



Nanzan University (Aichi)



“Over forty years of experience in educating international leaders” –Since the founding in 1974, the Center for Japanese Studies has been a leader in Japanese language studies, with the goal of helping each student develop a better understanding of the Japanese people and language.

◆ University Overview

○ Features and History

Nanzan University is located in the heart of Japan, in and around the city of Nagoya. It started as a college of foreign languages in 1946 and grew into a single Faculty of Arts and Letters in 1949. Established with the underlying philosophy of “For Human Dignity”, it is the only Catholic coeducational university in the Chubu region.

(as of 1 May 2016)

○ Number of Faculty Staff members
Full-time : 331, Part-time : 476

○ Number of Students

Undergraduate: 9,727, Graduate: 254
Total: 9,981

Above includes International Students:
Undergraduate: 101, Graduate: 35
Total: 136

International Students in Center for Japanese Studies: 117

○ Graduate and Undergraduate Schools

Undergraduate Schools ;
Humanities, Foreign Studies, Economics,
Business Administration, Law, Policy Studies,
Science and Engineering, Junior College

○ Graduate Schools ;

Humanities, International Area Studies, Economics,
Business Administration, Law, Policy Studies,
Sciences and Engineering



○ Record in the field of international exchange

Number of foreign educational institutions with which exchange agreements are in place: Nanzan University – 70 schools and 1 group, Nanzan Junior College – 5 schools

Exchange students sent to the above schools: 66 students (excluding those who have put their studies at Nanzan on hold in order to go abroad to study)
Exchange students accepted from the above schools: 68 students

○ Numbers of foreign students, and foreign students studying the Japanese language or Japanese culture in the past three years.

2016: 136 foreign students with 117 students in the Center for Japanese Studies
Foreign research students studying the Japanese language or culture: 1

2015: 161 foreign students with 112 students in the Center for Japanese Studies
Foreign research students studying the Japanese language or culture: 5

2014: 143 foreign students with 111 students in the Center for Japanese Studies
Foreign research students studying the Japanese language or culture: 6



◆ Course Features

○ Name of the Course
Center for Japanese Studies

○ Features of the Program:

The CJS has been a leader in Japanese language studies since its founding in 1974. Six different levels of intensive courses, from elementary to advanced Japanese, are offered by outstanding and experienced Japanese teaching professionals. All four language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing are stressed. Studying in the appropriate course level enables students to rapidly improve their Japanese language ability. Students not only learn Japanese language, but also expand their knowledge about Japan by taking area studies and culture classes, such as Japanese Economy or Flower Arrangement. The CJS also provides a home stay program through which students can learn Japanese culture first-hand by living with a Japanese family.

○ Number of Students Accepted:
120 students (including 6 Japanese Government
Scholarship student)

○ Qualifications and criteria for people wishing to enroll

- (i) People majoring in a field related to Japanese language or culture, or those strongly motivated to study Japanese despite their major being in another field.
- (ii) Students who have achieved at least a B average (3.0 in the 4-point scale) in their studies in their own university.

○ Period of the Program:

September 11, 2017 – May 19, 2018

Fall Sem.:

September 11, 2017 – December 20, 2017

Spring Sem.:

January 12, 2018 – May 19, 2018

(Summer Program: June – July, 2017)

○ Supporting Academic Staff:

Full-time Faculty 22, Part-time Lecturers 19

○ CJS students: 122, from 24 countries and areas (as of September 2016)

○ Program Content:

Compulsory subjects

(1) Japanese Courses:

New Intensive Japanese 300:

Basic Japanese grammar is introduced. Classroom reading materials are chosen to enable students to read everyday materials and express themselves effectively.

New Intensive Japanese 400:

Skimming and scanning training is carried out, and intensive reading is introduced. Students are expected to master basic Japanese grammar and simple discourse structures.

New Intensive Japanese 500:

The main texts are materials chosen from various sources such as newspapers and novels. Students are expected to master most intermediate grammar and discourse structures.

New Intensive Japanese 600:

This course is designed mainly for those who wish to continue their language study in order to pursue an academic or professional career using the Japanese language.

New Intensive Japanese 700:

This course is designed for students who plan to deal with materials on specific topics in their future work.

Academic Japanese Reading:

This course is mainly designed for students who have completed NIJ700. In class, students read and discuss academic books and papers in various academic fields including their own majors.



Optional subjects

(2) Project Work ;

Designed to enable students to conduct a project using various types of Japanese. Students learn how to give oral presentations on their project and organize the results of their project into a short paper.

(3) Lecture Classes ;

Japanese Economy*, Japanese Business*, Japanese Politics, Japanese Religions*, Japanese Literature, Japanese History, Japanese Culture*, Japanese Foreign Policy*, Japanese Culture and Art, Fieldwork Research Methods for Japan

*Open to Japanese students

(4) Seminars ;

Readings in Japanese Literature, Elementary or Intermediate Translation, Japanese Writing, Creative Writing, Classical Japanese, Academic Japanese Writing, Business Japanese, Japanese in Tourism: Hotel Japanese, Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language, Japanese in Volunteering University Preparatory Japanese, Introduction to Readings in Social Science

(5) Practical Courses in the Japanese Arts ;

Ikebana (Flower Arrangement), Shodo (Calligraphy), Hanga (Woodblock Painting), Sumie (Chinese Black Ink Painting), Sado (Japanese Culture and Tea Ceremony).

(6) Open Courses ;

Japanese Linguistics, Studies in Japanese Language Pedagogy, Observation and Analysis of Japanese Language Activities, Seminar in American Foreign Relations: A view from Japan, Seminar in War and Peace: A Transnational Perspective, Approaches and Methods in Foreign Language Teaching, Principles of Language Education, Japanese Nationality Law

Open courses are offered by Undergraduate schools of Nanzan University and are open to cross registration by CJS students.



○ Credit and Evaluation

CJS requires all full-time students to carry a course load of 14 to 18 credit hours per semester. A certificate of completion will be awarded to all full-time students successfully completing 28 credits in a year.

○ Guidance system

To provide high-quality support, with New Intensive Japanese courses, one teacher is assigned to each group of students enrolled in a particular level class throughout the semester.

In addition, Deans are assigned to each of the three areas of study and student life: Japanese language courses, Japanese Area Studies, and Student Affairs. On top of that, all students are assigned a supervisor from among the academic staff members, making it possible to provide individual guidance both on academic issues and matters related to student life.

○ Participatory courses such as the Internship Program
In order to develop a level of Japanese language ability that will be sufficient in a real-life working situation, we run a Work Experience Program for a limited number of students out of those enrolled in two particular courses. Further, courses in fieldwork research methods and in volunteering will also be offered.

○ Field Trips etc.

About once a month there is some form of exchange activity with other students. In addition to going to watch kabuki, pottery-making and visiting the Toyota Motor Corporation automobile manufacture plant, there are bus trips to facilitate exchange with other foreign undergraduate students or opportunities to play traditional Japanese games or participate in sports with local Japanese students. These events and activities are designed to provide CJS students with an opportunity to deepen exchange with other foreign undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as with local Japanese students.

○ The Japan Plaza

The Japan Plaza, where only the use of Japanese is allowed, is available for students to use for practicing their Japanese outside the classroom.

◆ Accommodation

(1) Homestay

Nanzan's homestay program is one of the largest in Japan and has been extremely well received by numerous students at CJS. Through the experience of sharing daily life with a Japanese family, Japanese culture can be learned first hand. These live-in situations also give everyone a precious opportunity to communicate across cultures and to make life-long friendships.

(2) International Residences

Nanzan University runs two off campus facilities, the Nagoya Koryu Kaikan and the Yamazato Koryu Kaikan. Both were founded to promote international understanding and cooperation through a live-in experience.

It is a 1 min. walk from campus, and the Yamazato Koryu Kaikan is a 5 min. walk from campus.

○ Accommodation for Japanese Government students (for the last three years)

2016 (1 student): Nagoya Koryu Kaikan(1)

2015 (4 students): International Student Center(4)

2014 (6 students): International Student Center(5),
Yamazato Koryu Kaikan(1)

◆ Follow-up for alumni

The Nanzan International Student Alumni Network sends out an E-Newsletter to alumni biannually. Now alumni news is shared through its own facebook page.

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