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◇ University introduction

Chiba University, one of the largest and most vibrant national universities in Japan, was founded in 1949.

At present, Chiba University comprises nine faculties and schools (the Faculties of Letters, Education, Law and Economics, Science, Engineering, Pharmaceutical Science, and Horticulture, and the Schools of Medicine and Nursing), and eight graduate schools (Humanities and Social Science, Education, Science, Engineering, Horticulture, Advanced Integration Science, Nursing, Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences). Other facilities include the Center for International Research and Education, University Library, Safety and Health Organization and University Hospital.

Chiba University boasts a distinguished General Education program for undergraduates, and graduating students high rates of success in qualification examinations to become teachers, doctors, pharmacists and attorneys.

At present there are 9,760 students in the undergraduate program, 2,965 students in Master and Doctoral Programs, and 1,212 faculty members. As of November 2008, there are 955 international students from 62 countries, and nine students are enrolled as students of the Japanese Studies Program, six of whom were recommended by Japanese embassies.

Students in the Japanese Studies Program will be on the main campus (Nishi Chiba) in Chiba City, which has a population of about 940,000. The campus can be reached by train in one hour from Tokyo, and is about 45 minutes by car from Narita International Airport. It is a pleasant campus with abundant greenery. Chiba Prefecture is surrounded by rivers and the sea, and has mild climate throughout the year. Please refer to the following URL for information about the environs:

<http://www.pref.chiba.lg.jp/english/index.html>

◇ Course summary

1. Course Name

Chiba University Japanese Studies Program for International Students.

2. Aims and features of the course

Aims: To attain a high level of competence in Japanese, particularly for academic purposes; to acquire specialized knowledge about Japan; to master basic research skills in order to pursue future studies; and to deepen understanding of Japan through field trips and activities with Japanese students and the local community.

Features: Students take Japanese language courses appropriate for their level, attaining an overall improvement in their language abilities. They will take General Education Subjects designed to promote interaction between Japanese and international students, creating a unique international study environment.

They will also be able to select from the great variety of specialized lectures and seminars that Chiba University offers, depending on their Japanese language ability and their fields of interest.

Through courses and field trips they will gain first-hand knowledge of communities in Chiba Prefecture. By learning about the local culture and history they will gain a new perspective of Japanese society.

At the same time students will also pursue research projects in their specialized field, and submit a final report in Japanese on the results.

Exchanges: Students will have tutors with whom they may carry on one-on-one communication throughout the program. There are also homestay and cultural programs, as well as opportunities to introduce their own cultures.

3. Contents of the course

- (1) Number of Students to be accepted on recommendation by Japanese embassies: about seven; University recommendation: about seven.

(2) Course Period: From October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010

Courses will be held from October 1, 2009 to mid-February 2010, and from early April 2009 to end of July 2010.

(3) Composition of the course

There will be no classes solely for Nikkensei, but they will attend independent guidance sessions.

4. Study of Japanese language, culture and society

(1) Overview of courses

Students select courses from categories 1) to 3) listed below on the basis of their major field of study and Japanese language ability.

Classes meet for 15 weeks per semester. Required courses are: *Research Work (Humanities) I* during the first semester; and *Research Work (Humanities) II* and *Seminar on Cultural Diversity in Japan* during the second semester. Numbers in square brackets [1] show the number of class meetings per week (90 minutes per meeting). Courses that are numbered I/II or 1/2 are held in separate semesters.

1) Japanese courses

Students will take Japanese classes according to their level of proficiency. There are six levels at intermediate level or higher, but Nikkensei will for the most part take courses at one of the following four levels:

Japanese Upper Intermediate 1

Integrated Course [2]

Reading Comprehension [1]

Oral Expression [1]

Composition [1]

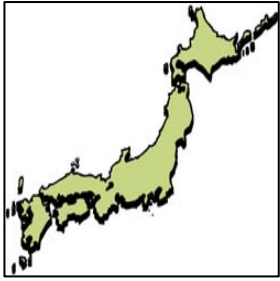
Kanji [Intensive: Autumn only]

Japanese Upper Intermediate 2

Integrated Course [2]

Oral Expression [1]

Composition [1]



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Japanese Advanced 1

Written Expression [1]
Reading Comprehension [1]
Oral Expression [1]
Advanced Japanese Grammar [1]
Japanese Advanced 2
Written Expression [1]
Reading Comprehension [1]
Oral Expression [1]
Preparing Presentation Outlines [1]

2) Japanese Studies: Humanities

A. General Education Subjects

Japanese Traditional Culture: The Spirit of Japan [1]
[1] We will focus on Japanese culture, society and religion, with frequent discussions.

Contemporary Japanese Lifestyles [1]

We will focus on customs seen in Japanese society, and use them as a basis to try to understand the psychology of the Japanese people.

Postwar Japanese Diet I/II [1]

We will survey the culture of food in Japan, focusing on foods and cuisines that have appeared in the post-war era, and investigate the cultural and social background behind everyday foods.

Images of Japan [1]

We will discuss what sort of images Japanese and international students have of Japan, based on a variety of subjects and points of view, acquiring a more objective perspective. We will also deepen our understanding with considerations of the images the Japanese have of other countries.

Seminar on Cultural Diversity in Japan [1]

We will consider how we interact with other members of our community, who have a variety of cultural backgrounds. Discussion and activities in

and out of class will lead to a re-examination of the culture and history of Chiba as a multicultural and multilingual community.

Selected Aspects of the Japanese Language 1 [1]

We will overview Japanese phonology and grammar and examine those characteristics that can cause errors for non-native speakers.

Japanese Grammar [1]

We will learn about word inflection and grammatical categories in Japanese.

The Japanese Language in Its Diversity [1]

We will view Japanese from various angles in its spatial extent and chronological depth, and examine its relationship to neighboring Asian languages.

Research Work (Humanities) I/II [1]

This course is for students in the Japanese Studies Program to write their final report.

B. Specialized courses at the Faculties

The following courses particularly welcome students from this program. These courses have been designed specifically for international students, or designed with them in mind, except for the ones marked with a * which are intended for general students.

Faculty of Letters:

Introduction to Japan Studies A/B/C [1]
Learning about Japan B [1]
*Intercultural Contacts A** [1]

Faculty of Education:

Seminar on International Education I/II [1]
Education Affairs in Japan I/II [1]
Reading Articles on Education I/II [1]
Information Education in Japan [1]

Faculty of Engineering:

*History of Japanese Architecture**

3) Japanese Studies: Social Sciences

A. General Education Subjects

Japan Seen through Current Events I/II

Each week we will discuss an article appearing in a newspaper or weekly magazine, explaining how it relates to everyday life.

B. Specialized courses at the Faculties

Faculty of Education:

*Japanese Politics** [1]

Faculty of Law and Economics:

*Japanese Economy** [1]

*Asian Economy** [2]

*Social and Economic History of Japan** [2]

*History of Japanese Law** [2]

Note: Students must have some background knowledge of Japanese history to take History of Japanese Law and Social and Economic History of Japan.

Details on courses in 2) and 3) may be found at the following web page:

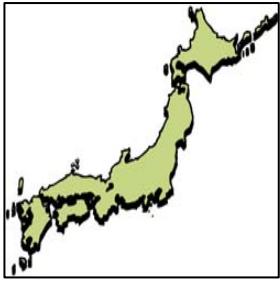
<http://www.chiba-u.ac.jp/student/syllabus/>

(2) Research paper

Students are required to write a research paper (at least 6,000 characters).

They will receive advice from their advisor in one of the Faculties, as well as advice and instruction from the instructors in the Center for International Research and Education who conduct the Research Work I/II courses (their specialties are Japanese Linguistics, Japanese Folklore Studies, Japanese History, Intercultural Psychology and Japanese Language Teaching).

Students may also receive guidance from graduate student tutors at the Center's Resource Room for Japanese Language Study to write the paper.



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In July there is a session at which students present their research papers, which will then be collected and published.

Examples of previous research paper topics:

History and social role of the Sanja Festival.
Analysis of the relation between attractions and shops at Tokyo Disney Sea.
Immigrant working women: Image and reality of foreign women working in Japan.
Usage of the word “yatsu”: Based on Showa-era novels
Linguistic behavior towards differing opinions: Based on conversational data by women university students.

(3) Excursions and Exchange Activities

To provide opportunities for interaction and friendship with people from the University and the community, Chiba University offers home visit and home stay programs for international students. They may also participate programs sponsored by the University for introducing aspects of Japanese culture, and go to a Kabuki performance.

Students also have the chance to introduce their own countries' culture at the University's Universal Festival, and meet students at elementary schools to learn about each other's culture.

- Oct. Welcome Party
- Nov.- Programs to Introduce to Japanese Culture
- Jan. (putting on yukata, explanation of wedding costume, origami, tea ceremony, calligraphy)
- Nov. Field trip (Boso village, Sawara, Naritasan Temple)
- Dec. Home visits
- Jan. Home stay (overnight)

- Mar. Field trip (Faculty of Letters)
- Jun. Kabuki demonstration and performance
- Aug. Field trip (Faculty of Letters)

5. Other

(1) Advisors

All students will be assigned to a Faculty (Letters, Education or Law and Economics) on the basis of the academic field they specify, and an academic advisor will be chosen from that Faculty. The advisors will assist both the students' academic achievement and adaptation to life in Japan.

Also, there will be guidance and homeroom regularly conducted by a teacher at the Center for International Research and Education.

(2) Requirements and Certificate of Completion

Chiba University issues a Certificate of Completion to those who successfully complete more than twelve courses (eighteen credits) and write a research report.

(3) Awarding of credits

Students will be given a certificate showing their acquisition of credit for classes in which they have enrolled and performed satisfactorily.

(4) Qualifications and Conditions of Applicants

Students must fulfill all the following requirements:

1) Japanese Language Ability

Applicants should possess ability in Japanese equivalent to Level 2 or higher of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test:

- routine conversation
- general understanding of basic lectures conducted in Japanese
- expressing opinions in seminars
- reading knowledge of approximately 1000 kanji
- ability to read texts of general interest
- knowledge of basic vocabulary in their major fields of study
- ability to take lecture notes
- ability to write a short essay

2) Japanese Language Study and Major Field of Study

- At least two years' study of Japanese is essential.
- At the time of application and arrival in Japan, applicants must be enrolled as undergraduate students in faculties of schools which offer majors in Japanese language or Japanese culture.
- Applicants should have an academic research interest in a field of Japanese studies, and have the intention to continue such research after returning to their home country.
- Priority will be given to students who will be studying in Japan for the first time.

◇Accommodation

Single rooms at Chiba University International House will be provided for the students in this course. The dormitory fee is 6,700 yen per month, not including utilities. The International House is in Inage, one train station west of Nishi Chiba campus, a short distance by bicycle.

◇Chiba University address

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