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Participating in Nanzan University's Intensive Japanese Program (IJP) has been a game-changer for me. This program offers an incredible array of courses, so you're guaranteed to find something that resonates with your interests and level of Japanese. The fact that we have Japanese language classes every day means you can expect to see rapid progress in your abilities. What I've found most enriching about my experience, particularly at the fifth level, is the emphasis on discussion. Along with studying grammar, talking about a variety of topics with classmates has drastically improved my ability to think in Japanese. It's this unique blend of intensive learning and practical application that I believe sets the IJP apart. Trust me, it's an experience that will not only enhance your language skills but also deepen your understanding of Japanese culture.


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The CJS Intensive Japanese program has provided the boost my Japanese very much needed. As an exchange student at Nanzan University, majoring in Japanese Studies back at my home university, I feel my Japanese has progressed much faster than ever before, thanks to the immersive environment, but also to the very practical course content and thoughtful teachers. The program offers a variety of courses for all levels of Japanese learners, and I have enjoyed taking courses ranging from Calligraphy and Japanese Cinema to Business Japanese and Tourism.

Beyond academics, the program has also given me the opportunity to make many new friends, both Japanese and other international students, and to reconnect with my grandma, who happens to live in Nagoya. Learning about their cultures has been invaluable in terms of broadening my own worldview and putting my own culture in perspective, but it also brought me friendships that will last for many more years to come!


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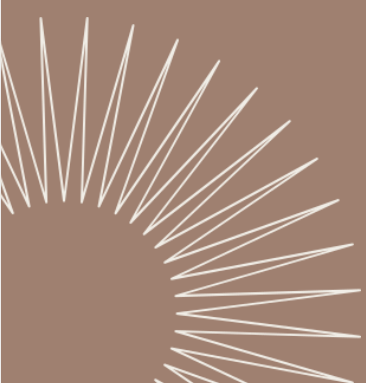
Studying in Japan has been a goal of mine since I started learning Japanese. I wanted to surround myself with Japanese while also being able to experience and discover more about Japan. My semester at Nanzan University has allowed me to do exactly that.

When I first arrived in Japan, I found myself worrying about my Japanese ability and asking myself if I was up for the task ahead. But the moment the lessons started I quickly learned that while I was indeed facing a huge challenge, my teachers are more than qualified to help me along the way. The classes are well structured and varied. No day is the same as the one before, which makes going to class exciting, even after the initial excitement over moving to a new country wears off.

The class difficulty is also at just the right level. I find myself constantly being pushed to try a little harder and challenged to do new things with my Japanese. Even though I have only been here for a little over two months, I feel like my Japanese has improved dramatically.

Studying alongside Japanese students has also given me the opportunity to make Japanese friends and to use my Japanese outside of the classroom. I have joined a school club, participated in the school festival and explored Nagoya with my friends. The memories I have made here are memories I will cherish forever.

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I have no doubt that Nanzan University's Intensive Japanese Program (IJP) is one of the finest places to learn the Japanese language. The most important thing for me when I came to Japan was to improve my Japanese ability, and the IJP provided me with the perfect opportunity to do just that. I could practice, practice, and practice every day in the IJP.

All of the teachers were very patient towards me. If there was something that I did not know, they gladly explained it in detail to help me in my struggle to learn Japanese. Not only did they teach me, but they also pushed me to the point where I could speak Japanese fluently. They gave me practice and homework, to help me focus on learning the Japanese language. I was glad to do all of the practice because they actively corrected my mistakes, even the small ones, and soon I realized that I was making fewer mistakes.

Besides that, there were some people called Teaching Assistants who helped me a lot with my Japanese homework or spent time with me if I just wanted to talk in Japanese with them. I was able to speak Japanese not only in class, but everywhere within the university, and out in Japanese society.

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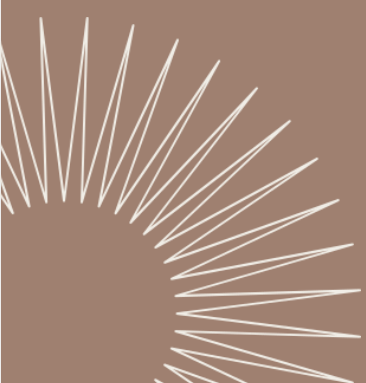
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I feel like my confidence in Japanese is really improving in the Intensive Japanese Program. In the Japanese IV class we talk about a variety of topics with plenty of chances to practice reading, listening, writing and speaking, including with native Japanese students. I've been able to hone my skills in holding conversations, writing essays and giving presentations, as well as learning a lot of important grammar and vocabulary that equips me to comfortably engage with materials like novels and movies. The class is fast-paced but not overwhelming, and I always feel comfortable talking to my classmates and teachers without being afraid of making mistakes.

The variety of classes available at Nanzan University is really impressive. When I arrived, I was particularly looking forward to taking creative writing classes. It was really interesting to learn about haiku and tanka poetry, and fun to then go outside and try writing my own while looking at nature around me. I also particularly appreciate the Calligraphy arts class. While studying calligraphy, I've learned a lot about the aesthetics and history of kanji characters, which is one of my favorite research subjects, and even improved my everyday Japanese handwriting. The class is also a great way to relax during a day of studying!

Overall, I'm really enjoying my time at Nanzan University, and the Intensive Japanese Program provides a lot of fun and rewarding opportunities that I would definitely recommend.

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Hello, my name is Jason Walton, and I am a study abroad student at Nanzan University! I talk today specifically about Nanzan's Intensive Japanese Program (IJP).

I am currently in level 3 of their Japanese program, and while I have only been here for around 3 months, I have seen an incredible improvement in my Japanese skills. The IJP not only focuses on reading and writing, but also listening and speaking as well. In class you will find yourself doing activities such as practicing your conversation skills with the students around you, writing essays, reading books, creating dialogues, even presenting to the class on places you have visited in Japan!

Before coming to Nanzan, I tried to keep my Japanese learning well rounded, but I found it difficult. At Nanzan, however, the course activities and content is broad yet thorough, quick paced but well taught, difficult while still being fun. The teachers are amazing and are always seeking to help the students in any way, even with material not specifically related to class (i.e., recommendations on easy to understand Japanese books or movies). On top of this I have also had many opportunities to speak with and become friends with study abroad students from countries such as Germany, England, Switzerland, and many others.

If you are considering Nanzan's Intensive Japanese Program, I would highly recommend it. It will be difficult, but you will learn a lot, and most importantly, have fun!

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