



Ochanomizu University (Tokyo)



お茶の水女子大学
Ochanomizu University

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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 develops women capable of being opinion leaders in politics, economics, academia, culture, and other fields on the international stage.

One notable attribute of our program is 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, 2017)

- 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: 269
- Number of Students:
 - Undergraduate: 2,075 (*63)
 - Postgraduate: 890 (*148)
- * Number of international students

2. Actual Achievements for International Exchange

As of May 1, 2017, 211 international students are studying at Ochanomizu University.
Number of partner universities: 71

3. Number of International Students and Japanese Studies Program Students(NIKKENSEI):

AY2017: 211, NIKKENSEI 8
AY2016: 220, NIKKENSEI 4
AY2015: 217, NIKKENSEI 7

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.



Main Building

■ Outline of the program

1. Name of the Program and Training Purposes

Name: Japanese Studies Program

Purpose: 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

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, 2018 to September 30, 2019*

*The closing ceremony will be held in the middle of September. (It was held on September 5, 2017.)

7. Contents of the Program

Nikkensei students are required to submit their final papers and attend at least 8 classes per semester to complete this year-long program.

1) Regular Classes for Japanese Students

As a general rule, *Nikkensei* students are required to take subjects made exclusively for international students in the first semester (from October to March), and will be allowed to start taking classes of their own majors with Japanese students in the second semester (from April to September).

2) Events 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), *KITSUKE* class (How to wear Kimono).

3) Special Subjects for International Students

• 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 will also have the chance to take “*Tokusetsu*” or supplementary Japanese Language Courses.

8. Events

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: Presentation of Research

July: Submission of Report

Examination and Report

August: Summer Vacation

September: Closing Ceremony

9. 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)

Assistant Professor, Naomi KANO

(Literacy Studies, Bilingual Education)

* Assistant Professor, Kyoko MOTOBAYASHI

(Language Policy, Sociolinguistics)

*Program Coordinator. The parentheses denote areas of specialization of each faculty member.

10. Conditions for Completion of the Program

1) Attend the classes for *NIKKENSEI*

2) Take the classes for each semester

3) Submission of Completion Report



International Day



University Class

■ 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: 1000 yen

Public utility charges: approx. 8,000 yen

Japanese undergraduate students and international students stay together.



International Student House

■ *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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