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
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:
  1 Faculty of Human Sciences and Design
  2 Faculty of Humanities
  3 Faculty of Sciences
  4 Faculty of Integrated Arts & Social Sciences
  5 Faculty of Transcultural Studies (2023.4～)

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!

Mejiro Campus
**Program Calendar**

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※ 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.

※ You will be recommended an appropriate class based on your Japanese placement score on arrival.
## Credits for Japanese Language Courses (Intermediate & Upper Intermediate)

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<th>Fall / Spring Semester</th>
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<td>The Japanese language course has <strong>7 morning classes</strong> per week.</td>
<td>The <strong>5-credit</strong> winter intensive course is a <strong>5-week course</strong> from early February to early March.</td>
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<td>After completion, exchange students receive <strong>14 credits</strong> for each fall and spring semester.</td>
<td>Total class time is <strong>3,375 minutes</strong> (<strong>57.0 hours</strong>) (tentative).</td>
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<td>Total class time for each semester is <strong>9,450 minutes</strong> (<strong>157.5 hours</strong>).</td>
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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)

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“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

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

Senshin Dormitory

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Shared Space
OTHER FACILITIES
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| 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 |
# Annual Calendar

※ All photos taken on our campus

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| January | • Classes Begin  
          • Fall Semester Ends  
          • Final Exams         |
| February| • Winter Intensive Course Begins            |
| March   | • Winter Intensive Course Ends  
          • Field Trip to Kyoto (tentative) |
| April   | • Spring Semester Begins  
          • Orientation, Course Registration |
**ANNUAL CALENDAR**

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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

* From April 2024, we will also welcome applications from transgender women.
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