



University of Teacher Education Fukuoka (FUKUOKA)



Education Enriched by Local Features – Nature and History –

■ Overview of the university

Characteristics and History

University of Teacher Education Fukuoka (UTEF) stands in a unique position in that it is the only national university of education in Kyushu island. Further, the teaching staff at UTEF teach across a wide range of subject areas. Available fields of study include: education, psychology, philosophy, law, literature, history, geography, sociology, economics, language, natural sciences, industry, agriculture, fine arts, *shodo* (Japanese calligraphy), music, physical education, home economics.

• Number of students studying at UTEF
(1 May 2018)

Undergraduates	2664
Graduates	167

Teaching staff	168
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International Exchange

Year	Number of international students	Students enrolled in the Japanese Studies Program
2018	22	1
2017	26	0
2016	48	4

• Overseas Affiliated Universities – 7 Universities

Regional features



University campus (May 2018)

We are in Munakata city which lies between Fukuoka city and Kitakyushu city, so it is quite convenient yet, it is surrounded by rich nature. Munakata has developed as a liaison for international relations since ancient times because the city is near the Korean peninsula. We are making the most of the local features for our education.

■ Overview of the Japanese Studies Program

1. Objective of the study

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

—JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT)
SCHOLARSHIP, JAPANESE STUDIES STUDENTS

2. Characteristics of the study

Students in the Japanese Studies program attend two different types of classes, classes specially designed for international students and classes focused on the students' chosen major study.

Throughout this program, students will obtain an integrated knowledge of both Japan and the Japanese language.

The level of the Japanese Studies Program assumes a Japanese language ability equivalent to that of the JEES N2 Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

Placement test will be administered at the beginning of each semester to decide which courses are suitable for students in accordance with their individual language proficiency.

3. Number of students able to be accepted :

Nomination by the Japanese embassy : 5

Nomination by University : 5

4. Program entrance requirements

- Applicants should be majoring in Japanese language and/or culture in their home university.
- Students are also expected to have basic Japanese language skills in reading, writing and conversation in daily life.

5. Objective of the program

This program aims to understand Japanese culture and education deeply.

6. Program dates

The program starts in October 2019 and concludes in September 2020.

※We don't hold Closing ceremony.

7. Overview of Units

1) Required Units

For your deeply understanding Japanese culture and education, you have to join the following activity;

- homeroom for International students
- special program for understanding Japan
- Classes for International students and Japanese language
- research presentation

2) Participatory Units

• Special Program for Understanding Japan; Students experience Japanese culture and Japanese education. For example, students visit some museums and experience to make some Japanese traditional crafts, or visit some schools in Munakata city for understanding Japanese and local culture and history.



Tea ceremony wearing Kimono(October 2018)

Also, in Munakata city, you can join several kinds of international exchange events, such as *Otsukimikai* (moon festival), home visits, cooking classes by international students etc. In those events, you can experience Japanese culture and introduce your culture to local children. Why don't you learn Japanese culture in this city?

3)Program succession requirements

Students are required to attend the International Students' Home Room (held biweekly), submit a final research report and make a final presentation. After that academic advisors and three teachers in charge of international students' education approve their completion of the course.

4)Opportunities for cooperation with Japanese students

• Japanese Culture and Society Part A; Part B:
In order to investigate the theme of Japanese culture and society, various opinions should be taken in by varied methods, such as discussion with Japanese students, visits and interviews. As the understanding of Japan is deepened the students aim at embracing their own cultural features.

• Multi-Cultural and Psychological Encounter
Multi-Cultural Psychology:
Both are joint classes with Japanese students. International and Japanese students discuss, in small groups, some theme such as foods or the future, and some issues about for example, splitting the costs, packed lunch etc. International students give small lectures about their home countries. We also study about the psychological process of multi-cultural contacts experienced by international students or immigrants, and study cultural differences regarding child rearing.

5)Elective Units

- Education System of Japan A, B
 - A: Key words of today's Japanese education are given and explained in each class.
 - B: Students will study the history of Japanese education history from ancient times to the presents. In both classes some study tours to elementary schools or high schools are held.
- Comparative Studies about Educational Cultures A, B:
 - We learn about Japanese culture from the view point of educational science.
 - We also look at some case studies of troubles experienced by international students or Japanese, which are caused by differences of cultures and habits. Studying these cases, we will try to prevent your forthcoming culture shock.
- Japanese Language classes :
 - The aim of these classes is to improve students' Japanese language skills in speaking, listening, writing and reading in accordance with their current ability.
- Supplementary Japanese (Non-credit) :
 - beginning class(I -1, I -2),
 - introductory classes, first step and middle level drill, Kanji characters classes (each one class) .

8. Program Schedule (from October 2018 to September 2019)

2nd Semester	Sep.	Arrive in Japan (in the end of Sep.)
	Oct.	Orientation, Placement test
	Nov.	Experience tea ceremony with Kimono *Some events for experiencing Japanese culture are held every month.
	Dec.	Cultural exchange meeting with Munakata citizens
	Feb.	Participate in research presentation
1st Semester	Apr.	Orientation, Placement test
	Jun.	Visit to regional traditional spots and learn traditional culture and history
	Aug.	Give your research presentation
	Sep.	Independent program, Completion program, Return to your home country(in the end of Sep.)
At any time		Home visits, School visits



Research presentation (August 2018)

9. Teaching staff

- Academic advisor : in charge of major study education, major research guidance, and assistance with any living troubles
- Teachers in charge of international students education : in charge of international students' education, Special Program for Understanding Japan, International Students' Home Room, and assistance with any living troubles

10. Unit certification

Course credit can be issued for all classes, except for supplementary Japanese language classes. Supplementary Japanese do not carry course credit for completion although a certification of attendance may be issued.

■ Accommodation

There are two different types of living arrangements available to international students studying at UTEF :
 UTEF Student Dormitory
 Off-campus Apartment
 ※ You don't need to pay for any rent BEFORE entering to Japan.

■ Follow-up for graduates

When graduates need help, we advise individually.

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