



Gifu University (Gifu)



*Polish up Your Japanese Language in Autumn,
Indulge Yourselves in Japanese Culture and Dedicate Yourself to Theses in Spring*

■ Overview of Gifu University

① Gifu University:

●Gifu University is a national university that maintains 5 faculties and 8 graduate schools. There are a number of search and education centers such as Center for Japanese Language and Culture and libraries. The University offers a high quality education and research in many areas, and has been selected as one of the “Good Practice” for its teaching and research.

●Gifu City is conveniently situated only 2 hours to Tokyo and 1 hour to Osaka and Kyoto by bullet train, and 20 minutes to Nagoya. The main campus is in *Yanagido*, a suburb of Gifu City, 30 minutes from Gifu Station. Away from city bustles and noise and surrounded by rice fields and mountain forests, the campus is an ideal place to study in tranquility.

●Faculties and Student/Staff Numbers (as of May 2019)

○Faculties (Undergraduate): Education, Regional Studies, Medicine, Engineering, Applied Biological Sciences

○Graduate Schools: Education, Regional Studies, Medicine, Engineering, Natural Science and Technology, Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences, United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, United Graduate School of Drug Discovery and Medical Information Sciences

●Academic Staff: 865

●Students: 5673 undergraduates,

1,668 post-graduates,

143 non-degree seeking students; Total: 7,484

② International Exchange (as of October 2019) :

●Gifu University promotes international exchange, and has University-level agreements with 49 universities and 1 organization in 20 countries for academic and student exchange.

●Number of International Students : 378 (Approximately 70% are postgraduates, from 29 countries)

●Number of International Researchers : 6

③ Number of International students and this course students in the last three years (as of October 2019):

2019: International Students 378, This Course students 7

2018: International Students 395, This Course students 6

2017: International Students 379, This Course students 8



④ Special Features of Gifu Prefecture:

●Gifu Prefecture is situated in the center of Japan, surrounded by high mountains in the north, and with many rivers and water falls in the south. It is blessed with scenic beauty and traditional culture combined with a modern lifestyle. Gifu is also known as a city where *ODA NOBUNAGA* built his castle.

●There are many famous places for tourism in the prefecture such as *Takayama*, *Gujo*. The *Nagara* River runs through Gifu City where the century-old practice of cormorant fishing is observable as another cultural attractions.

●Studying at Gifu University offers a variety of advantages to international students of Japanese language and culture: exposure to the traditional culture of Japan in a medium-sized city of 400,000 people, opportunities to mix with friendly local communities, a low cost living, and a spacious and natural environment.

■ Course Outline

① Purpose of the Course:

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture

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

② Characteristics of the Course:

●The students are placed in the most appropriate level of Japanese class according to their language ability. Therefore a progressive and effective development of their Japanese proficiency can be expected.

●A variety of culture classes are offered to suit the students' research interest.

●Classes in this course are designed for Japanese Language and Culture Studies students and to provide the most effective training/learning experience during their one-year stay at Gifu University.

●The course includes practice of Tea ceremony and workshops of Japanese traditional culture.

●Several field trips within Gifu Prefecture (*Gifu*, *Gujo*, etc.) and to nearby prefectures are included in the course to deepen students' understanding and appreciate Japanese traditional and local culture.

●The university also offers a field trip and a ski school for overseas students.

●The program also includes a cross-cultural communication class that provides students opportunities to mix with Japanese students.

●Classes for Japanese students can be taken.

●Tutors (Japanese students) willingly assist your study and life.

- Not a few students who finished this course came back to Japan to study through Master course.
- Please read comments from our graduates:
https://www1.gifu-u.ac.jp/~cjl/en/international/jp_program/messages/

③ Number of students accepted : 10
(Embassy recommendation: 5, University recommendation: 5)

※ Students with embassy recommendation will be given the first priority.

④ Qualifications and Conditions for Application:

- Applicants must be regular students (second year or above) in an undergraduate program at their home university.
- Applicants must be majoring or double-majoring in Japanese language and Japanese studies at their university.
- Applicants must have passed N2 Japanese Language Proficiency Test or demonstrate equivalent proficiency in Japanese.

⑤ Objectives:

- The objective of this course is to develop their Japanese language proficiency (JLPT N1 Level), and to provide basic knowledge about Japanese culture through real experiences.
- Students also learn a basis of research method and academic writing and presentation skills.

⑥ Period of the course:

October 1, 2020 ~ August 31, 2021

⑦ Period of Scholarship:

October 2020 ~ August 2021



⑧ Events and Schedule:

Beginning of Oct. Arriving in Japan
 Oct. Guidance for autumn semester, Opening ceremony, Class start
 Nov. Field trip, University Campus festival
 Dec. Selection of a thesis topic, Traditional Japanese costume experience
 Apr. Guidance for spring semester, Practice of Tea ceremony (until July)
 May. Gujo Dance Workshop
 Jun.~Jul. *Nohgaku* and other cultural experiences
 Aug. Thesis submission, Thesis presentation, Conferment ceremony (In 2019, held on August 21)
 End of Aug. Leaving Japan
 (Regional contribution activities will take place several times during the course.)

⑨ Requirements for Completion of the Course:

- To complete the course, you must take all compulsory and some elective subjects with satisfactory attendance and results (21 credits in Fall, 19 credits in Spring).
- To write a final thesis and make a presentation.
- Academic record and Certificate of completion will be issued.
- Credit points for transfer can be arranged by negotiation with the students' home universities.

⑩ Outline and features of the subjects:

1) Features

- Various culture subjects with real experiences are offered. Field trip in Gifu prefecture and traditional Japanese costume experience (in the autumn semester), *Nohgaku* workshop, practice of Tea ceremony, (in the spring semester) are planned.
- Our seminars for research theses are thoughtful and effective.

【Japanese Language Subjects】

- Regular Japanese classes: develop the student's overall proficiency in intermediate and advanced levels of Japanese including grammar, vocabulary, communication, and writing skills.
- Independent classes: focus on reading comprehension skills, academic and thesis writing skills, oral presentation skills and listening skills for discussion and seminar presentation.

【Japanese Culture Subjects】

- Culture Subjects: Contemporary Japanese Society, Overview of Japanese Literature, Local Field Study - Discover Gifu - and Japanese Culture and Arts aim for the students to learn about various aspects of Japanese culture. The students are encouraged to compare Japanese culture with their own cultures in order to appreciate the differences and similarities between different cultures. These subjects are specially designed for this course students.
- Japanese Circumstances CII: Recognition of cultural differences and similarities can be further enhanced by discussion with Japanese students in the Cross-cultural Communication class.

【General Subjects for Japanese Students】

- You will challenge authentic Japanese lectures given by various lecturers.

【Thesis Supervision, Final thesis】

- The awareness of the importance of cultural understanding will lead to the selection of a thesis topic. Final thesis presentations will be held at Gifu University Satellite Campus.
- Examples of the final thesis topics in 2019
 - Translation of Japanese onomatopoeia
 - Observation on tolerance for Christianity during Ming and Qing dynasties in China
 - Stand up against exploitative part-time work
 - Living together may result in marriage?
 - Company naming - Characteristics of company name in Gifu, Japan-



2) Subjects of the course

I Compulsory subjects

- Each semester (Autumn, Spring) consists of 15 weeks.
- Required credits: 40
- Subjects' titles are subject to change.
- The following are compulsory subjects per week (one class is for 90 minutes).

【Subjects and class numbers (credits)】

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Subtotal
Japanese (Regular)	5 (5)	-	5 (5)
General Subjects for Japanese Students	-	3 (6)	3 (6)
Japanese - Reading	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Japanese - Writing	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Japanese - Oral	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Japanese - Listening	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Contemporary Japanese Society	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Japanese Circumstances CII	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Overview of Japanese Literature	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Local Field Study – Discover Gifu	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Japanese Culture and Arts	-	1 (2)	1 (2)
Thesis Supervision		1 (1)	1 (1)
Final thesis		(4)	(4)
Total	13 (21)	8 (19)	21 (40)

II Elective Subjects

● Apart from the above-mentioned subjects, you may be allowed to take subjects offered by other faculties if you want to learn specific topics more deeply. Appropriate Japanese proficiency and the approval of the student's supervisor are needed.

3) Subject about local culture and collaboration with local communities

● There are various local study tours planned on this subject. You will visit Gifu Castle and Museum, pick *Kaki* fruits (persimmon picking) and watch Ukai (cormorant fishing) from a ship in "Local Field Study" Class in the autumn semester. You will also have a chance to learn Gujo-odori in Gifu Prefecture, one of the most famous Japanese dances in the spring semester.

● Our students of this course make big contributions to Gujo city inbound tourism every year.

4) Classes with Japanese students

General subjects for Japanese students should be taken in place of this program's subjects in the spring semester. In some classes group discussions are crucial. Appropriate Japanese proficiency and the approval of the student's Supervisor are needed.



⑪ Supervision:

- The following academic staff of the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) offer individual supervision on academic matters and the students' welfare at Gifu University.

【Chief Supervisors】

Name	Center	Position	Expertise
TSUCHIYA Momoko	CJLC	Professor	Japanese Literature
MORITA Koichi	CJLC	Professor	History of Japanese Culture

- If necessary, depending on the students' research topic, other academic staff members of the Center and Faculties will support the supervision.

■ Accommodation

- Gifu University International House is established to provide accommodation for international students.
- Accommodation at the International House will be provided to all students of this course.

【Gifu University International House】

4 floors (Building A), 5 floors (Building B)
 Number of Rooms: 69 single rooms, 14 rooms for married couples, 7 rooms for couples with children.
 (Single room Building A: ¥ 5,900 per month, Building B: ¥ 4,700 per month) ※ There is a possibility that the house rent will be updated in the future.

■ Follow up for Graduates

- Not a few graduates of this course come back to Japan to study at graduate courses. We are happy to support the students who wish to do so.
- Some graduates entered graduate schools at Gifu University or other national universities in Japan or others returned to Gifu University as researchers.
- After finishing graduate courses, they are employed in Japanese companies in Japan and in their home countries.
- Graduates who visit us are always welcomed! We enjoy talking with them. We also constantly contact graduates through Facebook.

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Special site for this course:
https://www1.gifu-u.ac.jp/~cjlc/en/international/jp_program/