs, embassy personnel, and figures in Japanese industry. Transcripts or certificates of completion will be issued to alumni as need demands.

Alumni living and working in Japan are also invited to participate in the annual 'Graduates Lecture' event, providing current students with an opportunity to learn about the various possibilities after graduation.

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