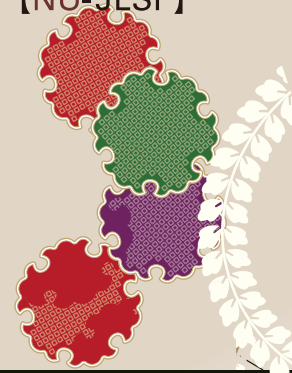




2024
Guide to the Nihon University
Japanese Language and
Japan Studies Program

[NU-JLSP]





Overview of Nihon University



Nihon University is one of Japan's largest private universities, comprising 12 colleges and 4 schools with 86 departments, 19 graduate schools, 24 attached and affiliated high schools, 16 attached and affiliated junior high schools, 3 elementary schools, 3 kindergartens and a certified Child's Garden.

The university's forerunner, Nihon Law School, was founded in 1889, and since then Nihon University has continued to lead education and research with a consistently global perspective and progressive spirit.

Offering a diverse range of disciplines, as a true university with appeal, Nihon University undertakes various activities such as medical care and lifelong education, in addition to its educational and research activities, with a view to contributing to the further development of society.

Overview of the Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP)

Nihon University offers the Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) to exchange students from overseas universities with which Nihon University has established inter-university exchange agreements. Under the JLSP, international exchange program students undergo short-term intensive Japanese language and cultural/social education.

The program offers 3 subjects ; Japanese Language Subjects (Comprehensive Japanese/Elective Japanese), Japan Studies Subjects (taught in English), and Cultural Activities (in which Nihon University student volunteers also participate).



Features of the Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP)

Short-term Intensive Japanese Language Course = 150 hours / 50 days



Approximately two-and-a-half-month period students study comprehensive Japanese language intensively for 150 hours (3 hours per day for 50 days); 150 hours is the basic number of study hours required to advance one level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

1st [Summer] Term
(mid-May to late-July)

2nd [Fall] Term
(mid-September to early-December)

3rd [Spring] Term
(mid-January to late-March)

*JLSP is a one-term program; the same program is offered three times in an academic year.

Japanese Language Course Level Placement = 5 Levels of Comprehensive Japanese Language (Compulsory Courses); 5 Subjects of Elective Japanese Language (Elective Courses)

Students are placed in courses according to the level of their Japanese language proficiency to enable them to study the language efficiently in a short period of time. The 5 compulsory comprehensive Japanese levels (A-E)* are applicable to the study levels for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

Elective subjects are designed to focus on "students' direct experience and output" and enhance their autonomous learning.

*Levels are decided based on the results of a placement test conducted before start of courses.



Understanding of Japanese Society / Culture and Cultural Activities



To enable students to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Japanese society and culture, and also to raise the awareness of intercultural literacy, the JLSP provides the Japan Studies Subject as well as the Cultural Activities. In the Japan Studies Subject, students study in English about Japanese economy, art, issues that modern society is facing, and behavioral patterns. In the Cultural Activities, students experience Japanese society and culture directly using Japanese words and expressions actually used by native speakers.

Collaboration with Volunteers

Japanese students from Nihon University participate as volunteers in the Cultural Activities in both inside and outside the classroom. Through these collaborative activities with volunteers, students deepen their exchange with Japanese people.



Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) Schedule

*The events and assignments might be changed or cancelled depending on the situation.



Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) Curriculum

Comprehensive Japanese			 <p>Compulsory Subject (5 course levels) 10 classes per week (2 classes per day) are required. (1.5 hours _ 10 classes _ 10 weeks) (1.5 hours _ 2 classes _ 50 days)</p>	The required number of hours of study in the Comprehensive Japanese classes: 150	
Elementary	A				
Upper-Elementary	B				
Intermediate	C				
Upper-Intermediate	D				
Advanced	E				
Elective Japanese			<p>The required number of hours of study in the Elective Japanese classes: 15~45</p>		
Communication	CO	Interacting with Japanese volunteers, project work, etc.			
Creation	CR	Expressing your insights into Japanese society through photographs, videos, and writing, etc.			
Inquiring	IN	Research aspects of Japanese society that interest you. Interview Japanese people and present results.			
Intercultural Experience	IE	Learn about traditional Japanese culture and other daily culture by direct experience. And present or write reports, etc.			
Autonomous Learning	AL	Determine a specific area to study, by yourself, create a plan, and learn autonomously while being supported by a teacher.			
Japan Studies			 <p>Compulsory Subject</p>	The required number of hours of study in the Japan studies classes: 27	
Japanese Society Japanese Culture	JS1	4 topics on Japanese society and culture (organized in an omnibus fashion)			
	JS2	Japanese Mind and Society/ Topics in Contemporary Japanese Society			
Cultural Activities			Compulsory Subjects	The required number of hours of study in the Cultural Activities: 20	
Visit to the Life Safety Learning Center	Honjo or Ikebukuro Bōsaikan				3 hours
Study Tour	We'll let you know the details once it's been decided				9 hours
Seeing a Kabuki Performance	Kabukiza Theatre (Tokyo)				8 hours

*Curriculum for 2023 is provided as a reference

- Total number of hours for studying compulsory subjects: **197**
- Course content is the same for each term.
- Comprehensive Japanese and Elective Japanese courses are also attended by international students other than JLSP students.

5 Week 5-9

Preparation and submission of a manuscript for the semester's commemorative issue

6 Week 9



Seeing a Kabuki Performance (Cultural Activities III)

7 Week 10

Final Tests / Course Evaluation Period

8 Final Day of Courses

Closing Ceremony / Farewell Party



Comprehensive Japanese / Elective Japanese

Comprehensive Japanese

This course comprises compulsory courses aimed at comprehensively raising students' Japanese language reading/writing/listening/speaking proficiency. Courses are placed in 5 levels (A-E) and students study Japanese intensively in small classes of their levels for 150 hours during the term. Up to the Intermediate level, courses are based on textbooks and students comprehensively improve their overall Japanese language proficiency. At the Advanced level, there are separate classes for each language skill (reading/writing/listening/speaking/grammar) and different textbooks and materials are used to enable students to acquire an even higher level of Japanese language proficiency.



Activities outside the classroom and discussions with Nihon University student volunteers are conducted to enable students to use and practice the Japanese language skills they have learned.



Elective Japanese

5 elective subjects (Communication, Creation, Inquiring*, Intercultural Experience, Autonomous Learning) are placed for academic purposes. Students are able to improve Japanese language proficiency by using Japanese language that you learned in Comprehensive Japanese courses. Nihon University student volunteers join together. Students are able to choose subjects freely in accordance with their needs and interests.

Comprehensive Japanese / Elective Japanese Course Level Settings

Comprehensive Japanese Course Level		Elective Japanese Course Level				JLPT*	CEFR**	
A	Elementary	CO [Communication]	CR [Creation]			AL① [Autonomous Learning]	N5	A1
B	Upper-Elementary						N4	A2
C	Intermediate			IN [Inquiring]	IE [Intercultural Experience]	AL② [Autonomous Learning]	N3	B1
D	Upper-Intermediate						N2	B2
E	Advanced						N1	C1

* Placement tests correspond to each level for the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

** CEF-R (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages): a common evaluation standard for the achievements of learners of foreign languages in the European Community.

Japan Studies

Japan Studies Courses are compulsory courses taught in English, aimed at helping students enhance their knowledge of Japanese society, culture and people, think introspectively about questions they may have regarding Japanese culture. Students attend lectures and participate in discussions on Japanese culture, economy and various other subjects.



Cultural Activities

**The events might be changed or cancelled depending on the situation.*

The aim of this course is to encourage students to acquire the sense of intercultural literacy as well as global perspective by interacting with their surroundings of things and humans. The three Cultural Activities courses are aimed at raising the awareness of students' views on Japanese culture, and various friends' cultures. These three Cultural Activities courses give the students' new perspectives on by allowing them to actual experience of Japanese society and culture while fostering friendship with our volunteers.

POINT Visit to the Life Safety Learning Center

With a view to better understanding Japan's geographical characteristics, students learn about the prevalence of earthquakes, fires, and typhoons in Japan and experience simulations of how to respond in case any of these events occurs.



POINT Study Tour

The aim of this trip is to enable students to come in contact with Japanese society and culture. Students can enjoy various aspects of Japanese traditional and modern cultures. On study tours, student volunteers of Nihon University accompany international students and form mixed groups to deepen cultural exchange.



POINT Seeing a Kabuki Performance

To understand more about traditional Japanese culture, students attend a performance of Kabuki. Through this experience, students can deepen their understanding of the "sophistication" of traditional Japanese culture and how Japanese people enjoy their culture.



Class Timetable

	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	9:00-10:30	Comprehensive Japanese				
2	10:40-12:10	Comprehensive Japanese				
3	13:00-14:30	Japan Studies	Elective Japanese	Japan Studies	Elective Japanese	Cultural Activities
4	14:40-16:10		Elective Japanese			

**The timetable may change from year to year.*

Messages from Students / Volunteers



BOWMAN
Liam Robert
(The University of Newcastle, Australia)

As an Australian New Colombo Plan Scholar striving towards working in Japan in the future, the JLSP classes at Nihon University were exactly what I was looking for to push not only my comprehension ability, but also my speaking ability to the next level. The five different classes you could choose to be a part of were tailored to have content matching that of the JLPT and CEFR Japanese exams, meaning that there is a place for anybody, of any level to join. As the classes are almost exclusively taught in Japanese, it's a wonderful way to learn from a very natural perspective. There is a trial week for the Japanese classes, so you are free to change classes if you think that the content is too difficult, or too easy, which is a fantastic feature to be included for peace of mind. During class every week, I constantly found myself being challenged to communicate and present my ideas about various topics by my teachers, and I almost always had the autonomy to choose my own subject matter when conducting research for my presentations. There are also abundant opportunities to practice the grammar and new vocabulary that I've learned in class, as volunteer native Japanese students frequent the JLSP facilities to assist with the classes, allowing an opportunity to practice natural, everyday speech very often, often culminating into small excursions out into the surrounding area of Tokyo together. Also offered as a service is a non-obligatory language exchange program, where you can meet one-on-one with a native Japanese speaking for an hour and a half, training both your Japanese ability for half of the time, as well as helping teach the volunteer your native language for the other half. During this course, we were also given the opportunity go on excursions with the cohort and volunteer students to many different locations such as a natural disaster simulation facility, the ancient and traditional temples and Great Buddha of Kamakura, and even an outing to a local Kabuki theatre to watch the unique storytelling and dances passed down for generations. Overall, a very enjoyable and memorable experience! I would highly recommend this course to anybody that has a strong passion for learning Japanese, and would like an organic, immersive time studying in Japan.



YOSHIKAWA Haruka

(International Course, College of Economics, Nihon University)

Firstly, I am very glad that I could participate in this program. Through this program, I was able to enjoy learning about Japanese culture, customs, and sightseeing spots with friends from many different countries. What makes this program unique is that it provides many opportunities to learn Japanese not only from textbooks but also "in a practical and fun way." Classes to learn about Japanese culture by going to shrines and Japanese sweets shops, events to visit tourist spots, parties we plan ourselves, etc., allow international students and volunteers to communicate and cooperate to learn in Japanese. I also made many memories with them outside of the classroom, such as at good restaurants, amusement parks, karaoke, and many other fun activities. I believe that exchange students can steadily learn Japanese because they can experience a variety of things in very close relationships with Japanese people. Some of you may be worried about adjusting to life in Japan, but there is no need to worry. Teachers and staff who care not only about your studies but also about your health, and volunteers who are very interested in interacting with exchange students will do their best to support you. Finally, the friendships I have made in this program are for life. I have such a strong bond with my exchange students and I keep in touch with them even after the program is over. Why don't you join this program and enjoy learning Japanese and have a wonderful experience with great friends?

Communication and Networking

Language Exchange Partner

This system is opened for all students and Nihon University student volunteers to exchange their language out of the class. Students can improve their language skills. What is more, they will find a lifelong friend through this system.

Exchange Café *This event might be changed or cancelled depending on the situation.

The Exchange Café is open when no classes are held. All members will be in all together students enjoy with snacks and drinks using different languages at this event.

Facebook & Instagram

Our Japanese Language Program has a Facebook page. We will be regularly uploading about our classes and events. <https://www.facebook.com/NichidaiJLP/> https://www.instagram.com/jlp_nu/ (Account Name: jlp_nu)

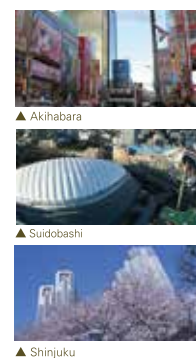
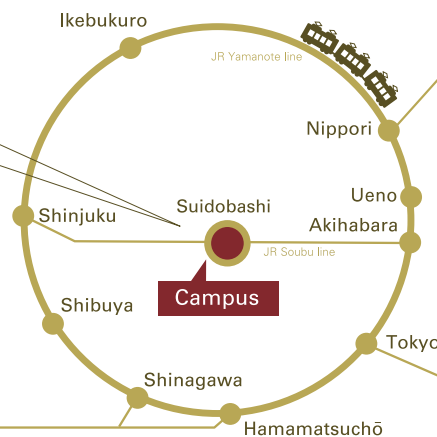
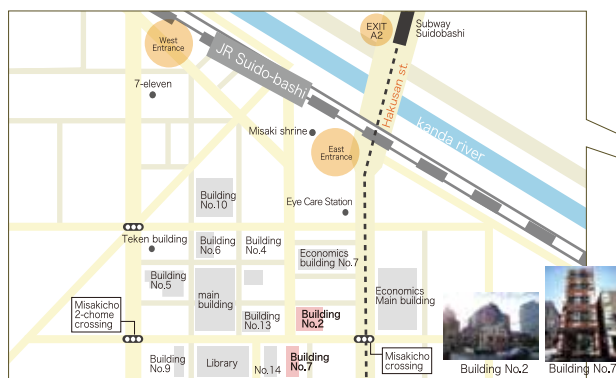
Campus and Accommodations

Campus (College of Law, Nihon University)

The Nihon University campus where JLSP is located in Suidobashi (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), a central area for Japanese business and commerce. Tokyo Dome, Korakuen amusement park and other well-known sites are located nearby. Moreover, the campus is optimally located for accessing the main area of Tokyo, with Akihabara's electronics quarter, and Shinjuku-Fukutoshin sub-center located about 15 minutes away by train.

Accommodations

JLSP students are provided with 2 meals and accommodations (approximately 30 minutes by train from campus) equipped with furniture, bath, shower, telephone, and an Internet connection. Living expenses in Japan, while differing from person to person, are approximately 60,000~100,000 yen per month.



Data

International Academic Partnerships: 127 Institutions in 33 Nations and one area (as of 2023 academic year.)

Number of Students	
Graduate**	3,162
Undergraduate**	74,269
Junior College	687
Special Training Schools	430
High Schools	30,776
Junior High Schools	7255
Primary School	848
Kindergarten	536
Certified Child's Garden	192
Total	118,155

*As of May 1, 2023
**Including Distance Learning Division

Number of International Students	Male	Female	Total
Undergraduate	934	565	1,499
Graduate	176	190	366
Grand total	1,110	755	1,865

As of 2023 academic year
Including Distance Learning Division

Participants of the Japanese Language Program	2023 Summer term	2023 Fall term	2023 Spring term
JLSP *	6	10	4
JLP **	2	9	6
Total	8	19	10

*Nihon University Exchange Students
**Department Exchange Students

Main Partner Universities of JLSP students
University of Cambridge(GBR)*
Stockholm University(SWE)
Free University of Berlin(DEU)
Johannes Gutenberg-University in Mainz(DEU)
L' Universit� d'Avignon(FRA)
The University of Toronto(CAN)
Western Michigan University(USA)
The University of Alabama at Birmingham(USA)
The University of Newcastle(AUS)
Nanyang Technological University(SGP)

(and many others)
*Pembroke College



■ **Admissions (Inquire about application and procedures)**

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■ **Campus (Inquire about course contents)**

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■ **Japanese Language Program Website**

<http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/> (in Japanese)
<http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/> (in English)

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Search 

【cover design】 *Blooming Cherry Blossoms* by Miki Kudo; Department of Design, College of Art, Nihon University

The design was made on the motif of "sakura"; a cherry blossom inscribed in the school badge of Nihon University.
The work is meant to give an impression of walking a new path under full-blown cherry blossoms, feeling a gentle breeze in spring.