

Fostering the ability to talk with anyone beyond differences in language, culture or values

Faculty of Global Communications Japanese Course

Developing communication skills that enable you to play an active role in Japanese society

The ability to communicate is an essential skill if you wish to work in Japanese society. The Japanese Course offers an ideal mix of theoretical coursework and practical training to help you develop this important skill.

Offering personalized guidance to individual students through small-class education

The Japanese Course is characterized by small-class education, with each class consisting of 10 to 20 students only. Classes of this size encourage closer interaction between the instructor and students and enable guidance to be tailored to the needs of individual students in various aspects of their campus life, ranging from studies at the university to career development.

Providing opportunities for Japanese and international students to learn together

The Japanese Course offers a number of subjects that Japanese students in the English Course and Chinese Course and international students can study together, as well as a tandem partner program in which a Japanese student pairs with an international student to teach and learn each other's language.

Curriculum for in-depth learning of Japanese language, culture and society

Business Japanese

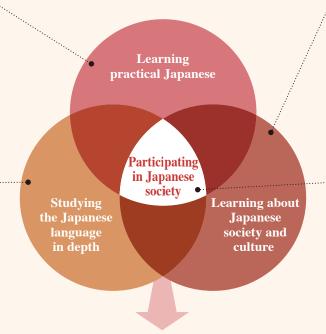
Developing the ability to effectively apply the acquired knowledge and communicate when looking for a job and working for a Japanese company

By practicing filling in application forms and preparing for job interviews, students are guided to decide which industry they want to work in, what type of work they want to do and how they can develop their careers. Students are also made to think about the implications of careers and communications for foreign employees working for Japanese companies, while learning about the corporate culture, employment contract system, and personnel training system unique to Japanese companies.

Basics of communicating in Japanese

Learning about how the Japanese language is actually used in different situations to enhance practical proficiency in Japanese

Students first learn to acquire specialized knowledge about the Japanese language, including grammar, conversation and pronunciation as well as Japanese language education, and then deepen their overall understanding of the language as a communication tool essential for interpretation and translation, by examining how the Japanese language is actually used and comparing it with their mother tongue.



Globalization and Japanese society

Helping international students successfully cope with cultural differences and problems they may encounter in Japanese society

Students are guided to deepen their understanding of situations in Japanese society (e.g. employment, family, and lifestyle) in comparison with multilingual and multicultural societies around the world or the society of their home country, to identify problems and solutions from the viewpoint of foreign nationals living in Japan.

Workshop on modern Japanese society

Fostering the ability to act in collaboration with local companies and residents as a member of society

Second-year students who have acquired basic Japanese communication skills necessary for working in Japanese society engage in solution-oriented discussions and presentations to share knowledge, experience and problems with guest speakers from companies and local communities.

Training future leaders of global Japanese society with high-level communication skills

- •Practical Japanese •Proficiency of another foreign language
- •Understanding of global society •Multicultural understanding
- A wide range of knowledge

NEW -

The tandem partner system is launched.

The tandem partner system in which students teach and learn each other's language started in AY2017. By pairing with Japanese students in the English or Chinese Course, international students can not only enhance their Japanese proficiency but also interact more with students in the Faculty of Global Communications.



Interview with an international student

(a fourth-year student of the Japanese Course from China)

Q What made you decide to study at the Japanese Course of the Faculty of Global Communications?

A I have been interested in Japan since I was a little child and have been studying Japanese since finishing elementary school. To learn more about Japan, I decided to enroll in this course which offers in-depth studies of Japan, upon graduating from high school.

Q What activities are you particularly interested in now?

A I am currently engaged in a seminar project with Japanese students, in which we are exploring how we can better communicate the attractiveness of Kyoto to tourists and local residents under the theme "Communicating the culture of Kyoto." I have also actively participated in various extracurricular activities, such as Clover Festival (university festival).

Employment data (Students who completed the Japanese Course in March 2017)

Percentage of students employed in Japan (among students wishing to work in Japan)

100%

National average: 53.2%

The figure is calculated based on the "Summary of the Lifestyle Survey of Privately Financed International Students in AY2015" and "Survey on Career Choice of International Students in AY2015" conducted by the Japan Student Services Organization.

Main companies that have employed graduates of the Japanese Course

Lawson, Bic Camera, Otsuka Kagu, Nippon Shinyaku, Nippon Television AX-ON, P&G Prestige, and others

Views of a graduate

I have gained the skills necessary to live in Japan

I chose to study at the Faculty of Global Communications as I wanted to learn Japanese language in Japanese society. I was able to greatly improve my ability to communicate in Japanese thanks to the many opportunities for presentations and practical training offered by the Faculty. Especially, the "Business Japanese" class helped me a lot when looking for a job, enabling me to get the job I always wanted: at a hotel. I am now working on the reception desk of a hotel, doing my best to serve guests by using my bilingual skills in Korean and Japanese.



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