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 2019)
Ο Number of Faculty Staff members
Full-time: 354, Part-time: 426

Ο Number of Students
Undergraduate: 9,206, Graduate: 179
Total: 9,385
Above includes International Students:
Undergraduate: 117, Graduate: 29
Total: 146
Japanese Language program (CJS): 115

Ο Graduate and Undergraduate Schools
Undergraduate Schools:
Humanities, Foreign Studies, Economics, Business Administration, Law, Policy Studies, Science and Engineering, Global Liberal Studies
Graduate Schools:
Humanities, International Area Studies, Social Sciences, Law, Science 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:
102 schools and 3 group (2018)
Exchange students sent to the above schools:
109 students (2018)
Exchange students accepted from the above schools: 56 students (2019 Spring Semester)

③ Numbers of International Students, and Japanese Studies Program Students in the Past Three Years
2019:
147 international students with 115 students in CJS and Student 2 in Japanese Studies Program
2018:
127 international students with 124 students in CJS and Students 2 in Japanese Studies Program
2017:
119 international students with 107 students in CJS and Students 2 in Japanese Studies Program

④ Characteristics of the Region
[1] Convenient access to major cities in Japan, such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.
[4] City surrounded by nature, with easy access to the sea or the mountains.

Course Features

① Principles and Aims of the Course
(b) A course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency

② Features of the Program
Ο Name of the Course:
Center for Japanese Studies (CJS)
Ο Features of the Program:
[1] 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.
[2] 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 Japanese Society. Japanese seminar courses provide an opportunity to apply language study to future career goals.
[3] Courses in traditional Japanese arts such as Flower arrangement and calligraphy are offered to help students develop a Japanese culture.
[4] Several trips and study tours to place of special interest in the region are offered to complement the academic program. The Japan Plaza and Multi-cultural Exchange Lounge are space where you can communicate with local and international students at campus.
Number of Students Accepted:
120 students (including 5 Embassy Recommendation, 1 University Recommendation)

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.

Goals of Achievement
The main goal of CJS is to offer intensive Japanese language and culture courses so that students can develop fluency in Japanese and also deepen their understanding of Japan’s culture. By offering various content courses, CJS also aims to increase students’ ability to think critically and express their opinions about a range of global issues.

Period of the Program
Early September 2020 – Late May 2021
(Fall Semester:
September 7, 2020 - December 18, 2020
Spring Semester:
January 12, 2021 - May 19, 2021)
The closing ceremony in 2019
May 19, 2020

Period of Scholarship Funding
October 2020 – May 2021

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 (including Courses in Japanese Language) over two consecutive semester. An official academic transcript will be available. Requests for the transcript must be accompanied by a fee of 200 yen.

Special Events
Fall Semester.
Early September: Arrival in Nagoya
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 Late May : Return to home country

Field Trips:
About once a month, cultural exchange activities with other students are organized such as watching kabuki and visiting the Toyota Motor Corporation automobile manufacture plant. In addition one-day bus trips provide opportunities for CJS students to interact with local students and make new friends.

Program Content
1) Course Features
There is a wide variety of courses offered in five categories: Japanese Language Courses, Japanese Seminar Courses, Japanese Area Studies Courses, Open Courses, and Japanese Arts Practical Courses. The CJS offers many opportunities to learn with Nanzan University students. Local students regularly participate in Intensive Japanese Course class discussions, in Open Courses, and in Japanese Area Study Courses.

2) Compulsory Subjects
Japanese Courses: 8 credits/each 720 mins/week.

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 Japanese V. In class, students read and discuss academic books and papers in various academic fields including their own majors.

II) Optional Subjects
- Japanese Seminar Courses: 2 credits/each, 90 mins/week

- Japanese Area Studies Courses: 3 credits/each, 135 mins/week
  * Open to local students

- Japanese Arts Practical Courses: 2 credits/each, 90 mins/week
  Ikebana (Flower Arrangement), Shodo (Calligraphy), Hanga (Woodblock Painting), Sumie (Chinese Black Ink Painting), Sado (Japanese Culture and Tea Ceremony). etc.

- 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.

- Studying with Local Students: 2 credits/each, 90 mins/week
  Open courses are offered by Undergraduate schools of Nanzan University and are open to cross registration by CJS students.
  Japanese Society and Law Seminar in American History
  [Special Seminar An introduction of the Special Studies Latin America]
  Special Seminar [Intercultural Competence]
  Special Seminar [Media Literacy in the Digital Age] etc.

Administrative Structure
Masahiro HOSHINO
Director, Center for International Affairs
Robert CROKER
CJS Program Director
Deputy Director, Center for International Affairs
CJS Dean of Academic Affairs (Japanese Area Studies)
Nanako MACHIDA
CJS Dean of Academic Affairs (Japanese Language)
Mark BREMER
CJS Dean of Students Affairs
○ Teaching Staff for Japanese courses:
  Full-time: 8, Part-time: 8

Accommodation
(1) Homestay
  Through the experience of sharing daily life with a Japanese family, Japanese culture can be learned first hand.
  Fee: ¥60,000/month includes two meals a day

(2) International Residences
  Nanzan University runs two off campus dormitories. Both were founded to promote international understanding and cooperation through a live-in experience.
  Nagoya Koryu Kaikan (For Female students)
  Fee: ¥40,000/month
  1 min. away from campus
  Yamazato Koryu Kaikan (For Male students)
  Fee: ¥30,000/month
  5 min. walk from campus

(3) International Students Center
  The International Student Center (ISC) is managed and operated by the Nagoya International Center.
  Fee: ¥20,000/month

○ Accommodation for Japanese Government Students
  (Records of past three years)
  2019 (2 students): International Student Center(2)
  2018 (2 students): International Student Center(2)
  2017 (2 students): International Student Center(2)

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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