

Nara Women's University, Faculty of Letters welcomes students from partner universities to its winter program "YAE-ZAKURA" for academic and cultural learning opportunities. This year, YAE-ZAKURA will be offered online. This shift can enable international students to participate from his/her school or home. YAE-ZAKURA program offers introductory Japanese literature classes, interactions with NWU students, and various cultural learning experiences through lectures taught by professors invited from institutions in Kansai area. This program will be conducted in English.

Eligible Applicants	The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at the time of application.
Number to be Accepted	30 students
Tuition	We charge no admission and tuition fees.
Credits	NWU will issue 2 credits upon students' successful completion of the program.
Application Procedure	The applicant has to submit his/her application forms to NWU (ymorita@cc.nara-wu.ac.jp) through the international office of his/her home institution. Application deadline for YAE-ZAKURA is September 30th, 2022 (JST) for students from partner universities. Accepted students will be notified via E-mail once they have been admitted to the program.
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Lectures

Participants will take pre-recorded lectures during the designated period of time (December 1st, 2022-January 31st, 2023 (JST)) and take a quiz to complete each lecture.

Introduction to Japanese Video Game

- 1. History and Culture of Japanese Video Games
- 2. Culture of Amusement Arcade in Japan

Introduction to Japanese Folk Religion

- 1. Religious Consciousness of the Japanese
- 2. Infectious Diseases and Japanese Folk Religion

Introduction to Japanese Performing Arts

- 1. History of Noh
- 2. Modern Adaptations of Noh

Onsen-Hot Spring in Japan

- 1. Belief in Yakushi-Buddha of Onsen
- 2. History of Onsen Geisha in Arima

Introduction to Japanese Modern Literature

- 1. Traveling Writers
- 2. Literary Nobel Prize Winners and their Speeches

Introduction to Popular Music in Japan

- 1. (Pre) History of J-POP
- 2. Anime and Idol Songs: The Hidden Artisans

Cultural Exchange with NWU Students

During the program, students from partner universities have opportunities to interact with NWU students online. Students in NWU introduce our beautiful and historic campus and the city of Nara through videos. We have 3 seminars for cultural exchange, and please mind that it is mandatory to participate in all classes to complete the program.

^{*}Please scan the QR code for the latest information.





^{*}Subject to minor changes. *Each lecture/seminar is 90min.