



# 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 54 overseas partner universities (39 universities in Asia universities and 15 in other areas around the globe).

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

2019: International students 179, Japanese Studies Students 1

2018: International students 170, Japanese Studies Students 2

2017: International students 165, Japanese Studies Students 2

(as of October 1 of each year)

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

Nara, Japan's first true capital, 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 World Heritage sites such as Todaiji-temple, Kohfukuji-temple and Nara Park, which is famous for Japanese deer.

## ■ Outline of the Program

### ① Purpose of “MAHOROBA” Program

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

### 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.
- To write papers and reports in Japanese.

### ⑥ Term of the Course

October 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021  
Closing Ceremony will be held in August.



## ⑦ Scholarship period

October 1, 2020 ~ August 31, 2021

## ⑧ Annual Events

Late September or October 1 Coming to Japan  
 October Welcome party, Ikebana lesson  
 November Tea ceremony lesson,  
 University festival, Field trip  
 May Ikebana lesson,  
 Tea ceremony lesson  
 June Speech contest, Field trip  
 August Farewell party, Closing Ceremony  
 Late August Return home

★ 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 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 given 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.

## ⑩ Course Descriptions

Japanese Studies Students are offered a wide range of classes including Japanese Language (compulsory), Japanese Culture and History of Nara. Students take these classes together with Japanese students. (Classes marked with \* are dedicated only to 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
TOTAL			330

★ Japanese Studies Students are required to write a report of 4,000 characters in Japanese. Japanese Studies Students talk with their academic advisers and decide a theme, which should be related with Japan.



## 2) Lecture subjects (Optional)

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Business Japanese I / II	○	○	15/15
Japanese Presentation *		○	20
Topics on Japan A		○	30
Topics on Japan B	○		30
History of the Japanese language II **		○	30
Japanese Linguistics II **	○		30
NARA Studies B	○		30
Culture brought by Kuroshio Current **	○		30
Introduction to Japanese Art History		○	30
Culture and Ethnology	○		30
Japan and Europe		○	30
Cultural Anthropology **		○	30
Special Studies in Cultural Anthropology	○		30
Cultural Sociology **	○		30
Gender Studies **		○	30
Seminar in Gender Studies	○		30

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

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



### 3) Participatory Subjects (Optional)

Subject	Fall	Spring	Hours
Practice of Sports Skills ( 'Kendo' & 'Naginata' )		○	30
Introduction to NARA's food		○	15
Cross-cultural communication and peace- building	○		30
Community Research		○	30
International Seminar I / II	○	○	15/15

### 4) Interaction with Japanese Students

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### ■ Accommodations

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

#### ①② Monthly rent

【International House (for single)】

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

【International Student House】

Rent: ¥4,700/month,  
Communal fee: Around ¥2,500/month

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

#### ☆ 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.

### ☆ Facilities

Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, closet, toilet and bath.

Kitchen and washing machine room are shared.



### ■ Follow-up for NWU Alumni

- Students will receive emails with updates relevant to alumni.
- Students will be informed of opportunities to go on to graduate school.

### ■ Contact

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