

# Osaka University (Osaka Prefecture)



## One-to-One Advisement, a Variety of Class Offerings, and Goal Achievement Oriented Courses

### Introduction to Our University

#### ① Profile of Osaka University

Having been founded as Osaka Imperial University in 1931, Osaka University 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 faculties, as well as 16 graduate schools, 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 6,700 teaching staff. 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.

NOTE: The Minoh Campus will move to the Sembahigashi area of Minoh City in Apr. 2021.

#### ② Results of International Exchange

(as of May 1, 2019)

Inter-university exchange Agreements: 129

Students study abroad: 1,651

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

2019: International students 2,594, J-program 40

2018: International students 2,480, J-program 40

2017: International students 2,273, J-program 58

#### ④ Local Features

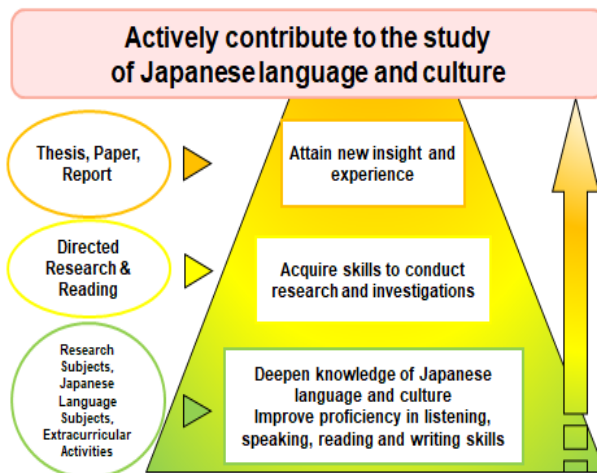
Minoh City lies in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture in a region referred to as Hokusetsu. The Saito area in Minoh city is welcoming to international students and functions as an international culture park; developments are underway for a host family system and other forms of exchange programs.



### Course Overview

#### ① Learning Objectives

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture.



#### ② Course Features

##### ☆ Attentive Individual Instruction

Each student of the course is assigned an advisor who offers general guidance on both academic and non-academic issues and holds small-group classes for one class every week. During these classes, the advisor provides the students with instruction based on their study themes.

##### ☆ 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 can freely choose subjects according to their levels and academic objectives.

##### ☆ Two Courses in Support of Individual Objectives

J-program includes two courses.

##### ○ Research Course:

This course is designed for students interested in research on Japanese language and culture. Students gain research skills by acquiring knowledge and methodology of each research field. At the end of this course, students complete a thesis detailing the results of their research.

##### ○ Practical Japanese Course:

This course is designed for students aspiring to work broadly in society. Students gain comprehensive skills through reporting about their activities, engaging in group discussions, and participating in course activities both on and off campus. At the end of this course, students complete a report on the results of their research and activities.

### 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 undergraduate students 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.Acquire skills to conduct research and investigations 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 results of 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 (Period of Enrollment)

Late September 2020 – Mid August 2021  
(October 1 2020 – August 31 2021)

\*The orientations will start late September.

### ⑦ Period of scholarship

October 2020 – August 2021



### ⑧ Yearly Events

(2018-19 examples)

- Sep Coming to Japan (late September)
- Oct Meeting tutor & host family, International students welcome party
- Nov University festival, Practical Japanese course field trip (sake brewery), Theater Visit (Takazuka), Field trip (overnight, Eiheiji temple, etc.)
- Jan Theater Visit (Kabuki), Practical Japanese course field (Karahori Shopping Street)
- Feb Examination term, Mid-term presentations, Field trip(one-day, Japanese sweets making experience, etc.)
- Mar Theater Visit(Grand Sumo Tournament)
- Apr Field trip(overnight, Kotohira-gu shrine, etc.), International students welcome party, Practical Japanese course field(Newspaper company)
- May University festival, Meeting tutor, Practical Japanese course interpretation-translation Workshop, Lecture meeting of former J-Program students
- Jun Theater Visit (Bunraku), Field trip(overnight, Ise Jingu, etc.)
- Jul Examination term, Research paper or report submission, Research course interviews
- Aug Final presentations and program, Completion ceremony, Returning home (around mid August)



### ⑨ Requirements for Program Completion

- 1.All students must complete the specified number of required subjects and electives in the selected course (Research Course: Required 2, Electives 18 or more, Practical Japanese Course: Required 2, Electives 21 or more)
- 2.Students must make a midterm presentation and final presentation.
- 3.At the time of completion of the program, Research Course students are required to write and submit a research paper in Japanese and pass an oral interview. Practical Japanese Course students are required to submit a report in Japanese.

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

NOTE: Completion certificates and transcripts will be issued to those who have completed the program.

### ⑩ General Outline of Subjects Offered and Features

#### 1) Outline of Subjects feature

There are two semesters each year. 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 four levels in Japanese proficiency: pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper-intermediate, and advanced levels.

#### 2) Outline of Subjects

##### I ) Required Subjects

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

##### 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 research papers and reports according to their own study fields. This is a major feature in this program.

The examples of the research topics are as follows:

- Study of Role Language in Translation
- Study of Kansai Dialect in Animation and Manga
- Comparative Study of Japanese and Korean Temperature Expressions
- Study on Teaching Accent in Japanese Language Education
- Study on Rakugo in Kyoto and Vicinity
- Study on Ghost Stories of Japanese Universities, etc.



##### II ) Electives Subjects

##### ① Japanese Language Subjects

(approximately 60 classes per semester)

These subjects are designed to improve students' skills and proficiency in Japanese. These classes consist of small number of students. They are divided into 4 levels: pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper-intermediate, and advanced.

Students are offered 6 categories of Japanese Language Subjects:

- Reading •Listening •Writing •Speaking
- 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.

## ② Research Subjects

(approximately 40 classes per semester)

These subjects allow students to gain the requisite knowledge and skills to conduct research in their field. Students are offered 2 levels:

upper-intermediate and advanced.

The main classes offered are as follows:

- Japanese Linguistics: Phonetics and Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Pragmatics, Semantics, Linguistic Typology, Dialectology, Japanese Language History
- Japanese Language Education: Japanese Language, Pedagogy, Conversation Analysis, Second Language Acquisition
- Japanese Thought: Japanese Traditional Culture, Japanese Religion, Japanese Folklore
- Japanese History: Japanese History, Tea Ceremony, Japanese Clothing History, Japanese Art
- Japanese Literature: Classical/Modern Japanese Literature, Japanese Traditional Performance Arts
- Japanese Contemporary Culture: Sociology, Women's Studies, Cross-Cultural Comparison, Anime Studies
- Japanese Social Sciences: Economics, Business Administration, International Relations Theory, etc.

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 can choose approximately 20 classes (600 hours) or more in two semesters according to their Japanese levels and objectives.

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.

## 3) Off Campus

Directed Research and Reading (JDR) offers some field trips and workshops.(e.g.: sake brewery field trip, shopping street field trip, newspaper company field trip, interpretation and translation seminar, etc.). Some research classes offer a variety of off campus activities necessary for their objectives.(e.g.: art museum field trips, noh performances, etc.).

To improve students' Japanese language skills and to deepen their understanding of Japanese language, culture and society, the CJLC also plans various activities on and off campus.(e.g.: field trips, kabuki and bunraku performances, etc.).

## 4) Co-learning Classes with Japanese Students

Two Japanese literature classes (Classical/Modern Japanese Literature) are held with Japanese students in the first and second semesters. Some classes relating to Japanese language and culture may also be offered by other faculties only in the second semester, according to students' levels of Japanese.

## ① Academic Advising

1. Staffs in charge of the program :  
Masafumi SANO, Yoshinari SHIBATA, Kaoruko MATSUMURA, Makie TACHIKAWA, Akiko MIZUNO, Mami MURATA, Futoshi YAMAKAWA
2. Academic advisors and students' enrollments:  
Japanese Studies Program students belong to the CJLC. CJLC staffs, 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.



## ■ Accommodations

There are several dormitories on campus (e.g. Minoh Foreign Students Dormitory, fee: ca. 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: 40,000 - 50,000 yen per month).

NOTE: \*This is the fee as of 2019. Japanese Studies Program students must move to other Students Dormitory in new campus (e.g.: fee: 50,000 - 60,000 yen per month) from Apr. 2021.

## ■ 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 needed. 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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