Nanzan University (Aichi)  

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  
  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  

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.
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.


(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).


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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