Doshisha University (Kyoto)

Doshisha University as an Attractive International Base of Knowledge
- in Kyoto, the Ancient Capital of 1000 Years -

University Overview

University Characteristics
Kyoto, where Doshisha University is located, is in the central part of the island of Honshu (500km from Tokyo). The beautiful city was the capital of Japan and the residence of the Emperor for over a thousand years, from 794 until the Meiji Restoration in 1868 when the capital was moved to Tokyo. Also known as the cultural heart of Japan, with temples, shrines and traditional wooden houses, the cultural and historical heritages attract many tourists from all over the world. The city is also home to the headquarters of world famous companies leading Japanese industries, such as Nintendo and Kyocera.

The Vision of Joseph Hardy Neesima
Doshisha’s founding spirit consists of three main principles: Christianity, Liberalism and Internationalism. Doshisha was founded by Joseph Hardy Neesima in 1875 as the first Japanese school advocating the teaching of Christianity. He founded the school to make it a place for young people from all parts of the world to seek truth, pursue knowledge and independence, and nurture lifelong friendship. Doshisha highly values the presence of international students as they bring international viewpoints and diversity to the campus and thereby enrich the university culture. We are eager to welcome and support international students.

International Exchange
& Number of Foreign Students
Doshisha University has grown to be one of the major universities in Japan, with 14 Faculties, 16 Graduate Schools, and Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC). Doshisha currently enrolls nearly 30,000 students, including over 1500 international students from around the world.

< Number of Overseas Partner Institutions >
46 countries, 188 universities  (as of October, 2018)

< Number of Foreign Students >

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<th>Year</th>
<th>International students</th>
<th>Japanese Studies students</th>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>1499</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>1429</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>1517</td>
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CJLC is in charge of various affairs related to our “international inbound programs”, from acceptance of international students to educational support with a rich variety of subjects, daily life support, and short-term programs.

Experiencing Japanese culture in the heart of Kyoto
The Center for Japanese Language and Culture is located on the Imadegawa Campus just to the north of the Kyoto Imperial Palace in the heart of Kyoto. Lecture courses in Japanese Studies and International Studies offer experience-based classes including Flower arrangement, Tea ceremony, Calligraphy, Zazen meditation, Gold leaf craftwork, and visits to festivals, temples and museums. These classes enable students to understand the nature of Japanese traditional culture by virtue of our great location in the ancient capital Kyoto, with a history and tradition of 1200 years.

1. Course Outline

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b) A course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency with supplementary study about Japan and Japanese culture

2. Course Features

- Well-developed Japanese Language Courses
  A wide range of learning in practice from the improvement of Japanese proficiency to the understanding of Japanese culture
- Courses at nine different proficiency levels to meet each student's ability and need
- Special classes for Japanese studies students will offer variety of experience and culture programs at out-of-school class and culture program.

(1) Students usually take the Intensive Program which is designed for students learning the Japanese language. To provide specific advice for each student, Japanese courses are divided into nine different levels according to each student's Japanese ability. The program also enables students to prepare for the "Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)" and to improve Business Japanese language proficiency.

(2) CJLC offers over 30 courses in Japanese Studies to help students study and analyze Japan through the language, arts, philosophy, religion, law and politics, history, society, life and culture, and cross-cultural communication. In addition, courses in International Studies deal with studies related to the world outside Japan.

(3) We also offer special classes for Japanese studies students by virtue of our great location in Kyoto, where is the heart of Japanese history and culture. It includes the visit to company, Gion Festivals, Noh theater, and the local schools and Kyomachiya, experience of Flower arrangement and Tea ceremony.

3. Number of students to be accepted: 30
   Embassy Recommendation: 29
   University Recommendation: 1

[Imadegawa Campus] [Kyotanabe Campus]
**4. Entrance Qualification:** None

**6. Duration of Course:** Sep. 2019 – Aug. 2020

**7. Course Descriptions (5. Goals and Objectives)**

**Compulsory subjects:**
1) Japanese Language Courses
2) Japanese Seminars
3) Courses in Japanese Studies *
4) Courses in International Studies *
5) Undergraduate/Graduate Courses *

* Including experiential learning, field trips and opportunities to study with Japanese students.

**1) Japanese Language Courses**

**10-22 credits (300-660 hours)**
(30-hours (1-credit) subject x 5 to 11 subjects x 2-semesters)

These courses are designed to develop students’ four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing comprehensively. CJLC also offers courses which specifically emphasize reading comprehension, vocabulary, written expressions and oral expressions.

**< Learning goals >**

Class allocations will be made on the basis of a placement test (written/oral) after arrival.

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<th>Level</th>
<th>Important Sentence Patterns</th>
<th>Basic Words</th>
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<td>Fundamental grammatical expressions</td>
<td>1500</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td><strong>II</strong></td>
<td>Upper Elementary - intermediate level sentence patterns</td>
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<td>500</td>
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<td><strong>III</strong></td>
<td>50 intermediate-level important sentence patterns</td>
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<td>600-750</td>
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<td>100 intermediate-level important sentence patterns</td>
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<td>200 intermediate-level important sentence patterns</td>
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<td>1000-1200</td>
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<td><strong>IX</strong></td>
<td>To acquire a high-level proficiency in Japanese. To be able to participate in discussions with Japanese native speakers.</td>
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**2) Japanese Seminars**

**30-hours (1-credit) / subject x number of subject**

These are designed to help students prepare for the “Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)” and the “Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)”.

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<th>Level/Goal</th>
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<td>Japanese Language Seminar A</td>
<td>Elementary Level</td>
<td>I – II</td>
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<td>Japanese Language Seminar C</td>
<td>Japanese Language Proficiency Test (N2), Upper Intermediate</td>
<td>IV – VI</td>
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<td>Japanese Language Seminar D</td>
<td>Japanese Language Proficiency Test (N1), Advanced</td>
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<td>IV – VI</td>
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<td>Advanced Japanese Grammar Overview A/B</td>
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<td>Japanese Special Seminar</td>
<td>Research Paper</td>
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**3) Courses in Japanese Studies**

**30-hours (2-credits) / subject x number of subject**

These courses deal with a wide range of topics including Japanese life, society, arts, philosophy, religion, law, politics, economy, and history. Experiencing traditional arts such as tea ceremony, flower arrangement, or Noh play allows students to have a greater understanding of Japan.

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<td>Introduction to Japanese Literature A/B</td>
<td>Japanese Philosophy and Religion 1/2/A</td>
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<td>Law and Politics in Japan</td>
<td>Business and Management Studies in Japan A/B</td>
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<td>Japanese Culture 1/2</td>
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<td>Arts in Japan 1/2</td>
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<td>Comparative Studies of Cultures A/B</td>
<td>Japan and Asia 1/2</td>
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<td>Intercultural Communication A/B</td>
<td>Special Topics in Japanese Culture A/B/C</td>
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<td>The Tradition and Beauty of Japan - The Way of Ikebana -</td>
<td>The Tradition and Culture of Japan - Japanese Traditional Culture -</td>
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<td>The Tradition and Performing Arts of Japan - Gagaku -</td>
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<td>The Tradition and Art of Japan - The Topology of Japanese Beauty -</td>
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8. Academic Calendar
* Fall Semester (September – March)
  Early September  Arrival in Japan
  Mid September  Orientation & Japanese Placement Test
  Late September  Classes begin
  November 26-28  University Festival
  December 25-January 5  Winter Vacation
  Late January  Final Examinations
  Mid February  Spring Vacation
* Spring Semester (April – August)
  Late March  Japanese Placement Test
  Early April  Classes begin
  Late July  Final Examinations
  August  Closing Ceremony & Return Home

9. Affiliation / Faculty
Students are registered at the Center for Japanese Language and Culture. The faculty members of the CJLC are experts in teaching Japanese as a foreign language, Japanese linguistics and general linguistics, with a wealth of experience in teaching Japanese at domestic and foreign educational institutions.

Teaching Staff
(Center for Japanese Language and Culture)
The number of faculty members: 8
The number of instructors: 55

10. Certificate of Completion
Students who have successfully completed their study period are given a certificate of the completion. We do not specify the requirements for completion.

11. Communication with Japanese Students
Students are entitled to use the same facilities as regular students. The “International Community Lounge” offers students excellent opportunities to deepen friendships with local students.

The “Learning Commons”, the newly established self-learning Facility equipped with a Japanese/English writing center, provides a positive environment where international and local students can get to know each other.

Getting involved with a Club or student group is one of the best ways to meet local students with the same interests.

Also, there are a Variety of international exchange events on campus.

1. International Day
This informal event serves as an excellent medium for international exchange between students.

2. SIED
SIED (Student Staff for Intercultural Events at Doshisha) is a student organization. SIED has a mission to establish international exchanges between local students and international students at Doshisha University.

Accommodations
We will provide accommodations to the Japanese studies students. In a dorm, students can easily make friends, exchange information on school life and Japanese life, and feel at home. Entrance fee and monthly rent will be required, but neither guarantor nor other initial costs such as agent charge, security deposit, key money etc. are needed if living in a dorm.

Follow - up
Peer Supporters serve to give advice to and answer questions from international students. They are Doshisha’s undergraduate/graduate students, and help international students. The Career Center provides employment information, support and advice to international students.

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