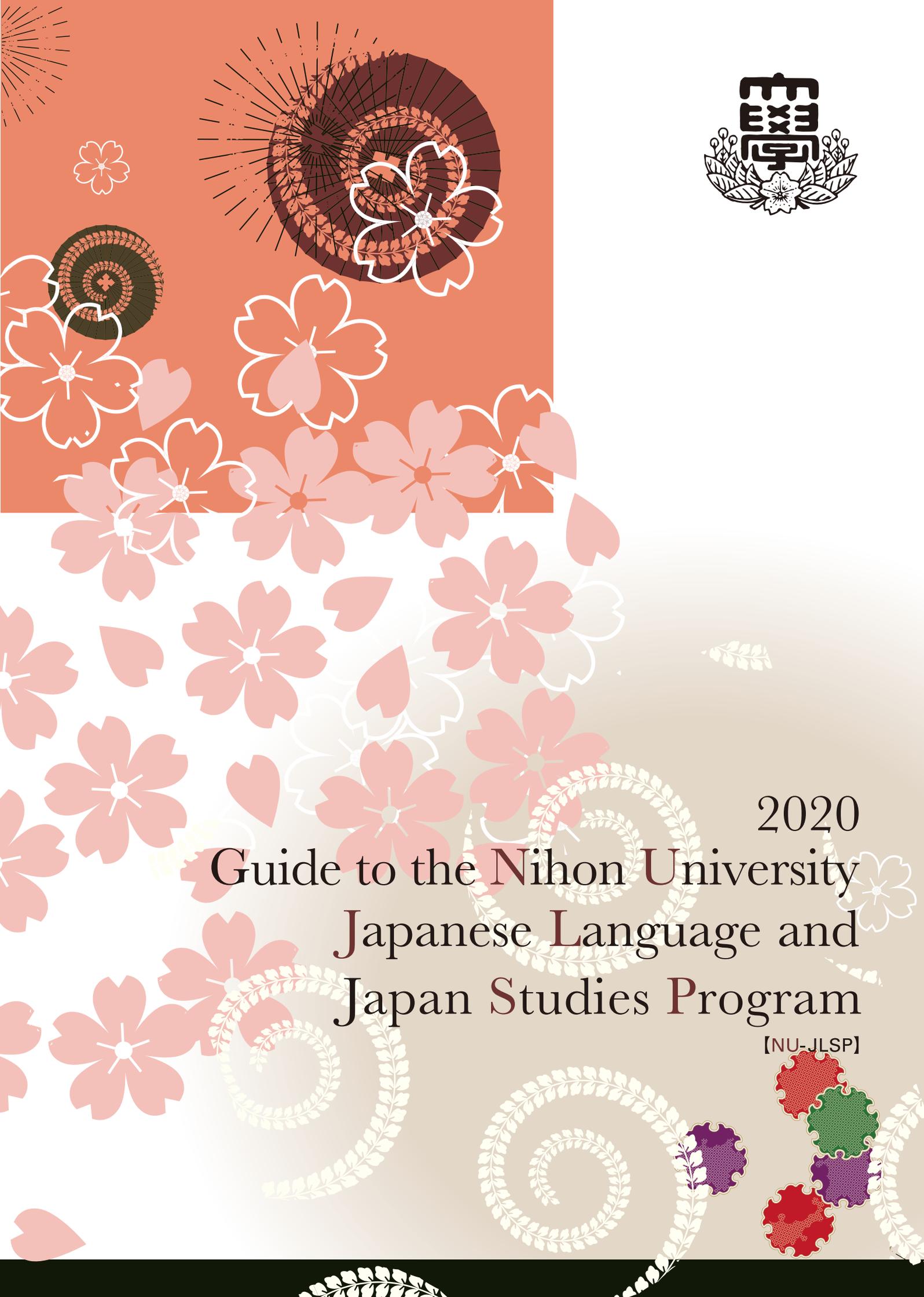




2020  
Guide to the Nihon University  
Japanese Language and  
Japan Studies Program

[NU-JLSP]





# Overview of Nihon University



Nihon University is one of Japan's largest private universities, comprising 12 colleges and 4 schools with 87 departments, 19 graduate schools, 26 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 Subject (Comprehensive Japanese / Elective Japanese), Japan Studies Subject (taught in English), and Intercultural Experience Subject, (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 divided into 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)\* conforms 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 at the beginning of the program.



## Understanding of Japanese Society / Culture and Intercultural Experience

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 Intercultural Experience Subject. In the Japan Studies Subject, students study in English about Japanese economy, art, issues that modern society is facing, and behavioral patterns. In the Intercultural Experience Subject, students experience Japanese society and culture directly using Japanese words and expressions actually used by native speakers and coming into touch with their meaning as well as connotation while interacting with volunteers.

## Collaboration with Volunteers

Japanese students from Nihon University participate as volunteers in the Intercultural Experience Subject in learning activities 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



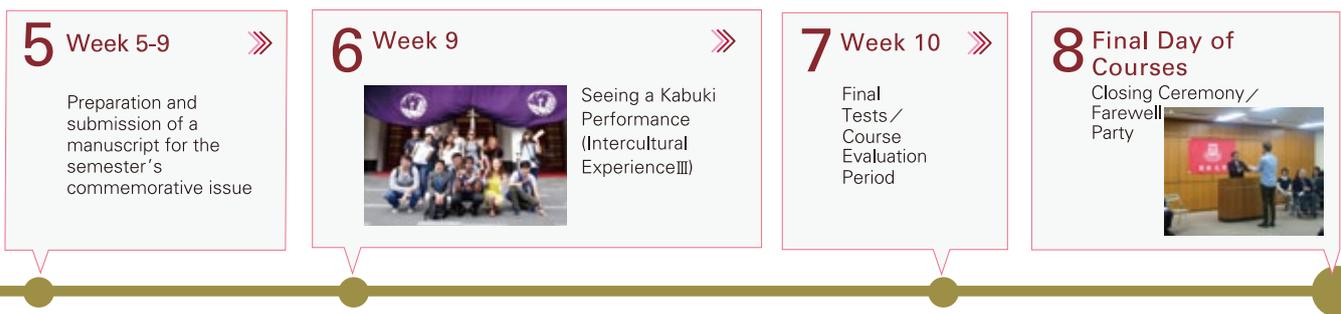
## Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) Curriculum

<b>Comprehensive Japanese</b>				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)	The required number of hours of study in the Comprehensive Japanese classes: <b>150</b>
Elementary	A				
Upper-Elementary	B				
Intermediate	C				
Upper-Intermediate	D				
Advanced	E				
<b>Elective Japanese</b>					The required number of hours of study in the Elective Japanese classes: <b>15~60</b>
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.			
<b>Japan Studies</b>					The required number of hours of study in the Japan studies classes: <b>42</b>
Japanese Society Japanese Culture	JS1	4 topics on Japanese society and culture (organized in an omnibus fashion)			
	JS2	Japanese Mind and Society			
	JS3	Topics in Contemporary Japanese Society			
<b>Intercultural Experience</b>					The required number of hours of study in the Intercultural Experience: <b>20</b>
Visit to the Life Safety Learning Center	Honjo or Ikebukuro Bōsaikan		3 hours		
Study Tour	Kamakura or Hakone or Yokohama		11 hours		
Seeing a Kabuki Performance	Kabukiza Theatre (Tokyo)		6 hours		

\*Curriculum for 2019 is provided as a reference

- Total number of hours for studying compulsory subjects: **212**
- Course content is the same for each term.
- Students wishing to study under JLSP for more than one term study only Comprehensive Japanese and Elective Japanese from their 2nd term onwards.
- Comprehensive Japanese and Elective Japanese courses are also attended by international students other than JLSP students.

Although JLSP does not award credits, it offers a high quality educational experience based on the following equivalent credit hours as determined by the Japanese credit system for Japanese Language Program :  
6 credit hours for Comprehensive Japanese, 2 credit hours for Elective Japanese (1 credit for each elective), and 4 credit hours for Japan Studies (including Intercultural Experience) are assured.



## 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 divided into 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						IE② [Intercultural Experience]	N4	A2	
C	Intermediate			IN [Inquiring]	IE① [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).

\*\* CEFR (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.



## Intercultural Experience

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 Intercultural Experience courses are aimed at raising the awareness of students' views on Japanese culture, and various friends' cultures. These three Intercultural Experience 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 history and nature. Tours visit historically significant places such as Hakone, Kamakura or Yokohama, where students can see famous temples, shrines, other historical landmarks and experience Zazen meditation. In addition, students can enjoy various aspects of Japanese nature during these study tours. During the study tour, each student is accompanied by a Nihon University student volunteer "buddy" to deepen their 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	Intercultural Experience Subjects, Activities
4	14:40-16:10		Elective Japanese	Japan Studies	Elective Japanese	

\*The timetable may change from year to year.

\*Timetable for 2019 is provided as a reference.

## Messages from Students / Volunteers



**GHOTRA Aurelia Rani**  
(Johannes Gutenberg-University in Mainz, Germany)

The Japanese Language and Studies Program at the Nihon University helped me improve my Japanese language skills quickly. The class size is small, so that every student can get individual help from the teachers, who are all easy to approach and very supporting. The tests and presentations were demanding, but never too difficult. They helped me to be able to understand Japanese texts, and now I am able to talk smoothly in Japanese, too.

There are also many possibilities to practice Japanese and talk to student volunteers from Nihon University. The volunteer students join classes, events and trips. Moreover, we became good friends, and would often meet outside the university as well. As there are many social events, for example language cafes, I think it is easy to get to know everyone and make friends.

Not only Japanese language, but also Japanese culture is taught at this program. Through a variety of classes, I could learn to understand Japanese traditions and manners. Trips, for example to Hakone or to see Kabuki, added to my experience of Japanese culture. Another great aspect of the program is that I could choose elective classes I was interested in. I learned how to cook Japanese food and created short films in Japanese.

The JLSP is the best environment to study Japanese and make friends for a lifetime!



**WATANABE Shin**  
(Department of Journalism,  
College of Law, Nihon University)

In this program there are many opportunities to interact with Japanese people, both during the course and with Nihon University students during events such as tea parties within the school. Participants become friends with volunteers and often go out to eat in restaurants or socialize outside university. Indeed, you can make friends for life on the program and volunteers and participants often stay in touch after the course finishes.

Through studying in the Nihon University building and using the school cafeteria you can gain first-hand experience of Japanese student culture.

As a volunteer I learned a lot. I learned more about foreign cultures and I was able to think about my own country in new and different ways. I also had to think more about communication and explore ways to communicate in a way that was easy to understand. Through my experience as a volunteer, I felt I was able to broaden my outlook and develop as a person.

The volunteers on this program are interested in foreign countries, just like the participants.

If you have any concerns or problems during the course, no matter how small, the volunteers are there to help. You may feel nervous at first, but why not take the first step and join the program? The volunteers will always try to support you. Let's make this as fulfilling an experience as possible! We look forward to seeing you!

## 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.

### Language Café

The Language Café is open on Friday afternoons 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

Our Japanese Language Program has a Facebook page. We will be regularly uploading about our classes and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/NichidaiJLP/>

## Campus and Accommodations

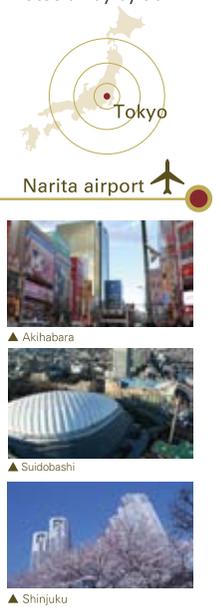
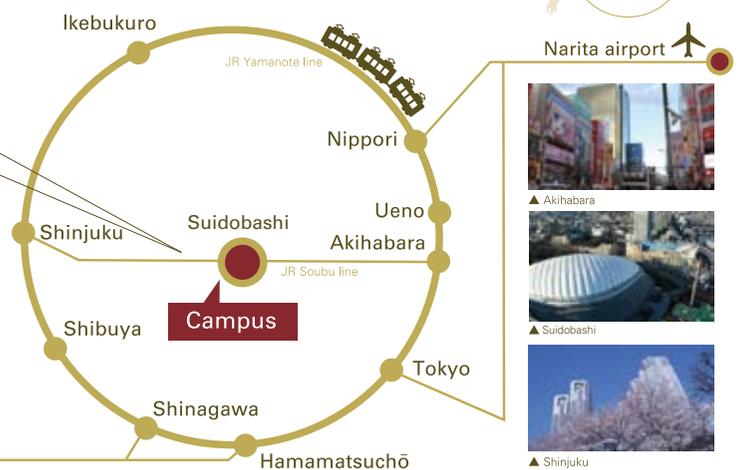
### Campus (College of Law, Nihon University)

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 32 Nations and one area (as of 2018 academic year.)

Number of Students	
Graduate	2,870
Undergraduate	67,353
Junior College	767
Special Training Schools	533
High Schools	30,621
Junior High Schools	7,185
Primary School	956
Kindergarten	625
Certified Child's Garden	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,092</b>

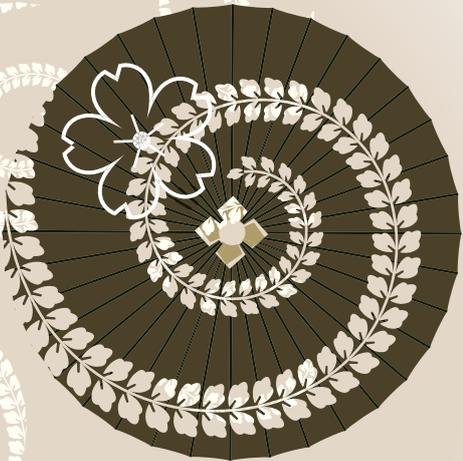
\*As of May 1, 2019

Number of Teaching and Administrative Staff	Teach.	Admin.	Total
Colleges	2,653	1,333	3,986
Distance Learning Division	11	43	54
Junior College	48	5	53
Special Training Schools	30	3	33
Senior High Schools	568	91	659
Junior High Schools	97	8	105
Primary School	16	3	19
Kindergarten	7	6	13
Certified Child's Garden	21	3	24
Hospitals	-	2,264	2,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>7,210</b>

\*As of May 1, 2019

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' Université d'Avignon(FRA)
The University of Toronto(CAN)
Western Michigan University(USA)
The University of Alabama at Birmingham(USA)
Aarhus University(DNK)
Nanyang Technological University(SGP)

(and many others)  
\*Pembroke College



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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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**[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.