



# Nara Women's University (Nara Pref.)



## “MAHOROBA” Program –Study Japanese Language and Culture in Historic Nara Japan's Oldest Capital

### ■ University Overview

#### ① About Nara Women's University

Nara Women's University traces its origins back to the foundation of the Nara Women's Higher Normal School in 1908 and has been providing the highest level of education to women in Japan for over 100 years.

As a close-knit community with approximately 2,700 students and 200 teaching staff spread across the three faculties of Letters, Science, Human Life and Environment, and the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences, Nara Women's University is proud to provide an individualized approach to education and research.



#### ② International Exchange

NWU has 42 overseas partner universities (28 universities in Asia and 14 universities in other areas around the globe).

#### ③ Number of International Students and Japanese Studies Students at NWU in the Past 3 Years

2016 : International students 150, Japanese Studies Students 2

2015 : International students 144, Japanese Studies Students 5

2014 : International students 143, Japanese Studies Students 3

#### ④ Nara – Japan's Oldest Capital “MAHOROBA”

Japan's first true capital, Nara, is one of the most famous sightseeing locations in Japan with several areas designated by UNESCO as World Heritage sites. Nara is easily accessible to Osaka and Kyoto and attractive for its affordable cost of living. It is the ideal place to study the Japanese language and culture. NWU is close to such World Heritage sites and Nara Park which is famous for Japanese deer.



### ■ Outline of the Program

#### ① Purpose of “MAHOROBA” Program

The purpose of this program is mainly to deepen the understanding of the Japanese affairs and Japanese culture.

#### ② Feature

Study and experience the Japanese language and culture in Nara, Japan's historic capital. At NWU, students will be able to witness traditional and modern Japanese culture firsthand while learning Japanese under the direction of a one-to-one tutor.

#### ③ Number of Japanese Studies Students to be Admitted

5 students (4 Embassy recommended students and 1 University recommended)

#### ④ Qualification and Conditions

Eligible female students have taken Japanese for more than 2 years and have passed the N2 level in JLPT or its equivalent.

#### ⑤ Goals

- To learn Japanese affairs and culture at a deeper level
- To obtain the N1 level in JLPT or its equivalent.

#### ⑥ Term of the Course

October 01, 2017 to August 31, 2018

Closing Ceremony will be held in August.

#### ⑦ Course Descriptions

Students will enroll in 11 compulsory subjects and more than 6 optional subjects. The subjects marked with \* are designed for Japanese Studies Students.

#### 1) Compulsory Subject

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Japanese1A (Grammar)		○	30
Japanese1B (Grammar)	○		30
Japanese1C (Reading & Kanji)		○	30
Japanese1D (Reading & Kanji)	○		30
Japanese2A (Listening)		○	30
Japanese2B (Listening)	○		30
Japanese2C (Composition)		○	30
Japanese2D (Composition)	○		30
Introduction to Japanese Linguistics I *	○		30
Introduction to Japanese Linguistics II *		○	30
Seminar for Completion * (Final report included)		○	30
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## 2) Participatory Subjects (Optional)

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Practice of Sports Skills ( 'Kendo' & 'Naginata' )		○	30
Introduction to Nara's food		○	30
Study of Nara's food	○		30
International Seminar I		○	30
International Seminar II	○		30

## 3) Lecture Subjects (Optional)

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Business Japanese I		○	30
Business Japanese II	○		30
Topics on Japan A		○	30
Topics on Japan B	○		30
Japanese Presentation *		○	30
Japanese Linguistics II **	○		30
History of the Japanese language I **		○	30
Cultural Sociology **	○		30
Japanese Culture & Theory	○		30
Culture and Ethnology	○		30
Cultural Anthropology **		○	30
Special Studies in Cultural Anthropology	○		30
NARA Studies		○	30
NARA Studies B **	○		30
Gender Studies **		○	30
History of Women	○		30
Cross-cultural Communication and International Cooperation		○	30

(\*\*=Introductory subject)

Optional subjects except for 'Business Japanese' and 'Topics on Japan', 'Japanese Presentation' are open to both Japanese students and Japanese Studies Students.

## 4) Other Subjects

Japanese Studies Students may enroll in other courses as optional subjects with supervisor's consent.

### ⑧ Annual Events

October Ikebana lesson  
November Tea ceremony lesson, University festival  
May Ikebana lesson, Tea ceremony lesson  
June Bunraku lesson, Speech contest  
August Closing Ceremony

※ Students will also be able to participate in exchange events with Japanese students, travel programs, Nara festivals and club activities such as Japanese art of archery, etc.



### ⑨ Supervision

This program is organized by the International Exchange Center in cooperation with the Japanese and Asian Literature course, Faculty of Letters. Supervising professors will be assigned to each exchange student according to her interests. Supervising professors will supervise each student's Seminar for Completion course.

### ⑩ Course Requirements

Japanese Studies Students will be required to attend 11 compulsory subjects (a 4000 character final report is included) and 6 or more optional subjects. Upon successful completion of at least 15, students will be issued a certificate of completion in both Japanese and English. Students can acquire academic transcripts of those subjects which they attended and passed, and credits acquired by students of our partner universities are transferable based on Academic Exchange Agreements.

## ■ Accommodations

International House and International Student House are both available subject to vacancy.

### ① Number of rooms

- Single room: 36 in International House  
32 in International Student House
- Couple room: 1 in International House
- Family room: 1 in International House

### ② Monthly rent

International House (for single) : Deposit ¥10,000-, Cleaning fee ¥10,000- (payable when moving-in), Rent ¥5,900/month

International Student House: Rent ¥4,700/month, Communal fee ¥1,200/month

Fees for light, water and gas are not included in the rent.

### ③ Facilities

Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, closet, toilet and bath. Kitchen and washing machine room are shared.

### ④ General Information

Both are located within 5 minutes' walk from the campus. A train station is also within 5 minutes walk. Supermarkets and other shops are also located around the station area.



## ■ Follow-up for NWU Alumni

- Students will receive emails with updates relevant to alumni
- Students will be informed of opportunities to advance

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