

Nanzan Summer Japanese Program

Curriculum – The Center for Japanese Studies at Nanzan University, renowned as a leader in the field of Japanese language education, now offers an intensive six-week summer program of the same quality as its rigorous Japanese program. This summer program offers intensive Japanese courses from pre-intermediate to pre-advanced level, a course in Japanese Studies introducing various aspects of Japanese society and culture, and a course in Japanese Arts (hanga ‘woodblock printing’ and ikebana ‘flower arrangement’).

(1) Japanese Language (45 min.×16 times /week×6 weeks)

| Course | Prerequisites | | Content | |
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| | Japanese Instruction | No. of kanji | Textbook | Total no. of kanji |
| ISJ* 400a | Less than 400 hours | 200 | Genki L15-L20 or equivalent | 300 |
| ISJ 400b | Less than 450 hours | 300 | Genki L21-L23, IJ** L1-L2 or equivalent | 400 |
| ISJ 500a | Less than 500 hours | 400 | IJ L3-L9 or equivalent | 550 |
| ISJ 500b | Less than 550 hours | 550 | IJ L10-L15 or equivalent | 700 |

*Intensive Summer Japanese **An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese by Miura & McGloin

(2) Japanese Studies (90 min.×2 times/week×6 weeks)

The Japanese Studies course has two components taught in English. The first is Contemporary Japanese Politics and Economy, and the other is Japanese Culture, with a particular focus on representative works of Japanese literature. Students must take both components to receive a grade for the course.



(3) Japanese Arts (90 min. ×1 time/week×6 weeks)

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of arranging flowers and woodblock printing.

Daily Schedule

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 9:20 – 10:05 | Japanese | Japanese | Japanese | Japanese | Japanese |
| 10:05 – 10:50 | | | ↓ | | ↓ |
| 11:05 – 11:50 | | | Field Trips, Coffee Hour, etc. | | |
| 11:50 – 12:35 | ↓ | ↓ | | ↓ | |
| 1:30 – 3:00 | Japanese Arts | | | Japanese Studies | Japanese Studies |
| Japan Plaza is open 12:45 – 5:45 | | | | | |

Extracurricular Activities

(1) Field Trips

There are field trips to famous cultural spots near Nagoya, such as Takayama, Toyota Plant and Grand Sumo Tournament, with Japanese students during the program.

(2) Interaction with Japanese Students

- **Japan Plaza** : This is a place where only Japanese may be used. You can always communicate with Japanese students in Japanese in this special room. A teaching assistant is also there on duty to help you! Japan Plaza is open from 12:45 to 5:45 p.m. on weekdays.
- **Coffee Hour** : Some cultural events with Japanese students are being planned.



Housing /Accommodation

Nanzan University’s international student dormitory for Japanese and foreign students will be arranged. Students who wish to arrange their own accommodation must inform CJS in advance.

Fees

Tuition: ¥200,000. Housing Fee: ¥64,000. Handling Fee (student insurance fee included): ¥30,000.

Located in Nagoya with eight faculties and seven graduate schools, Nanzan University is the only co-educational Catholic university in the central part of Japan. Nanzan University’s guiding principles and policies are based on its educational motto, *Homini Dignitati*, that is, For Human Dignity. Since its founding, the Center for Japanese Studies has enjoyed a world-wide reputation for its principles and academic excellence in the field of Japanese studies.

JOHNSON, Sarah Grace

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My summer at Nanzan University has been the best one I’ve ever had! I was hoping to improve my Japanese and get a chance to explore Japan, and the Nanzan summer Japanese program was exactly what I was looking for. I was a little intimidated at first, because my Japanese classes at my home university weren’t very intensive. However, after the first week of class, all my worries were pushed aside. All the students were very friendly and I was able to make a lot of friends. My teachers were even nicer; I could tell they really cared about our learning. They were always available outside of class if we ever needed help and answered any questions we may have had. They encouraged us to practice as much as we could and I really appreciated it. I was able to greatly improve my listening and speaking skills, something I never really got to do before.

While it was an intensive language course, I never once felt too overwhelmed. I was glad to have time to go on field trips, such as seeing the Toyota Plant or watching the sumo competition. It allowed me to experience a part of Japan that I don’t get to see in class. Now that the program is over, I can’t believe how fast it flew by! I wish I had been able to study at Nanzan for the entire year. I think Nanzan is a great university to study at and I would recommend it to anyone looking to improve their Japanese.



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At my home university I am a very busy student with high ambitions and so I naturally wanted to study abroad and learn the language I was studying in the culture that it came from. However, so many options for study abroad either took too much time out of the school year or were far too expensive for the summer. But when I found the Nanzan Summer Japanese Program, I found something that seemed like a decent amount of time and a good level for me to continue my studies in Japanese. After arriving and staying in Japan for the program, I have come to see that the time has flown by and there is a sense of sadness in that. However, also after studying in this program, I have found a new sense of worth in my choice of language and excitement for studying it again. As I have been able to speak and understand more of what people say in Japanese, I see why I wanted to learn Japanese in action.

On top of studying the language, there are also many different cultural events that take place to experience different aspects of Japanese culture. For example, one very exciting thing that I got to do was see a sumo tournament. I was not so excited at first, but after getting there and being with all the excited people, I got really immersed in the experience and it has been one of my favorite things about the study abroad experience. There are also a variety of different things that are done, like touring the Toyota Plant and going to visit Magome and Tsumago. This program has really been a great experience getting to see the culture and learn about Japan and the Japanese language. All of the people in the program, the CJS Office workers, the professors, and the Japanese students were all very kind and helpful. This has been a wonderful experience and one that I will look on fondly for years to come.

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The Nanzan Summer Japanese Program will definitely exist as one of the best experiences of my life. Before arriving in Japan, I felt extremely nervous about how I should interact with people and if I would have trouble making friends. To my surprise, I ended up making friends the very night I arrived in Japan. Every single person I have met at Nanzan has treated me kindly and helped me out whenever I needed help. There are actually four cases where strangers have come up to me and asked if I needed any help just because I appeared lost.

As for the classes at Nanzan, my Japanese class has definitely improved my Japanese and I found the course material surprisingly relevant to the experiences I had in Japan. The art classes have also expanded my appreciation and interest in Japanese art. The teachers also truly cared about their students. Whenever a student had a question, the teachers would try their best to answer that question even if it involved a bit of research. Outside of classes, there are also various field trips and events with Japanese students called Coffee Hours are also included in this program. These events are a great way to interact with native Japanese speakers and they definitely improve your Japanese listening and speaking ability. Besides these events, there are plenty of other opportunities to interact with Japanese students. Whenever you want to converse with Japanese students, you can visit an area called Japan Plaza where only Japanese can be spoken. Hanging out with new Japanese friends outside of class also commonly occurs.

I will forever remember the experiences I have had and the friends that I have made at Nanzan. If you want to attend a solid university with awesome people, you cannot go wrong with studying at Nanzan.