

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

2027-2028 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 6,200 / Graduate 300

16 departments in 8 faculties (2027.4~)

- ① Faculty of Human Sciences and Design 家政学部
- ② Faculty of Humanities 文学部
- ③ Faculty of Science 理学部
- ④ Faculty of Integrated Arts & Social Sciences 人間社会学部
- ⑤ Faculty of Transcultural Studies 国際文化学部
- ⑥ Faculty of Architectural Design 建築デザイン学部
- ⑦ Faculty of Food and Nutritional Sciences 食科学部
- ⑧ Faculty of Economics 経済学部 (2027.4~)
- Faculty of Fashion Design ファッションデザイン学部 (2028.4~)
- Faculty of Human Sciences 人間科学学部 (2028.4~)

With 16 divisions in 7 graduate schools

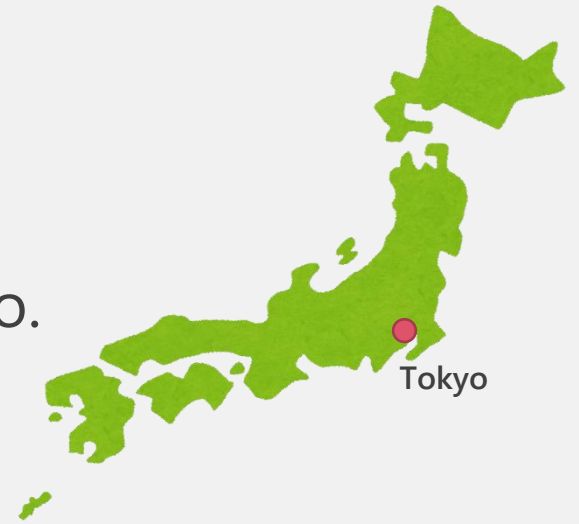
Japan Women's University accepts male exchange students.



LOCATION OF JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Japan Women's University is located in the Center of Tokyo.

→Very convenient for sightseeing & entertainment !



目白 Mejiro



池袋 Ikebukuro



新宿 Shinjuku



高田馬場 Takadanobaba

JR YAMANOTE Line
JR山手線

秋葉原 Akihabara

東京 Tokyo Station

FACULTIES INTRODUCTION

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日本語受け入れ交換留学プログラム -Exchange Programs taught in Japanese-

Faculty of Human Sciences and Design 家政学部	Department of Child Studies 児童学科 Department of Clothing 被服学科
Faculty of Humanities 文学部	Department of Japanese Language and Literature 日本語日本文学科 Department of English 英文学科 Department of History and Culture 歴史文化学科
Faculty of Integrated Arts and Social Sciences 人間社会学部	Department of Studies on Contemporary Society 現代社会学科 Department of Social Welfare 社会福祉学科 Department of Education 教育学科 Department of Psychology 心理学科
Faculty of Science 理学部	Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science 数物情報科学科 Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences 化学生命科学科
Faculty of Transcultural Studies 国際文化学部	Department of Transcultural Studies 国際文化学科
Faculty of Food and Nutritional Sciences 食科学部	Department of Food Science 食科学科 Department of Nutritional Science 栄養学科
Faculty of Economics 経済学部	Department of Economics 経済学科 (2027.4~)

The above departments offer most of the courses taught only in Japanese. Exchange students may take most courses from all departments. We also offer a number of English-taught courses. Please check the English-taught course list on Page 10.

Minimum Japanese language requirement: Students should have completed at least two year of Japanese language study.

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英語または日本語受け入れプログラム -Exchange Programs taught in English or Japanese-

Faculty of Architecture and Design
建築デザイン学部

Department of Architecture and Design 建築デザイン学科※

Student are able to complete the Architecture and Design exchange program in both Japanese and English.

For the English-taught Architecture and Design exchange program, student are required to have previous study experience in a related major.

※The English-taught program is only available for Fall semester.



PROGRAM CALENDAR

	Semester	Duration
One Year 1 年 (2 学期)	Fall/Winter/Spring (秋/冬/春学期)	Mid-September 2027 ~ End of July 2028
Half Year 1 学期	Fall Semester (秋学期)	Mid-September 2027 ~ End of January 2028
	Fall Semester (秋学期) + Winter Intensive (冬期集中授業)	Mid-September 2027 ~ End of February 2028
	Winter Intensive (冬期集中授業) + Spring Semester (春学期)	Early February 2028 ~ End of February 2028 + Early April 2028 ~ End of July 2028
	Spring Semester (春学期)	Early April 2028 ~ End of July 2028

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

THE FEATURES AND CURRICULUM OF THE PROGRAM

【Japanese-taught Program】 (Fall/Spring semester)

Minimum credits: 14 credits per semester

Students are expected to complete this program mainly by taking Japanese-taught regular courses.

Japanese Language Courses

Students will take a Japanese language placement test and will be placed in an appropriate level (A2 or B1).

Oral expression 口頭表現 (2 classes/week); Writing 文章表現 (2 classes/week); Vocabulary 文字語彙 (1 class/week).

5 classes per week for a total of 10 credits.

The intermediate course (A2) is suitable for students who have already completed 2 years of Japanese language study at the time of program participation and are aiming for N3.

The upper intermediate course (B1) covers up to the N2 level of the JLPT.

Depending on placement test results, students aiming for JLPT N1 may choose to take Japanese language courses offered to degree-seeking international students.

Regular Courses

Students are required to take at least 2 regular courses taught in either Japanese or English, together with JWU students, depending on their Japanese proficiency, academic background, and course availability.



THE FEATURES AND CURRICULUM OF THE PROGRAM

【Architecture and Design Program (English-taught)】 (Fall semester only)

Minimum credits: 12 credits

Architecture and Design Course

Students are expected to take the following courses (2 credits for each course)

- ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN III
- HOUSING AND ARCHITECTURE STUDIES 1
- SELF-BUILDING PUBLIC
- Sustainable Society and Architectural Design

Architectural Internship (Optional)

Students may apply for an unpaid internship at architectural design firms.

Students will receive 2 credits after completing the internship and submit a report.

Japanese language courses (Optional)

Students with little to no prior Japanese language learning experience may take absolute beginner level (preA1, 2 morning classes/week, 4 credits) or beginner level (A1, 4 morning classes/week, 8 credits) Japanese courses.

Regular courses (Optional)

Students may take regular courses taught in either Japanese or English, together with JWU students, depending on their Japanese proficiency, academic background, and course availability.

THE FEATURES AND CURRICULUM OF THE PROGRAM

【Winter Intensive Japanese Course】 (Short-term Cultural experience Program)

Credits: 6 credits Schedule: First week of February to the last week of February

Application: Students from our partner universities study at JWU for 1 semester and want to attend this Course must be nominate by their home institute combining either fall or spring semester.
Students attending the full year program are expected to attend this course.

The cultural experience

Japanese music, Ikebana (flower arrangement), Shodo (Calligraphy) , Kitsuke (Kimono Dressing), etc.

Expenses

Approximately ¥10,000 of Practical Training fee will be charged for students taking the Winter intensive Japanese Course. The amount will be very depend on the contents.



ENGLISH-TAUGHT COURSE LIST

Fall semester

- Area Studies -2 [OnDemand] (地域研究 -2 遠隔)
- Ai and Digital Society in English [OnDemand] (英語で学ぶAIとデジタル社会 遠隔)
- British Feminism (原典講読：イギリスのフェミニズム)
- British Narrative and Culture (原典講読：イギリスの物語文化)
- English in Global Culture 2 [OnDemand]
- Film Studies (映像論 -2)
- Global Issues in Depth 2
- Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society (日本研究 2)
- Japanese Popular Culture (日本のポップカルチャー論)
- Practical Japan Studies 2
- Sustainable Society and Architectural Design (日本建築センター寄附授業 持続可能な社会と建築デザイン)
- Topics in comparative Literature 2 (比較文学特論 2)

Spring semester

- English in Global Culture 1 [OnDemand]
- Global Issues in Depth 1
- Japanese Arts and Culture (日本文化論入門)
- Media Studies 1 [OnDemand]
- Media Studies 2 [OnDemand]
- Practical Japan Studies 1
- Social and international relations of Japan (日本研究1)
- Sweden, in terms of SDGs (SDGsから見たスウェーデン)
- Topics in comparative Literature 1 (比較文学特論 1)
- Western Literature and Cultural Theory (原典講読：欧米の文学と文化理論)

※These are examples from the 2026 academic year and do not guarantee that the same courses will be offered.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 1)

Students mainly taking courses in English, with Japanese at the beginner (A1) level
英語による授業中心で、初級(A1)日本語を受講する学生

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Japanese A1(beginner)	Japanese A1(beginner)	Japanese A1(beginner)	Japanese A1(beginner)	SELF-BUILDING PUBLIC
2					
3	Architectural Design III			Sustainable Society and Architectural Design	
4					
5					Housing and Architecture Studies 1

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 2)

Students taking intermediate and upper-intermediate Japanese courses (JLPT N3 or above)
 中級、中上級日本語コースを受講する学生

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Japanese A2 (intermediate)		Japanese Popular Culture 日本のポップカルチャー論
2	Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Japanese A2 (intermediate)		
3				Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society 日本研究	
4	ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY 2 現代社会論II				
5					

STUDENT LIFE

“What can we do at JWU ? ”

✓ Club Activities with Japanese students

e.g. Sado (茶道) , Kendo (剣道) , Dance (ダンス) ,etc

✓ Volunteer Activities

e.g. At affiliated elementary school, Language Exchange

✓ Events and Excursions

e.g. Welcome Party; Excursion to local areas, Asakusa and Kamakura; Bunraku(文楽) & Kabuki (歌舞伎) Tours, etc.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Exchange students can receive support from JWU International Student Supporters throughout the semester.

Support may include:

- Airport pick-up assistance
- Assistance with class registration procedures
- Introduction to campus facilities and services
- Language exchange
- Japanese conversation practice and study support
- Participation in international exchange activities



ACCOMMODATION

Share House ①

- Off Campus
(3 minutes by walk)



- ❑ Single Room (small)
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ 40,000 yen move-in fee supported by JWU
- ❑ No meal plan
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi
- ❑ No Smoking
- ❑ Interact with international students from various countries

Share House fee: approximately
US \$ 543 (¥87,000) per month

Share House ②

- Off Campus
(45 mins by public transport)



- ❑ Single Room (large)
- ❑ Individual kitchen & 3-piece unit bathroom
- ❑ 40,000 yen move-in fee supported by JWU
- ❑ No meal plan
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi
- ❑ No Smoking
- ❑ Interact with international students from various countries

Share House fee: approximately
US \$ 750 (¥120,000) per month

Homestay

Arranged by Homestay in Japan

- Off Campus
(up to 1 hour by public transport)

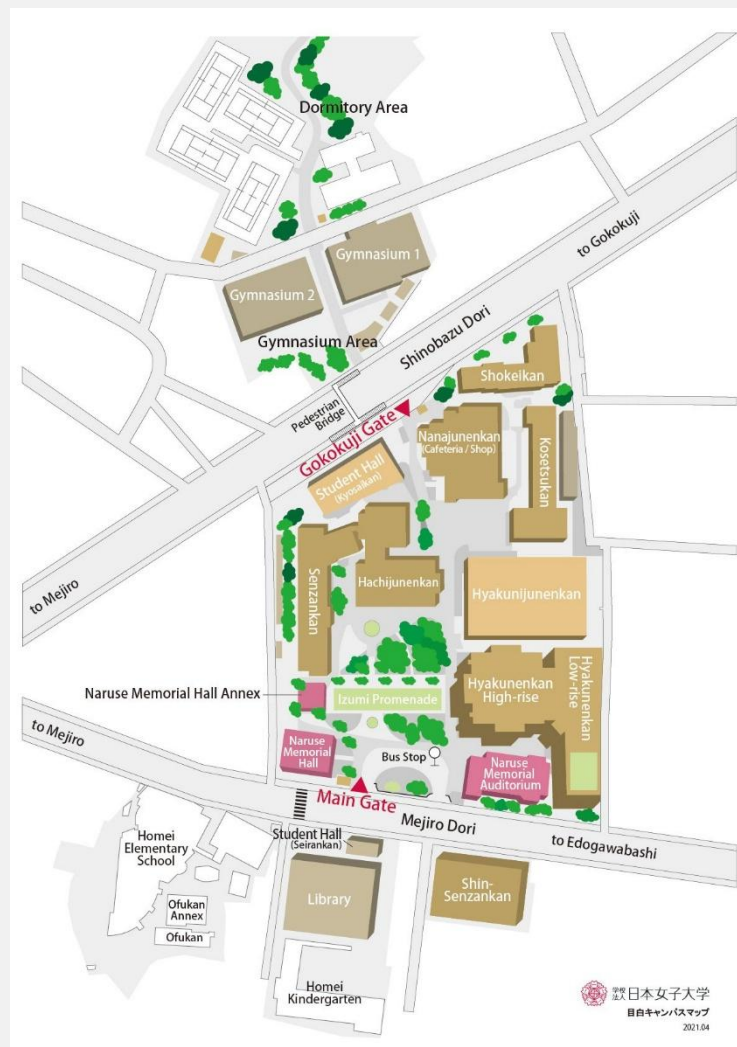


- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ Meals Provided:
Breakfast and dinner Mon.~Sun.
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi
- ❑ Additional arrangement fee is required

Homestay fee: approximately
US \$ 30 (¥4,840) per day + commuter
pass

Reference: US\$1 = 160yen

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES



ANNUAL CALAENDAR (TENTATIVE)

	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	• Tea ceremony lesson • Volunteer activities at Homei Elementary School
	December	• Bunraku Tour • Winter Vacation begins

ANNUAL CALAENDAR (TENTATIVE)

	January	• Classes Begin • Fall Semester Ends • Final Exams
	February	• Winter Intensive Japanese Course
	March	• Spring Vacation
	April	• Spring Semester Begins • Orientation, Course Registration

ANNUAL CALAENDAR (TENTATIVE)

	May	• Golden Week Holiday
	June	• Day trip to nearby Tokyo
	July	• JWU International Community Gathering • Spring Semester Ends • Final Exam • Return Orientation • Farewell Party • Program Ends
	August	• Return to Home institute Country

NOMINATION & APPLICATION SCHEDULE

		Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Notification of Admissions Decision
One Year (Fall+ Winter+ Spring)		March 1, 2027	April 10, 2027	End of May, 2027
Half Year	Fall Semester Only/ Fall +Winter Intensive	March 1, 2027	April 10, 2027	End of May, 2027
	Winter Intensive + Spring Semester	July 31, 2027	September 1, 2027	End of October, 2027
	Spring Semester Only	September 30, 2027	November 1, 2027	End of December, 2027

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