



# Nanzan University (Aichi)



“Over forty years of experience in educating international leaders” –Since the founding in 1974, the Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) 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

### ① 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, grew into a single Faculty of Arts and Letters in 1949 and has since grown into a fully-fledged university with a worldwide reputation for academic excellence. Established with the underlying philosophy of “For Human Dignity”, it is the only Catholic coeducational university in the Chubu region.

(as of 1 May 2017)

○Number of Faculty Staff members  
Full-time : 355, Part-time : 432

○Number of Students  
Undergraduate: 9,794, Graduate: 205  
Total: 9,999  
Above includes International Students:  
Undergraduate: 94, Graduate: 25  
Total: 119  
CJS : 107

○Graduate and Undergraduate Schools  
Undergraduate Schools :  
Humanities, Foreign Studies, Economics,  
Business Administration, Law, Policy Studies,  
Science and Engineering, Junior College,  
Global Liberal Studies  
○Graduate Schools :  
Humanities, International Area Studies,  
Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering  
Nanzan School of Law

### ② Record in the Field of International Exchange

Number of foreign educational institutions under exchange agreements are in place:  
79 schools and 1 group (2016)  
Exchange students sent to the above schools:  
88 students (2016)  
Exchange students accepted from the above schools:  
61 students (2017 Spring Semester)

### ③ Numbers of International Students, and Japanese Studies Program Students in the Past Three Years

2017:  
119 international students with 107 students in CJS and Students 2 in Japanese Studies Program  
2016:  
136 international students with 117 students in CJS and Student 1 in Japanese Studies Program  
2015:  
161 international students with 112 students in CJS and Students 5 in Japanese Studies Program

### ④ Characteristics of the Region

- [1] Convenient access to major cities in Japan, such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.
- [2] The 4th largest city in Japan, with a low cost of living compared with Tokyo and Osaka.
- [3] Urban yet a spacious and relaxing filled with cultural heritages and entertainment.
- [4] City surrounded by nature, with easy access to the sea or the mountains.
- [5] Home of world-leading automobile and aerospace industries, and much more.

## ◆ Course Features

### ① Principles and Aims of the Course

(b) A course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency with supplementary study about Japan and Japanese culture  
Regarding our basic idea, communication is the key to understanding culture, Japanese courses at Nanzan therefore stress all four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.  
Experienced teaching professionals deliver intensive Japanese language courses ranging from elementary to advanced level. Rapid progress in the language soon allows students to make the most of their newfound fluency by taking advantage of the many extracurricular learning opportunities that are available.

### ② Features of the Program

○Name of the Course:  
Center for Japanese Studies(CJS)  
○Features of the Program:  
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 emphasized. Studying in the appropriate course level enables students to rapidly improve their Japanese language ability. Students not only learn the Japanese language, but also expand their knowledge about Japan by taking area studies and culture classes, such as Japanese Economy and Flower Arrangement. CJS also provides a home stay program through which students can learn Japanese culture first-hand by living with a Japanese family.

**③Number of Students Accepted:**

120 students (including 5 Embassy Recommendation, 1 University Recommendation)

**④Qualifications 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.

**⑤Goals of Achievement**

There is a wide variety of courses offered in five categories: Courses in the Japanese Language, Japanese Seminar Courses, Lecture Courses in Japanese Area Studies, Open Courses, and Practical Courses in the Japanese Arts. Upon completion of these courses, students are expected to be able to select appropriate forms of speech depending on the formality of the situation or the familiarity among the speakers. They also would be able to read various types of authentic materials dealing with Japanese society and culture and to write short reports and academic papers on various topics. They should eventually be able to handle 1500 kanji.

**⑥Period of the Program**

September 10, 2018 - May 18, 2019

Fall Semester:

September 10, 2018 - December 21, 2018

Spring Semester:

January 11, 2019 - May 18, 2019

(Summer Program: June - August, 2018)

**⑦Program Content**

(1)Compulsory Subjects

Japanese Courses:

Japanese I :

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

Japanese II :

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

Japanese III:

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.

Japanese IV:

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.

Japanese V:

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

Japanese VI :

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.

(2)Participatory Courses Internship Program etc.

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 of fieldwork research methods and of volunteering will also be offered.



(3)Optional Subjects

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.

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

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

Practical Courses in Japanese Arts:

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

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.

### ⑧Special Events

Fall Semester.

September: Entrance Ceremony, Orientation  
Placement Test, Welcome Party

October : Field Trip

November: University Festival, Field Trip

December: Final Examinations, Farewell Party

Spring Semester.

January : Entrance Ceremony, Orientation  
Placement Test, Welcome Party  
Field Trip

February : Field Trip

March : Field Trip

April : Field Trip

May : Final Examinations  
Closing Ceremony & Party

○Field Trips:

About once a month, cultural exchange activities with other students are organized such as watching kabuki, pottery-making, and visiting the Toyota Motor Corporation automobile manufacture plant. In addition there are bus trips for CJS students and other international undergraduate students are promoted along with 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 their international understanding with other international undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as with local Japanese students.

### ⑨Administrative Structure

○Supporting Academic Staff:

22 Full-time Faculty, 19 Part-time Lecturers

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

In addition, Deans are assigned to each of the three categories: 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.

○The Japan Plaza

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

### ⑩Credit 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.

### ◆Accommodation

(1)Homestay

Nanzan's homestay program is one of the largest in Japan and has extremely been appreciated 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 dormitories, the Nagoya Koryu Kaikan and the Yamazato Koryu Kaikan. Both were founded to promote international understanding and cooperation through a live-in experience.

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

○Accommodation for Japanese Government Students (Records of past three years)  
2017 (2 students): International Student Center(2)  
2016 (1 students): Nagoya Koryu Kaikan(1)  
2015 (4 students): International Student Center(4)



### ◆Follow-up for alumni

(1)Alumni Network

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

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