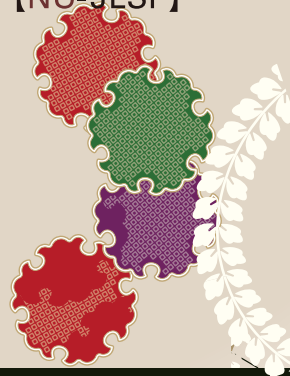




2023  
Guide to the Nihon University  
Japanese Language and  
Japan Studies Program

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# Overview of Nihon University



Nihon University is one of Japan's largest private universities, comprising 12 colleges and 4 schools with 86 departments, 19 graduate schools, 24 attached and affiliated high schools, 16 attached and affiliated junior high schools, 3 elementary schools, 3 kindergartens and a certified Child's Garden.

The university's forerunner, Nihon Law School, was founded in 1889, and since then Nihon University has continued to lead education and research with a consistently global perspective and progressive spirit.

Offering a diverse range of disciplines, as a true university with appeal, Nihon University undertakes various activities such as medical care and lifelong education, in addition to its educational and research activities, with a view to contributing to the further development of society.



## Overview of the Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP)

Nihon University offers the Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) to exchange students from overseas universities with which Nihon University has established inter-university exchange agreements. Under the JLSP, international exchange program students undergo short-term intensive Japanese language and cultural/social education.

The program offers 3 subjects ; Japanese Language Subject (Comprehensive Japanese/Elective Japanese), Japan Studies Subject (taught in English), and Intercultural Experience Subject, (in which Nihon University student volunteers also participate).



# Features of the Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP)

Short-term Intensive Japanese Language Course = 150 hours / 50 days



Approximately two-and-a-half-month period students study comprehensive Japanese language intensively for 150 hours (3 hours per day for 50 days); 150 hours is the basic number of study hours required to advance one level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

**1st [Summer] Term**  
(mid-May to late-July)

**2nd [Fall] Term**  
(mid-September to early-December)

**3rd [Spring] Term**  
(mid-January to late-March)

\*JLSP is a one-term program; the same program is offered three times in an academic year.

## Japanese Language Course Level Placement = 5 Levels of Comprehensive Japanese Language (Compulsory Courses); 5 Subjects of Elective Japanese Language (Elective Courses)

Students are placed in courses according to the level of their Japanese language proficiency to enable them to study the language efficiently in a short period of time. The 5 compulsory comprehensive Japanese levels (A-E)\* are applicable to the study levels for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

Elective subjects are designed to focus on "students' direct experience and output" and enhance their autonomous learning.

\*Levels are decided based on the results of a placement test conducted before start of courses.



## Understanding of Japanese Society / Culture and Intercultural Experience



To enable students to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Japanese society and culture, and also to raise the awareness of intercultural literacy, the JLSP provides the Japan Studies Subject as well as the Intercultural Experience Subject. In the Japan Studies Subject, students study in English about Japanese economy, art, issues that modern society is facing, and behavioral patterns. In the Intercultural Experience Subject, students experience Japanese society and culture directly using Japanese words and expressions actually used by native speakers.

## Collaboration with Volunteers

Japanese students from Nihon University participate as volunteers in the Intercultural Experience Subject in learning activities both inside and outside the classroom. Through these collaborative activities with volunteers, students deepen their exchange with Japanese people.



# Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) Schedule

\*The events and assignments might be changed or cancelled depending on the situation.

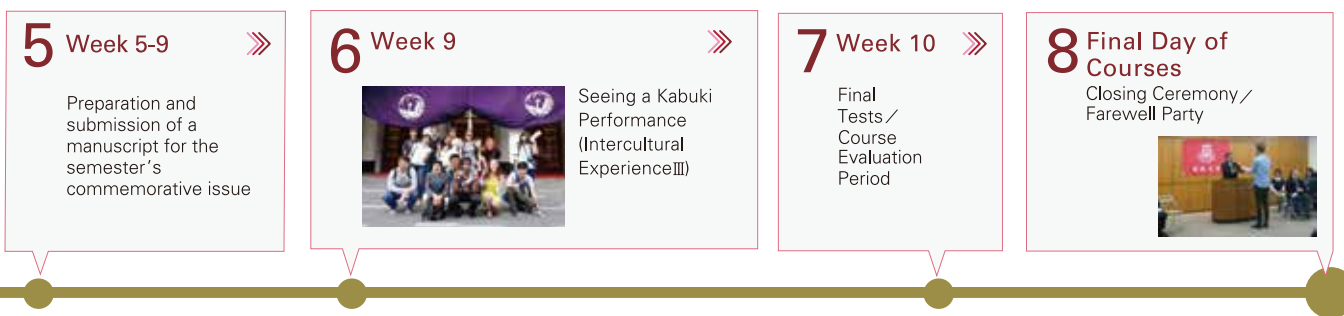


## Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP) Curriculum

<b>Comprehensive Japanese</b>					
Elementary	A		Compulsory Subject (5 course levels) 10 classes per week (2 classes per day) are required. (1.5 hours _ 10 classes _ 10 weeks) (1.5 hours _ 2 classes _ 50 days)	The required number of hours of study in the Comprehensive Japanese classes: <b>150</b>	
Upper-Elementary	B				
Intermediate	C				
Upper-Intermediate	D				
Advanced	E				
<b>Elective Japanese</b>					
Communication	CO	Interacting with Japanese volunteers, project work, etc.		The required number of hours of study in the Elective Japanese classes : <b>15~45</b>	*IN class will be closed in 2023
Creation	CR	Expressing your insights into Japanese society through photographs, videos, and writing, etc			
Inquiring*	IN*	Research aspects of Japanese society that interest you. Interview Japanese people and present results.			
Intercultural Experience	IE	Learn about traditional Japanese culture and other daily culture by direct experience. And present or write reports, etc.			
Autonomous Learning	AL	Determine a specific area to study, by yourself, create a plan, and learn autonomously while being supported by a teacher.			
<b>Japan Studies</b>			Compulsory Subject		
Japanese Society Japanese Culture	JS1	4 topics on Japanese society and culture (organized in an omnibus fashion)		The required number of hours of study in the Japan studies classes: <b>27</b>	
	JS2	Japanese Mind and Society/ Topics in Contemporary Japanese Society			
<b>Intercultural Experience</b>			Compulsory Subjects		
Visit to the Life Safety Learning Center	Honjo or Ikebukuro Bōsaikan		3 hours	The required number of hours of study in the Intercultural Experience: <b>20</b>	
Study Tour	We'll let you know the details once it's been decided		11 hours		
Seeing a Kabuki Performance	Kabukiza Theatre (Tokyo)		6 hours		

\*Curriculum for 2023 is provided as a reference

- Total number of hours for studying compulsory subjects: **197**
- Course content is the same for each term.
- Comprehensive Japanese and Elective Japanese courses are also attended by international students other than JLSP students.



## Comprehensive Japanese / Elective Japanese

### Comprehensive Japanese

This course comprises compulsory courses aimed at comprehensively raising students' Japanese language reading/writing/listening/speaking proficiency. Courses are placed in 5 levels (A-E) and students study Japanese intensively in small classes of their levels for 150 hours during the term. Up to the Intermediate level, courses are based on textbooks and students comprehensively improve their overall Japanese language proficiency. At the Advanced level, there are separate classes for each language skill (reading/writing/listening/speaking/grammar) and different textbooks and materials are used to enable students to acquire an even higher level of Japanese language proficiency.



Activities outside the classroom and discussions with Nihon University student volunteers are conducted to enable students to use and practice the Japanese language skills they have learned.



### Elective Japanese

5 elective subjects (Communication, Creation, Inquiring\*, Intercultural Experience, Autonomous Learning) are placed for academic purposes. Students are able to improve Japanese language proficiency by using Japanese language that you learned in Comprehensive Japanese courses. Nihon University student volunteers join together. Students are able to choose subjects freely in accordance with their needs and interests.

## Comprehensive Japanese / Elective Japanese Course Level Settings

Comprehensive Japanese Course Level		Elective Japanese Course Level				JLPT*	CEFR**		
A	Elementary	CO [Communication]	CR [Creation]			AL① [Autonomous Learning]	N5	A1	
B	Upper-Elementary						N4	A2	
C	Intermediate			*IN [Inquiring]		IE [Intercultural Experience]	AL② [Autonomous Learning]	N3	B1
D	Upper-Intermediate			N2	B2				
E	Advanced			N1	C1				

\* Placement tests correspond to each level for the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).  
 \*\* CEF-R (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages): a common evaluation standard for the achievements of learners of foreign languages in the European Community.  
 \*IN class will be closed in 2023

## Japan Studies

Japan Studies Courses are compulsory courses taught in English, aimed at helping students enhance their knowledge of Japanese society, culture and people, think introspectively about questions they may have regarding Japanese culture. Students attend lectures and participate in discussions on Japanese culture, economy and various other subjects.



## Intercultural Experience \*The events might be changed or cancelled depending on the situation.

The aim of this course is to encourage students to acquire the sense of intercultural literacy as well as global perspective by interacting with their surroundings of things and humans. The three Intercultural Experience courses are aimed at raising the awareness of students' views on Japanese culture, and various friends' cultures. These three Intercultural Experience courses give the students' new perspectives on by allowing them to actual experience of Japanese society and culture while fostering friendship with our volunteers.

### POINT Visit to the Life Safety Learning Center

With a view to better understanding Japan's geographical characteristics, students learn about the prevalence of earthquakes, fires, and typhoons in Japan and experience simulations of how to respond in case any of these events occurs.



### POINT Study Tour

The aim of this trip is to enable students to come in contact with Japanese society and culture. Students can enjoy various aspects of Japanese traditional and modern cultures. On study tours, student volunteers of Nihon University accompany international students and form mixed groups to deepen cultural exchange.



### POINT Seeing a Kabuki Performance

To understand more about traditional Japanese culture, students attend a performance of Kabuki. Through this experience, students can deepen their understanding of the "sophistication" of traditional Japanese culture and how Japanese people enjoy their culture.



## Class Timetable

	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	9:00-10:30	Comprehensive Japanese				
2	10:40-12:10	Comprehensive Japanese				
3	13:00-14:30	Japan Studies	Elective Japanese	Japan Studies	Elective Japanese	Intercultural Experience Subjects, Activities
4	14:40-16:10		Elective Japanese			

\*The timetable may change from year to year.  
\*Timetble for 2023 is provided as a referntce.

## Messages from Students / Volunteers



**HORE Georgia May**  
(The University of Newcastle, Australia)

The JLSJ classes at Nihon University were essential for me to develop my Japanese skills. The teachers are all encouraging and supportive and easy to approach with questions about anything from grammar to where a good spot to grab lunch is. The teachers also really care about your wellbeing, not just how you're doing in class which helped me quickly adjust to living and studying in Japan. The course is challenging but never to the point where I felt overwhelmed. By the end of the program, I felt like my communication skills in both spoken and written Japanese had improved tremendously.

The course also offers the opportunity to chat with Japanese volunteer students, both in class and also through their Language Exchange Program. I became good friends with the volunteers and we would often eat lunch together after class and hang out on the weekends.

You also get the chance to learn about Japanese culture, both from the teachers and volunteers and also through the study trips, such as to see a Kabuki play or visiting museums, shrines and other uniquely Japanese places. The volunteers come along to these events, which helps develop those bonds into life-long friendships!



**MURAWAKI Sachi**  
(Department of Journalism, College of Law, Nihon University)

In this program, the volunteers are Nihon University's student who are interested in interacting with foreigners attend the class and support the students as a partner in practicing conversations. There are also some events to be able to experience Japanese cultures with volunteers.

Through being a volunteer in this program, I think I could broaden my horizons. For instance, I noticed that there are a lot of difficult expressions and complications in Japanese, and it is necessary to be creative in how to communicate. And also, I could make some new discoveries that I didn't know Japanese cultures deeply by talking with international students. I thought I must learn it more to get along with a lot of them.

The classroom of this program is on the campus of the college of law, so you can experience the Japanese university's school life with the Nihon University's students. Furthermore, you can get opportunities to go out with volunteers after school and on weekends. It will be a chance to experience real Japan and make memories with them.

We know you are so nervous and anxious at first, but feel free to ask volunteers for help and questions. We will answer everything and support you! I would like to learn more about your country. We are looking forward to seeing you at the program.

## Communication and Networking

### Language Exchange Partner

This system is opened for all students and Nihon University student volunteers to exchange their language out of the class. Students can improve their language skills. What is more, they will find a lifelong friend through this system.

### Language Café \*This event might be changed or cancelled depending on the situation.

The Language Café is open when no classes are held.

All members will be in all together students enjoy with snacks and drinks using different languages at this event.

### Facebook

Our Japanese Language Program has a Facebook page. We will be regularly uploading about our classes and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/NichidaiJLSP/>

## Campus and Accommodations

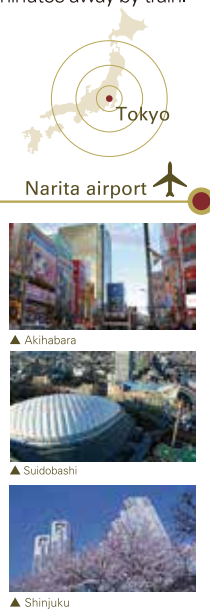
### Campus (College of Law, Nihon University)

The Nihon University campus where JLSP is located in Suidobashi (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), a central area for Japanese business and commerce. Tokyo Dome, Korakuen amusement park and other well-known sites are located nearby. Moreover, the campus is optimally located for accessing the main area of Tokyo, with Akihabara's electronics quarter, and Shinjuku-Fukutoshin sub-center located about 15 minutes away by train.

### Accommodations

JLSP students are provided with 2 meals and accommodations (approximately 30 minutes by train from campus) equipped with furniture, bath, shower, telephone, and an Internet connection.

Living expenses in Japan, while differing from person to person, are approximately 60,000~100,000 yen per month.



## Data

International Academic Partnerships: 127 Institutions in 33 Nations and one area (as of 2022 academic year.)

Number of Students	
Graduate	3,028
Undergraduate	66,395
Junior College	760
Special Training Schools	477
High Schools	31,380
Junior High Schools	7,232
Primary School	910
Kindergarten	590
Certified Child's Garden	188
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,960</b>

\*As of May 1, 2022

Number of Teaching and Administrative Staff	Teach.	Admin.	Total
Colleges	2,559	1,306	3,865
Distance Learning Division	9	41	50
Junior College	46	4	50
Special Training Schools	29	3	32
Senior High Schools	583	88	671
Junior High Schools	97	7	104
Primary School	19	4	23
Kindergarten	8	4	12
Certified Child's Garden	25	2	27
Hospitals	-	2,243	2,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>7,077</b>

\*As of May 1, 2021

Main Partner Universities of JLSP students
University of Cambridge(GBR)*
Stockholm University(SWE)
Free University of Berlin(DEU)
Johannes Gutenberg-University in Mainz(DEU)
L' Université d'Avignon(FRA)
The University of Toronto(CAN)
Western Michigan University(USA)
The University of Alabama at Birmingham(USA)
Aarhus University(DNK)
Nanyang Technological University(SGP)

(and many others)  
\*Pembroke College



■ **Admissions (Inquire about application and procedures)**

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■ **Japanese Language Program Website**

<http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/> (in Japanese)  
<http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/> (in English)

【cover design】 *Blooming Cherry Blossoms* by Miki Kudo; Department of Design, College of Art, Nihon University

The design was made on the motif of "sakura"; a cherry blossom inscribed in the school badge of Nihon University.

The work is meant to give an impression of walking a new path under full-blown cherry blossoms, feeling a gentle breeze in spring.