



University of Teacher Education Fukuoka (Fukuoka)



Education Enriched by Local Features :Nature and History

■ Overview of the university

① Characteristics and History

University of Teacher Education Fukuoka (UTEF) stands in a unique position in that it is the only national university of education on 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, and home economics.

- Number of students studying at UTEF (1 May 2019)

Undergraduates:	2627
Graduates:	180
Teaching staff:	165

② International Exchange

- Number of international students: 18
- Overseas Affiliated Universities: 7

③ Number of international students (students enrolled in the Japanese Studies Program)

2019 : 18 (1), 2018 : 28 (1), 2017: 26 (0)

④ Regional features

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 acted 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 program

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

② Characteristics of the program

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.

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.

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

③ Number of students able to be accepted:

Nominated by the Japanese embassy : 5
Nominated by the University : 5

④ Program entrance requirements

- Applicants should be majoring in Japanese language and/or culture in their home university.
- Students are required N1-N2 of JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test).

⑤ Objective of the program

This program aims to foster a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and education.

⑥ Program dates (Period of enrollment)

October 2020 ~ September 2021
(1 October 2020 ~ 30 September 2021)

⑦ Period of Scholarship

October 2020 ~ September 2021

⑧ Program Schedule

2nd Semester	Early Oct.	Coming to Japan
	Oct.	Orientation, Placement test
	Dec.	• Cultural exchange meeting with Munakata citizens • Study tour (special program for understanding Japan)
	Feb.	Participation in research presentation
1st semester	Apr.	Orientation, Placement test
	Jun.	Visit to regional traditional spots and learn traditional culture and history
	Aug.	Giving your research presentation
	Sept.	Independent program, Completion program
	Late Sept.	Return home

Research
Presentation
(August 2019)



⑨ Unit certification

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 completion of the course.

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

For a deeper understanding Japanese culture and education, you must join the following activities:

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

⑩ Overview and Characteristics of Course

1) Characteristics of Course

Students can join classes not only for international students but also for Japanese students in their free time.

Also, in Munakata city, students 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.

2) Course Unit

Multicultural Psychology	International and Japanese students hold discussions, in small groups.
Japanese Culture and Society A	In order to investigate Japanese culture and society, various opinions will be explored by various methods, such as discussion with Japanese students.
*You will join 3 of the above 4 classes	
Japanese	according to the result of a placement test
Supplementary Japanese	according to the result of a placement test
International Students' Home Room	International students and teachers will discuss many kinds of themes.
Special Program for Understanding Japan	Study tour to learn about Japanese culture and the educational system.
submit a final research report and make a final presentation	about your own research theme

3) Opportunities for regional exchange

Special Program for Understanding Japan:

Students experience Japanese culture and Japanese education. For example, students visit some museums and experience making some Japanese traditional craft, or visit some schools in Munakata city to understand Japanese and local culture and society.

4) Opportunities for cooperation with Japanese students

Japanese Culture and Society A, B

In order to investigate Japanese culture and society, various opinions will be explored by various methods, such as discussion with Japanese students, visits and interviews.

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

⑪ Teaching staff

- Academic advisor : in charge of major study education, major research guidance, and assistance with life in Japan.
- 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 life in Japan.

■ 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 Japan.

■ Follow-up for graduates

When graduates need help, we advise individually.

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Required Units	Overview
Education System of Japan A	Key words of today's Japanese education are given and explained in each class.
Comparative Studies about Educational Cultures A	We look at some case studies of troubles experienced by international students or Japanese.