

GUIDE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS
AT JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY
TOKYO, JAPAN

日本女子大学 交換留学生ガイド

2026-2027 Program

INTRODUCTION TO JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Japan Women's University began in 1901 as the first women's higher educational institution in Japan.

Number of Students:

Undergraduate 6,200 / Graduate 300

17 departments in 7 faculties:

- ① Faculty of Human Sciences and Design 家政学部
- ② Faculty of Humanities 文学部
- ③ Faculty of Science 理学部
- ④ Faculty of Integrated Arts & Social Sciences 人間社会学部
- ⑤ Faculty of Transcultural Studies 国際文化学部
- ⑥ Faculty of Architectural Design 建築デザイン学部
- ⑦ Faculty of Food and Nutritional Sciences 食科学部

With 16 divisions in 7 graduate schools

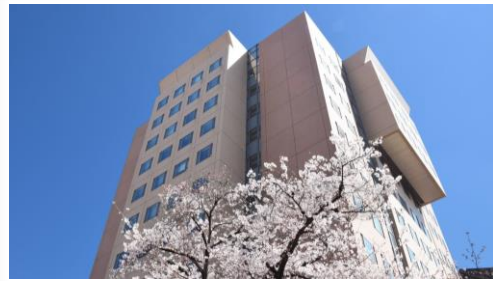
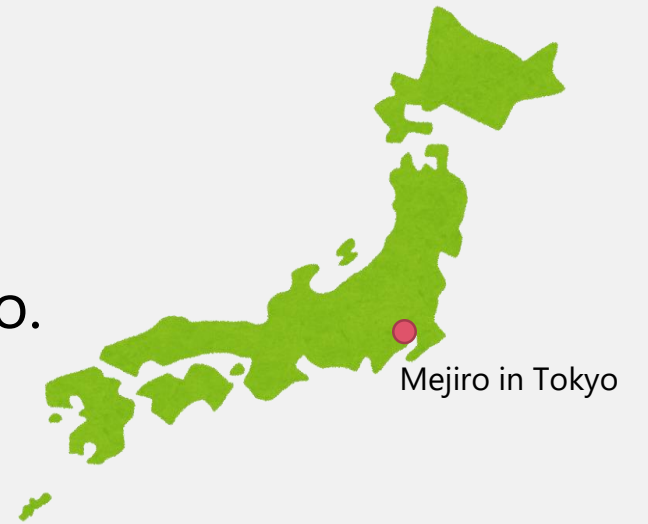
Japan Women's University accepts
transgender students (female) from April 2024 and
male exchange students from September 2025.



LOCATION OF JAPAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Japan Women's University is located in the Center of Tokyo.

→Very convenient for sightseeing & entertainment !



目白 Mejiro



池袋 Ikebukuro



新宿 Shinjuku



高田馬場 Takadanobaba

JR Yamanote Line
JR山手線

秋葉原 Akihabara

東京 Tokyo Station

FACULTIES INTRODUCTION

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日本語受け入れ交換留学プログラム -Exchange Programs taught in Japanese-

Faculty of Human Sciences and Design 家政学部	Department of Child Studies 児童学科 Department of Clothing 被服学科 Department of Social and Family Economy 家政経済学科 ※The Department of Social and Family Economy will become the Department of Economics under the new Faculty of Economics from April 2027.
Faculty of Humanities 文学部	Department of Japanese Language and Literature 日本語日本文学科 Department of English 英文学科 Department of History and Culture 歴史文化学科
Faculty of Integrated Arts & Social Sciences 人間社会学部	Department of Studies on Contemporary Society 現代社会学科 Department of Social Welfare 社会福祉学科 Department of Education 教育学科 Department of Psychology 心理学科
Faculty of Science 理学部	Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science 数物情報科学科 Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences 化学生命科学科
Faculty of Transcultural Studies 国際文化学部	Department of Transcultural Studies 国際文化学科
Faculty of Food and Nutritional Sciences 食科学部	Department of Food Science 食科学科 Department of Nutritional Science 栄養学科

The above departments offer most of the courses taught only in Japanese. However, exchange students may take most courses from all 16 departments. We also offer a number of English-taught courses, and some departments provide English support for specific courses. Please consult with us in advance to explore available options.

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英語または日本語受け入れプログラム -Exchange Programs taught in English or Japanese-

Faculty of Architecture and Design
建築デザイン学部

Department of Architecture and Design 建築デザイン学科

Student are able to complete their exchange program from the above department in both Japanese and English.
The English taught program is only available for Fall semester.



PROGRAM CALENDAR

	Semester	Duration
One Year 1 年（2 学期）	Fall/Winter/Spring (秋/冬/春学期)	Mid-September 2026 ~ End of July 2027
Half Year 1 学期	Fall Semester (秋学期)	Mid-September 2026~ End of January 2027
	Winter Intensive (冬期集中授業) + Spring Semester (春学期)	Early February 2027 + Early April 2027~ End of July 2027
	Spring Semester (春学期)	Early April 2027~ End of July 2027

* If students have any concerns regarding their academic schedule at their home institution,
Please feel free to contact us.

THE OBJECTIVES AND FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Students nominated by partner universities will be accepted after selection and approval.

【① For students with intermediate (A2) or upper-intermediate (B1) Japanese proficiency】

- Exchange students at this level will take 3 Japanese language courses based on their proficiency: Oral expression (2 classes per week), Writing (2 classes per week), and Vocabulary (1 class per week).
- In addition, they are required to register for at least 3 more courses—taught in either Japanese or English—together with JWU students, depending on their language skills and academic needs.
- They may also enroll in about 2-3 weeks Intensive Japanese Language Course held in February.
- Students are encouraged to aim for JLPT N3 or N2 by the end of their exchange period.

※Exchange students with Japanese proficiency of JLPT N2 or higher may register for regular Japanese language classes taken by degree-seeking students.

【② For students taking courses in their major taught in English】

- Students in this category are required to register for 6 or more classes per week.
- If desired, they may also take beginner Japanese course (A1) (4 classes per week) or absolute beginner Japanese course (Pre-A1, no prior study) (2 classes per week).

※ As only a limited number of faculties offer courses in English, prior consultation with the International Office is required.



CURRICULUM FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

① For students with intermediate or upper-intermediate Japanese proficiency

1. Japanese Language Study

1. The intermediate course (A2) is suitable for students who have already completed 2 years of Japanese language study at the time of program participation and are aiming for N3.
2. The upper intermediate course (B1) covers up to the N2 level of the JLPT.
3. Exchange students wishing to study in advanced N2 to N1 level classes can take courses for degree-seeking international students.

CREDITS FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE

① For students with intermediate or upper-intermediate Japanese proficiency

Fall/ Spring Semester

- The Japanese language courses have **5 morning classes** per week.
- After completion, exchange students receive **10 credits** for each fall and spring semester.
- The Total class time for each semester is **6,750 minutes (112.5 hours)**.

Winter Intensive Japanese Course

- The Winter Intensive Course is a **2–3 week program** held in February, focusing mainly on Japanese cultural experiences.
- After completion, exchange students receive **6 credits** for winter intensive course.
- The Total class time for each semester is **4,050 minutes (57 hours)**.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

② For students joining exchange program taught in English (Faculty of Architecture and Design)

1. Faculty of Architecture and Design (Fall Semester Only)

- Architectural Design III
- Housing and Architecture Studies
- Sustainable Society and Architecture Design

In addition, there is a list of unpaid internships at architectural design firms.

Students interested in internships may apply.

Beginner or absolute beginner level Japanese course is also available.



OTHER COURSES

2. Courses taught in Japanese

- Seminars & Lectures
- Physical Education Courses
- Language Courses

Examples:

- ✓ 保育学 (Early Childhood Care and Education)
- ✓ 国際文化研究法 (地域文化) (Transcultural Methodology)
- ✓ 映画論 (Film Studies)
- ✓ 日本語教育と社会 (Introduction to the Teaching of Japanese as a Second Language (TJSL))
- ✓ 西洋服飾文化史 (History of Western Costume)
- ✓ ソフトウェア工学 (Software Engineering)
- ✓ 有機化学実験 (Laboratory Work in Organic Chemistry)
- ✓ 調理実習 (Culinary Practice)
- ✓ 衣造形実習 (Practice in Clothing formation)
- ✓ 身体運動 (Physical Exercises)

3. Courses taught in English

Examples:

- ✓ Social and International relations of Japan (日本研究1)
- ✓ Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society (日本研究2)
- ✓ Topics in comparative Literature (比較文学特論)
- ✓ Media Studies(メディアスタディーズ)
- ✓ Sweden, in terms of SDGs (SDGsから見たスウェーデン)
- ✓ Information Science in English (情報科学を英語で学ぶ)
- ✓ Sustainable Society and Architectural Design
(持続可能な社会と建築デザイン)
- ✓ Area Studies -2 (地域研究 -2)
- ✓ British Feminism (原典講読：イギリスのフェミニズム)
- ✓ British Narrative and Culture (原典講読：イギリスの物語文化)
- ✓ Seminar I in English for Chemical and Biological Sciences (化学生命科学英語I H)

Please note: These are examples from the 2025 academic year and do not guarantee that the same courses will be offered. Certain courses are offered exclusively in the fall or spring semester.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 1)

Students mainly taking courses in English, with Japanese at the beginner (A1) level

英語による授業中心で、初級(A1)日本語を受講する学生

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Japanese A1(beginner)	Japanese A1(beginner)	Japanese A1(beginner)	Japanese A1(beginner)	
2					
3	Architectural Design III			Sustainable Society and Architectural Design	
4					
5					Housing and Architecture Studies 1

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 2)

Students taking intermediate and upper-intermediate Japanese courses (JLPT N3 or above)
 中級、中上級日本語コースを受講する学生

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society (Japan Study 2)	
2	Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Japanese A2 (intermediate)	Seminar on Japanese Language	
3				Sustainable Society and Architectural Design	
4					
5					

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE 3)

Students taking advanced Japanese courses and courses conducted in Japanese (JLPT N2 or above)
 上級日本語コースや日本語で行われる授業を受講する学生

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	日本語文法 2	異文化間教育		情報科学を英語で学ぶ	
2	映画論			日本語学演習（方言）	
3			日本語学概論 2		
4					
5	日本語 II b-2 （論文読解）	日本語 I a-2 （論文作成）			

STUDENT LIFE

“What can we do at JWU ? ”

✓ Club Activities with Japanese students

e.g. Sado (茶道) , Kendo (剣道) , Dance (ダンス) ,etc

✓ Volunteer Activities

e.g. At affiliated elementary school, Language Exchange

✓ Events and Excursions

e.g. Welcome Party; Excursion to local areas, Asakusa and Kamakura; Bunraku(文楽) & Kabuki (歌舞伎) Tours, etc.



STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM (TUTOR)

At Japan Women's University, We provide Study Buddy program for all exchange students. Tutors will help exchange students through their whole exchange program.

The support includes:

- Pick-up service on arrival in Japan
- Assistance with class registration procedures
- Introduction to JWU facilities and services
- Language exchange



ACCOMMODATION

University Dormitory

Only for female students

- On Campus
(5 minutes by walk)



- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ Meals Provided : Breakfast and dinner Mon.~Fri.
Breakfast on Sat. No meals on Sun, National Holidays, and Feb. to Mar.
- ❑ Need to leave the dormitory from the end of the year to the beginning of the year for 2 weeks and at the end of March for a week.
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi
- ❑ No Alcohol, No Smoking
- ❑ Only 8 rooms is available for each year.

**Dormitory & Meal fees: approximately
US \$ 586 (88,000yen) per month**

Share House

- Off Campus
(3 minutes by walk)



- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ 40,000 yen move-in fee supported by JWU
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi
- ❑ No Smoking
- ❑ Interact with international students from various countries

**Share House fee: approximately
US \$ 566 (85,000yen) per month**

Homestay

Arranged by Homestay in Japan

- Off Campus
(up to 1 hour by train)



- ❑ Single Room
- ❑ Shared kitchen, toilet and bathroom
- ❑ Meals Provided :
Breakfast and dinner Mon.~Sun.
- ❑ Free Wi-Fi
- ❑ Arrangement fee is required

**Homestay fee: approximately
US \$ 29.3(4,400yen) + tax per day
+ commuter pass**

Reference: US\$1 = 150yen

ACCOMMODATION

University Dormitory

Only for female students

Advantages

- ✓ Very near from JWU
- ✓ Exchange students can communicate daily with Japanese students.

Disadvantages

- ✓ The available room is low.
- ✓ The rules are strict
 - 24:00 o'clock curfew
 - Need to submit a Overnight leave request in advance to be allowed to stay out.), etc.

Share House

Advantages

- ✓ Very near from JWU
- ✓ Exchange students can communicate daily with international students from other university
- ✓ More flexible than JWU dorm

Disadvantages

- ✓ The room is small.

Homestay

Arranged by Homestay in Japan

Advantages

- ✓ Able to experience the native Japanese family life
- ✓ Daily native Japanese conversation

Disadvantages

- ✓ Must respect the family's rules, including a possible curfew.
- ✓ Transportation can be complex (Depend on the location of the accommodation).

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES



ANNUAL CALAENDAR



September

- Arrive in Japan
- Orientation, Course Registration
- Welcome Party
- Fall Semester Begins
- Visit to Life Safety Learning Center (Tentative)



October

- Mejiro Festival (University Festival)
- Day trip to Asakusa with Japanese Students



November

- Tea ceremony lesson
- Volunteer activities at Homei Elementary School



December

- Year End party
- Winter Vacation starts

ANNUAL CALAENDAR



January

- Classes Begin
- Fall Semester Ends
- Final Exams



February

- Winter Intensive Japanese Course
- Field trip to local areas



March

- Spring Vacation



April

- Spring Semester Begins
- Orientation, Course Registration

ANNUAL CALAENDAR



May

- Golden Week Holiday



June

- Kabuki Tour



July

- Party with JWU alumnae
- Spring Semester Ends
- Final Exam
- Return Orientation
- Farewell Party
- Program Ends



August

- Return to Home institute Country

APPLICATION DEADLINE & NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSIONS DECISION

		Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Notification of Admissions Decision
One Year (Fall+ Winter+ Spring)		March 31, 2026	April 20, 2026	End of May, 2026
Half Year	Fall Semester Only	March 31, 2026	April 20, 2026	End of May, 2026
	Winter Intensive + Spring Semester	July 31, 2026	September 1, 2026	End of October, 2026
	Spring Semester Only	September 30, 2026	November 1, 2026	End of December, 2026

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