



UNIVERSITY OF TOYAMA (Toyama)



While respecting the interests and concerns of each individual student, this program offers an opportunity for in-country study of Japanese language and culture. After receiving instruction in basic Japanese language and culture, students progress to more advanced study of language and culture alongside their Japanese peers. The curriculum is tailored to the individual needs and level of each student as we try to strike a balance between foundation and advanced classes.

■University of Toyama Overview

①Characteristics and Outline

In October 2005, three universities (Toyama University (Established in 1949), Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University (Established in 1975) and Takaoka National College (Established in 1983) were integrated into the University of Toyama, a national university with a wide range of education and research facilities.

As of May 2018, there were 9,163 students (Faculties and Graduate Schools) enrolled. Academic exchange agreements have been drawn up with 128 universities and institutions in 30 countries (Australia, People's Republic of China, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA, etc.). We are eager to welcome international students, and our Organization for International Education and Exchange plays a key role in enabling us to do so.

Faculties: Faculty of Humanities,
Faculty of Human Development,
Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Science,
Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of
Engineering, Faculty of Art and Design,
Faculty of Sustainable Design

Graduate schools: Graduate School of Humanities,
Graduate School of Human Development,
Graduate School of Economics,
Graduate School of Art and Design,
Graduate School of Innovative Life Science,
Graduate School of Medicine and Pharmaceutical
Sciences for Education,
Graduate School of Science and Engineering for
Education,
Graduate School of Teacher Training Development

②International Exchange (as of May 2018)

University Exchange Relationships :
37 universities/institutions in 16 countries/regions

③The Number of International Students and Japanese Studies students

2018: Total 307, Program Participants 4
2017: Total 313, Program Participants 4
2016: Total 314, Program Participants 2

④Toyama Prefecture

Located near the geographic heart of Japan, Toyama prefecture is beautifully situated on the Japan Sea coast against the backdrop of the majestic Japan Alps. The prefecture has four distinct seasons, and the snow-covered Toyama winter landscape is particularly beautiful. Toyama is abound in interesting vestiges of old Japan including nearby Gokayama village, with its steep thatched-roof houses (designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the folklore song tradition of *Etchu Owara Bushi* which is known and associated with Toyama throughout Japan.

The university is located in Toyama City, the prefectural capital and a modern metropolis with a population of about 420,000 people. Since Hokuriku Shinkansen bullet train started operating from March 2015, it takes about two hours between Tokyo and Toyama. Blessed with clean water and air, excellent seafood, and all manner of cultural amenities, Toyama is regarded as one of the most convenient and congenial places to live in all Japan.

■Course Outline

①The objectives of study

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency.

(b) A course intended mainly to improve students' Japanese language proficiency with supplementary study about Japan and Japanese culture.

②Features

International students choose from basic course offerings relating to Japanese language and culture that are designed specifically for international students, and from the wide range of more specialized course offerings, pertaining to Japanese language and culture offered through the Faculty of Humanities, Human Development, and Economics according to individual interests and proficiency levels.

International students are also paired with guidance counselors from the Faculty of Humanities and Human Development. These counselors give students individual instruction and help them select interesting research topics for their final reports.

③Maximum Number of Students

Ten students altogether, five by embassy recommendation and five by university recommendation. (Five students are admitted to the Faculty of Humanities and five to the Faculty of Human Development.)

④Qualifications and Requirements for Admission

Students wishing to enroll in this program must meet the following requirements.

(Academic Background)

Applicants must be an undergraduate at a foreign (non-Japanese) university majoring in a field related to the Japanese language or Japanese culture at the time of arriving in and leaving Japan.

(Japanese language proficiency)

Students possessing Japanese language proficiency equivalent to N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Foundation and the Japan Student Services Organization is preferable.

⑤ Achievement Objectives

- Advance a research scheme according to personally designed curriculum, and complete a report in Japanese.
- Acquire equivalent language skills to N1 of Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

⑥ Term

From October 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.
(Completion ceremony will be held at the end of August.)

⑦ Outline of Subjects

1) Compulsory Subjects

There are no compulsory subjects, because students take courses according to their levels.

2) Participatory Subjects

There are no set subjects, but students can participate according to the yearly events.

3) Contents of Completion Report

The aim is to guide and let students take courses according to their interests and levels based on their individually designed curriculum, following their research plan and completing their final report in Japanese.

4) Opportunities to collaboratively study with Japanese students

Regarding Japanese language and culture, students will collaboratively study major subjects with their Japanese counterparts at a higher level in the undergraduate school.

5) Elective Subjects and Others

[a] Subjects relating to Japanese language and culture (As of 2018). For the updated information, please visit our website:

<http://www.ier.u-toyama.ac.jp/>

Subject	hours	
	Fall	Spring
Japanese B	60	60
Japanese Culture	30	30
Intercultural Understanding	-	30

General Japanese Language Course (Advanced Class)

Subject	hours	
	Fall	Spring
Reading Ca	30	30
Reading Cb	30	30
Grammar C	30	30
Composition C	30	30
Listening C	30	30
Conversation C	30	30
Kanji C	30	30
Expression Skills C	30	30
Japanese Culture C	30	30

General Japanese Language Course (Intermediate Class)

Subject	hours	
	Fall	Spring
Grammar and Expression Ba	60	60
Grammar and Expression Bb	60	60
Grammar and Reading Ba	60	60
Grammar and Reading Bb	60	60
Grammar B	60	60
Writing B	30	30
Listening and Speaking B	30	30
Kanji B	30	30

[b] Specialized Courses (classes for ordinary students)

Students choose from a wide range of specialized courses offered by relative departments. Here we provide an overview of some of the more specialized course offerings pertaining to Japanese language and culture that are available through each department.

<Faculty of Humanities>

Courses pertaining to Japanese language and culture include Human Sciences, Linguistics, Japanese as a Foreign Language, Japanese History, Cultural Anthropology, International Relations, International Cultural Studies, Japanese Language, and Japanese Literature. (Visit the Faculty of Humanities website for details at University of Toyama HP>Faculty of Humanities)

<Faculty of Human Development>

Courses pertaining to Japanese language and culture include Pedagogy, Welfare, Sports, Japanese Language, Japanese History, Japanese Literature, Japanese geography, Arts (Visit the Faculty of Human Development website for details at University of Toyama HP>Faculty of Human Development).

<Courses in Other Faculties>

In addition, international students may also take classes pertaining to Japanese language and culture offered through the Faculty of Economics (Economics, Business Administration, and Business Law), and other liberal arts education subjects taught at the university.

* Syllabus for Specialized Courses, the *Japanese B*, the *Japanese Culture* and the *Intercultural Understanding* are available at University of Toyama HP>International Students>Web syllabus (Only in Japanese)

The syllabus for the *General Japanese Language Course* is available at University of Toyama HP>International Admissions>Organization for International Education and Exchange

⑧ Yearly Events Schedule

Late September 2019: Arrival
From October 2019 to August 2020

Numerous field trips and events are offered, including events organized and arranged especially for the international students. There are study trips to culturally significant Toyama sites, and trips providing opportunities to learn about Japanese culture and history sponsored by the relevant departments. There are many support and exchange activities organized by the Japanese students (small individual study groups, exchange get-togethers, and parties), including an always well-attended intercultural exchange gathering that provides an opportunity for researchers from around the globe and international students to get together .

Our students also have numerous opportunities to meet and interact with local people through home stay and home visit programs, and through the many cultural and recreational activities that are offered. These include ski tours, the famous Toyama summer *Owara* folk festival with singing and dancing and the opportunity to wear the informal summer *yukata*. Students can experience a genuine tea ceremony, New Year's parties, cherry blossom viewing in the spring, barbecues, bowling, and many other activities.

August 2020: Completion ceremony

Late August 2020: Departure

⑨ Counseling Support System

Guidance counselors in the student's area of study, in the department through which the class is offered, and in the Organization for International Education and Exchange work together to provide students with individual guidance regarding both academic and non-academic concerns.

⑩ Certificate of Completion and Credit Transfer

1) After the judgment, students who complete the required 480 hours (240 hours each semester) and submit a final report are issued a Certificate of Completion.

2) Students who satisfy the attendance, testing, and other requirements of the University of Toyama program are issued with a Certificate of Completion detailing the subjects and number of classes completed.

3) Guidance counselors with the Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Human Development work together on a one-to-one basis with international students to help them select an interesting research topic to address in their final reports.

These final reports are compiled as a collection of final papers. The titles of former reports can be perused online at University of Toyama HP>Faculty of Humanities>International Exchange> Journals of Study by Short-term International Students

■ Housing

University of Toyama has an accommodation facility for International students, International House on its campus. In case the number of vacant rooms is not enough to accommodate all of prospective students, at the University Coop the list of real estate agents for the apartment houses and flats in the campus neighborhood is available, and also the university staff will assist students so that they may make a smooth transition.

The International House (Gofuku) has 34 individual rooms.

The lodgings cost 5,900 yen monthly.

The room has a bathroom and a kitchen with a cooker and refrigerator. Moreover, the room has a heater/ air conditioner, bed, table, and chair. Each room also has an Internet connection. However, an application and monthly charges are required for the use.



Study trip



■ Follow-up for the Graduates

- Examples of the Japanese Studies Program students after completion of the program
 - ☆ Teach Japanese in their country
 - ☆ Work as a coordinator for JET Program
 - ☆ Proceed study at Graduate School in University of Toyama or other Academic institutions in Japan
 - ☆ Work at Japanese companies
- Network of the Japanese Studies Program students after Completion of the program
 - ☆ Keep in touch with each other on social media, Facebook

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