Are you interested in studying at a Japanese university?
Join our free online course to help you on your path to study in Japan.
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Studying at Japanese Universities

Why Japan?
High educational standards
World leader in science and technology
Safe and peaceful place to study
Low tuition fees and generous scholarships
Rich cultural heritage
Fascinating society and beautiful geography
About this course

Are you interested in studying at a Japanese university? Do you want to learn about Japan’s university application and enrollment processes, as well as the types of programs on offer?

This course will help you to both discover great programs offered by different Japanese universities as well as prepare a study plan through project-based learning.

We introduce a number of options to match a variety of goals, from full degree to non-degree programs, programs taught in English, as well as short-term programs in Japan.

During the course, international students at The University of Tokyo will provide you with useful information and advice to start you on the path to studying.

At the end of this course, you will produce a draft of a personal statement to be used when applying to Japanese universities.

The overall goal of the course is to start you off on the right foot for an enjoyable, productive and fulfilling student life in Japan!

Who this course is for

This course is for those who are interested in studying at Japanese universities. While the main audience is those who are looking for undergraduate programs, most of the materials offered in this course are applicable to graduate programs as well.

Course Outline

1. Your first step to study in Japan
   - Japanese school education system
   - Why Japan?
   - Student voices

2. Understanding the process
   - Overview of program types & application procedure
   - Application procedure
   - Various types of application
   - Choosing your school
   - Student voices

3. Student life in Japan
   - Settling in Japan
   - Social life and recreation
   - Tuition & living costs
   - Cultural experiences
   - Part-time jobs
   - Student voices

4. Moving forward
   - Academic life in Japan
   - Advice from students
   - Course wrap-up
   - Optional bonus video
     (Interview with international students)

How to Register

1. Access the Coursera website and sign-up.
   Just log in with your account if you already have Coursera account.

2. Access the “Studying at Japanese Universities” course page and enroll.
   https://www.coursera.org/learn/study-in-japan/

3. You are ready to start your study!

Platform: Coursera
Language: English
* Lecture video subtitles available in Spanish, French and Chinese (simplified)
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Course period: Offered indefinitely
Estimated Workload: 4 weeks of study, 2-3 hours/week
Level: Introductory (anyone interested in studying at Japanese universities)
Fee: Free (course certificate is available for $49)
Course content:
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2. Understanding the process
3. Student life in Japan
4. Moving forward

See you in Japan!