



GUIDE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS
AT JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY
TOKYO, JAPAN
日本女子大学 交換留学生ガイド

2024-2025 Program

INTRODUCTION TO JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Japan Women's University began in 1901 as the first women's higher educational institution in Japan.

Number of Students:

Undergraduate 6,200 / Graduate 260

15 departments in 6 faculties:

- ① Faculty of Human Sciences and Design
- ② Faculty of Humanities
- ③ Faculty of Sciences
- ④ Faculty of Integrated Arts & Social Sciences
- ⑤ Faculty of Transcultural Studies
- ⑥ Faculty of Architectural Design (2024.4~)

With 18 divisions in 5 graduate schools

Japan Women's University will accept transgender students (female) from April 2024.



FACULTIES INTRODUCTION

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Faculty of Human Sciences and Design

Department of Child Studies (児童学科)
Department of Food and Nutrition (食物学科)
Department of Clothing (被服学科)
Department of Social and Family Economy (家政経済学科)

Department of Architecture and Design (建築デザイン学科)

Faculty of
Architecture and
Design
(April 2024~)

Faculty of Humanities

Department of Japanese (日本文学科)
Department of English (英文学科)
Department of History (史学科)

* Exchange students are not bound to the department. They can take any courses from all of the 15 departments.

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**Faculty of
Integrated Arts &
Social Sciences**

Department of Contemporary Sociology (現代社会学科)
Department of Social Welfare (社会福祉学科)
Department of Education (教育学科)
Department of Psychology (心理学科)

Department of Transcultural Studies (国際文化学科)

**Faculty of
Transcultural
Study
(April 2023~)**

**Faculty of
Science**

**Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science
(数物情報科学科)**
**Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences
(化学生命科学科)**

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LOCATION OF JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Japan Women's University is located in the Center of Tokyo.



PROGRAM CALENDAR

	Semester	Duration
One Year	Fall/Winter/Spring	Mid-September 2024 ~ End of July 2025
	Fall Semester	Mid-September 2024~ End of January 2025
Half Year	Winter Intensive + Spring Semester	Early February 2025~ Early March 2025 + Early April 2025~ End of July 2025

* If students have any concerns regarding their academic schedule at their home institution, Please feel free to contact us.

THE OBJECTIVES AND FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Students recommended by partner universities will be accepted upon selection and approval.
- The Japanese language program is small-group, with seven intensive study classes per semester.
- In addition, students can take a 5-week intensive Japanese language course in February and March.
- Depending on your language ability and significance, you may take classes with Japanese students in either Japanese or English, and you are encouraged to aim for JLPT N3 or N2 by the time you return home.



CURRICULUM FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. Japanese Language Study

- ① The intermediate class is suitable for students who have already completed 2 years of Japanese language study when they join the program
- ② The upper intermediate class covers up to the N2 level of the JLPT.
- ③ Exchange students wishing to study in advanced N2 to N1 level classes can take courses for degree-seeking international students.

* We will recommend you an appropriate class based on your Japanese placement score on arrival.

CREDITS FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSES (INTERMEDIATE & UPPER INTERMEDIATE)

Fall/ Spring Semester

- The Japanese language course has **7 morning classes** per week.
- After completion, exchange students receive **14 credits** for each fall and spring semester.
- The Total class time for each semester is **9,450 minutes (157.5 hours)**.

Winter Intensive Japanese Course

- The **5-credit** winter intensive course is a **5-week course** from early February to early March.
- Total class time is **3,375 minutes (57.0 hours)**

OTHER COURSES

2. Courses conducted in Japanese*

- Seminars & Lectures
- Physical Education Courses
- Language Courses

Examples:

- ✓ Japanese Studies (日本事情)
- ✓ Japanese Tourism and Culture (日本観光文化論)
- ✓ Practice in Clothing formation (衣造形実習)
- ✓ Culinary Practice (調理実習)
- ✓ Physical Exercises (身体運動)

3. Courses conducted in English

Examples:

- ✓ Social and International relations of Japan (日本研究 1)
- ✓ Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society (日本研究 2)
- ✓ Topics in comparative Literature (比較文学特論)

* Most of the courses at JWU are conducted in Japanese. We are happy to provide a study buddy to support exchange students if they need more than their Japanese to understand the courses in Japanese.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 1)

For elementary, lower-intermediate Japanese learner (JLPT N5~N3).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	
2	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	
3					
4		Japanese Studies I (日本事情 1)	Physical Exercises II b (身体運動 II b)		
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 2)

For upper-intermediate, advanced Japanese learner (JLPT N2 or above).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	観光と文化II
2	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	Upper Intermediate Japanese 2-a	
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4		文化人類学II	日本観光文化論		
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STUDENT LIFE

“What can we do at JWU ? ”

- ✓ **Club Activities with Japanese students**

e.g. Sado (茶道) , Kendo (剣道) , Dance (ダンス) ,etc

- ✓ **Volunteer Activities**

e.g. At affiliated elementary school

- ✓ **Events and Excursions**

e.g. Welcome Party; Excursion to temples in Kyoto, Asakusa and Kamakura; Bunraku(文楽) & Kabuki (歌舞伎) ; Tours, etc.



STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM (TUTOR)

At Japan Women's University, We provide Study Buddy program for all exchange students. Tutors will help exchange students through their whole exchange program.

The support includes:

- Pick-up service on arrival in Japan
- Assistance with class registration procedures
- Introduction to JWU facilities and services
- Language exchange



ACCOMMODATION

University Dormitory

- **On Campus**
(5 minutes by walk)



- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ Meals Provided :
Breakfast and dinner Mon.~Fri.
Breakfast on Sat.
No meals on Sun, National Holidays,
and Feb. to Mar.
- ❑ Free Wifi

Dormitory & Meal fees: approximately
\$ 540 (80,000yen) per month

Share House

- **Off Campus**
(3 minutes by walk)



- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ Meal subsidy available:
30,000 yen/month
- ❑ Free Wifi

Share House fee: approximately
\$ 540 (80,000yen) per month

Homestay

- **Off Campus**
(up to 1 hour by train)



- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ Meals Provided :
Breakfast and dinner Mon.~Sun.
- ❑ Free Wifi

Homestay fee: approximately
\$ 440 (65,000yen) per month
+commuter pass

Reference: \$1 = 150yen

ACCOMMODATION

University Dormitory

Advantages

- ✓ Very near from JWU
- ✓ Exchange students can communicate daily with Japanese students.

Disadvantages

- ✓ The rules are strict
 - 24:00 o'clock curfew
 - Need to submit a Overnight leave request in advance to be allowed to stay out.), etc.

Share House

Advantages

- ✓ Very near from JWU
- ✓ Exchange students can communicate daily with international students from other university
- ✓ More flexible than JWU dorm

Disadvantages

- ✓ The room is small

Homestay

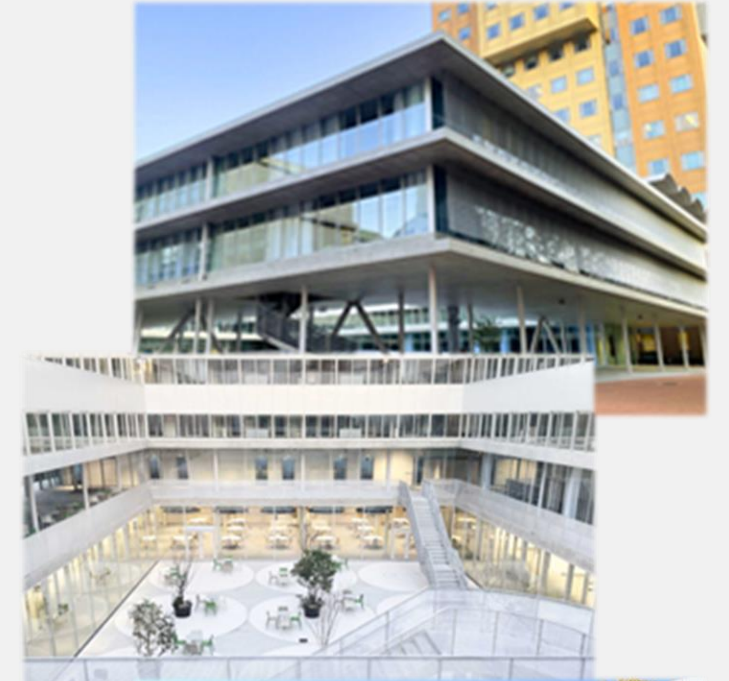
Advantages

- ✓ Able to experience the native Japanese family life
- ✓ Daily native Japanese conversation

Disadvantages

- ✓ Must respect the family's rules, including a possible curfew.
- ✓ Transportation can be complex (Depend on the location of the accommodation).

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES



ANNUAL CALAENDAR



September

- Arrive in Japan
- Orientation, Course Registration
- Welcome Party
- Fall Semester Begins
- Visit to Life Safety Learning Center (Tentative)



October

- Mejiro Festival (University Festival)
- Day trip to Asakusa with Japanese Students



November

- Party with JWU alumnae



December

- Year End party
- Bunraku Tour
- Winter Vacation starts

ANNUAL CALAENDAR



January

- Classes Begin
- Fall Semester Ends
- Final Exams



February

- Winter Intensive Course Begins



March

- Winter Intensive Course Ends
- Filed trip to Kyoto (Tentative)



April

- Spring Semester Begins
- Orientation, Course Registration

ANNUAL CALAENDAR



May

- Golden Week Holiday (Tentative)



June

- Kabuki Tour



July

- Spring Semester Ends
- Final Exam
- Return Orientation
- Farewell Party
- Program Ends



August

- Return to Home institute Country

APPLICATION DEADLINE & NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSIONS DECISION

		Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Notification of Admissions Decision
One Year (Fall+Winter+Spring)		March 31, 2024	April 20, 2024	End of May, 2024
Half Year	Fall Semester Only	March 31, 2024	April 20, 2024	End of May, 2024
	Winter Intensive + Spring Semester	July 31, 2024	September 1, 2024	End of October, 2024
	Spring Semester Only	September 30, 2024	November 1, 2024	End of December, 2024

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