Ochanomizu University (Tokyo)

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- Introduction
  1. Outlines
     1) Characteristics and History
     Since its founding in 1875, Ochanomizu University has been embracing the dual commitments of fulfilling its function as an advanced educational institution and improving the intellectual foundations of Japan.
     Ochanomizu University supports all women, regardless of age or nationality, in protecting their individual dignity and rights, freely developing their unique qualities and capabilities, and pursuing personal learning so as to satisfy their intellectual appetites.
     As a pioneer of women's education in Japan, Ochanomizu University offers programs that develop women who are capable of being opinion leaders in politics, economics, academia, culture, and other fields on the international stage.
     One notable attribute of our program is its small-sized intimate classes where international students can effectively learn the Japanese language and culture.

  2) Number of Students and Others
     (as of May 1, 2019)
     • Faculties: Faculty of Letters and Education, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Human Life and Environmental Sciences
     • Graduate Course: Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences
     • Number of Faculty Members: 256
     • Number of Students:
       Undergraduate: 2,038 (*83)
       Postgraduate: 835 (*155)
     * Number of international students

- 2. Actual Achievements for International Exchange
   As of May 1, 2019, 238 international students from 28 different countries are studying at Ochanomizu University.
   Number of partner universities: 80

- 3. Number of International Students and Japanese Studies Program Students (NIKKENSEI):
   - AY2019: 238, NIKKENSEI 6
   - AY2018: 218, NIKKENSEI 9
   - AY2017: 211, NIKKENSEI 8

- 4. The Bunkyo Ward Is
   - where Ochanomizu University is located. It is also geographically recognized as the heart of all 23 wards in Tokyo.
   - well known for its historical sites, places of interest, universities with long-established traditions and many schools.
   - a district that offers one of Tokyo’s most peaceful environments with the beauty of nature.

- Outline of the Program
  1. Name of the Program and Training Purposes
     Name: Japanese Studies Program
     Purpose: (a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture
     * A course mainly about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency.

  2. Distinguishing Characteristics of the Program
     Since Ochanomizu University is a small-sized university, we are able to provide foreign students with a friendly atmosphere that is suitable for studying the Japanese language and culture.
     In addition, foreign students will also have the opportunity to interact with Japanese students outside the classroom as well.

  3. Number of Students to Be Accepted
     Students nominated by a Japanese Embassy: 6
     Students nominated by the University: 6
4. Requirement for Application
Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 or above.

5. Aim of the Program
Our program offers students a chance to choose between the Japanese language and Japanese culture as their main subjects. However, since our program offers only the basics of these subjects, students who are willing to learn more in-depth about Japanese culture will be allowed to take regular classes with Japanese students as well.

The Center for International Education will assist Nikkensei students with their special needs and also encourage them to study with Japanese students. Some courses are cross-listed for international and Japanese students. Upon completing the program, Nikkensei students are expected to have some experiences in studying with Japanese students in the same classroom.

6. Period of the Program
From October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021
*The closing ceremony will be held in the middle of September.(It was held on September 11, 2019.) This is mandatory although exceptions might be made if there is an exceptional reason.

7. Period of Scholarship
From October, 2020 to September, 2021

8. Annual Events and Schedule
Early October: Arrival in Japan (It was held on October 1, 2019.)
October: The First Semester starts
Orientations
November: Campus Festival
December: Winter Vacation
January: Interim Presentation of Research
February: Examinations and Report
Submission of Interim report
April: The Second Semester starts
June: Submission of Report
July: Presentation of Research
Examination and Report
August: Summer Vacation
September: Closing Ceremony (It was September 11, 2019.)
Mid/late September: Return to home country

9. Conditions for Completion of the Program
1) Attend the Classes for NIKKENSEI
   (Including attendance for the Presentation and the Final Research Presentation.)

2) Take the Classes for Each Semester
   NIKKENSEI students are required to take at least 8 classes (the equivalent of 16 credits) per semester and also commute to the university at least four days a week.

3) Submission of Completion Report
   Transcripts will be issued.
   Early completion will not be permitted unless there is an extraordinary reason.

10. Contents of the Program
1) Characteristics of the Program
   Our program offers a variety of small-sized, intimate classes where international students can effectively learn the Japanese language and culture.
   Each Nikkensei student will conduct a year-long research project on the topic of her interest. Nikkensei’s research will be published collectively as Nikkensei Annual Report. Nikkensei students are also required to present on their research projects twice a year.

2) Courses
   I) Compulsory Class (1 class (2 hours) per week)
      - Academic Japanese for NIKKENSEI students
        Students will learn Japanese academic skills and apply them to their Completion Report.

   II) Elective Classes (at least 7 classes (14 hours) per week)
      - Japanese Language: IA/B - VA/B
        (5 courses per semester, 1 course/30 hours)
        Students will develop their overall Japanese language proficiency.
      - Japanese Culture: IA/B - VA/B
        (5 courses per semester, 1 course/30 hours)
        Students will learn the history, society and culture of Japan.

In addition, international students can also take academic subjects and special Japanese classes such as Introductory Japanese, Intermediate Japanese, Advanced Japanese, Advanced Japanese Writing, Chinese Characters, and Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

3) Events and Regional Exchange for International Students
   We offer a variety of programs, such as International exchange events, KABUKI (a traditional form of Japanese theater), SADO class (Traditional Tea Ceremony), IKEBANA class (Traditional Flower Arrangement), and KITSUKE class (How to wear Kimono).

4) Opportunity for Studying with Japanese Students
   As a general rule, Nikkensei students are required to take subjects tailored exclusively for international students in the first semester (from October to March), and they will be allowed to start taking classes of their own majors with Japanese students in the second semester (from April to September).
11. Advisory System
Faculty members in the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences/Center for International Education will individually guide the students through the program.

Professor, Shin MORIYAMA
( Teaching Japanese as a Second Language)
Associate Professor, Tomomi NISHIKAWA
( Second Language Acquisition, Bilingualism)
* Lecturer, Yusuke SAKURAI
( International Education & Higher Education)
Assistant Professor, Kyoko MOTOBAYASHI
( Language Policy, Sociolinguistics)
* Program Coordinator. The parentheses denote areas of specialization of each faculty member.


■ Housing:
The Ochanomizu University International House in Itabashi-ku, Tokyo.
Construction: reinforced concrete, five stories (private rooms)
Meals: not provided
Rent fee: 4,700 yen a month
Reserve for repairs: 1,000 yen
Residents’ Association fee: 5,000 yen
Public utility charges: approx. 8,000 yen
Japanese undergraduate students and international students stay together.

![International Student House](image)

■ Nikkensei Experiences and Beyond
Several Nikkensei students have been accepted by Ochanomizu University as graduate students after completing the Nikkensei Program at our university. Through private consultation, the faculty and program staff will continue to support former Nikkensei students who wish to pursue their academic interest as graduate students at Ochanomizu University.

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