



Osaka Shoin Women's University (OSAKA)



A famous women's university with a 100-year old tradition where you can learn about Japanese culture from different perspectives

■ University's Overview

① Characteristics and Overview :

Osaka Shoin Women's University, tracing its beginnings back to the Taisho Era – an era, which saw the dawning in of democracy in Japan– was founded in 1917 as one of the nation's leading women's education institutions, based on the principle of “the creation of the ideal school for educating the modern woman”.

The *hakama* synonymous with women's education from the Meiji Era, and in the Taisho Era, saw young women competing with each other to wear it. Even to this day, “the dark green *hakama*” is still a symbol of education at this institution and can be seen at the university's entrance, graduation and other official university ceremonies. Furthermore, in April 2015, campus renewal construction was completed giving rise to a state-of-the-art education facility equipped to providing an ideal education-learning environment in a top-ranking women's university in the Kansai region, in an outstanding location. We have in place a program that gives our international Japanese Studies students not only personalized tuition but also meticulous guidance and support. In addition, because the number of exchange students is few, you will get ample opportunity to mix with regular Japanese university students at this institution.

Student body : 2,364
Faculty members : 95
as of May, 2016



② International Exchange :

Since academic year 2012, we have been accepting international Japanese Studies students. Also since spring semester in 2014, we have been accepting students from the Japanese Language Department of California State University (Fresno), and these students, as well as other international Japanese Studies students have an opportunity to interact with regular Osaka Shoin Women's University students.

③ Number of International Students for the past three years :

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| 2014:13 (involving JSS:2) | 2015:11 (involving JSS:0) | 2016:15 (involving:JSS:0) |
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④ Characteristics of the Area:

This university is located in Kosaka, Higashiosaka City, Osaka Prefecture. Within the boundaries of Higashiosaka City, there are four other universities and junior colleges. Higashiosaka City is conveniently located about 30 minutes away by train from downtown Osaka, and within an hour train journey to the historical and cultural, tourist sites of Nara, Kyoto, and Kobe. Higashiosaka City has also achieved world fame as having the highest clustering of small and medium-sized manufacturers of high quality precision products in Japan.

■ Course Outline

① purpose of course :

The aims of the program are to help students improve their Japanese language proficiency and to deepen their understanding of Japanese life and culture.

② Characteristics of the course :

In this course students will study the features and history of the Japanese life-style and culture from modern times to the present. We can offer students a systematic program in Japanese language and culture, coupled with individual tutoring and excellent pastoral care.

1. The course will consist of subjects in ‘Japanese language’ and ‘Japanese cultural studies’ for international students, as well as diverse array of elective subjects taken along with Japanese students.

2. Common subjects will consist of Daily Living Cultural Studies and Japanese Cultural Studies. Students may focus on areas where they have an expressed interest, and can consult with experts in each of the above fields.

3. Daily Living Cultural Studies:
Students can study through a total approach, including not only studying the culture of clothing, but also the culture of makeup from both theoretical and practical viewpoints. A systematic approach to the study of makeup is unique to Osaka Shoin Women's University.

4. Amongst various Japanese cultural subjects, including studying traditional Japanese culture, students can also learn Japanese subculture including cartoon films (anime) and comics (manga) both theoretically and practically.

③ Number of students to be accepted :

7 students (5 with embassy recommendation and 2 with university recommendation)

④ Qualifications and Requirements of Applicants:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Application is open only to women students.
2. Applicants must be majoring in fields related to the Japanese language or Japanese culture.
3. Applicants must be proficient enough in Japanese to understand lectures.

⑤ Program Goals :

The aim of the program is to deepen students' understanding of Japanese life and the special features of Japanese culture. The ultimate aim being to get our students to be able to present and write a report in Japanese.

⑥ Period of Program :

From September 25th, 2017 to September 21th, 2018

• Graduation will be in September, 2018.

• Orientation will be held in September 25th, 2017

※ Successful applicants must arrive in Japan between September 18th and September 22th, 2017.

⑦ General Outline of Subjects Offered :

One subject consists of 15 classes (30 hours). Upon successful completion, students obtain one credit for seminars or two for lectures.

1) The compulsory subjects :

| | Spring | Fall |
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| Japanese Language A,B | 30hrs | 30hrs |
| Japanese Language C,D | 30hrs | 30hrs |
| Japanese Cultural Studies A,B | 30hrs | 30hrs |
| Japanese Affairs | 30hrs | 30hrs |



◎ Japanese language subjects will be tailored to the individual level of each International Japanese Studies student. In addition, students may take mainstream elective courses along with their Japanese counterparts.

Japanese Cultural Studies A,B :

Lectures and practicum on various aspects of Japanese modern culture and society will be offered by field-related specialists in omnibus style. Planned topics: Japanese modern history and the foundation of Shoin, Japanese-style cuisine with cooking practice, makeup techniques, working women in Japan (including visiting a leading Japanese company), etc.

(Japanese Studies (A))

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| Guidance | 2hrs |
| Modern Japanese children's culture: I toys and gifts | 2hrs |
| Modern Japanese children's culture: II hand-made toys (practicum possible) | 2hrs |
| Introduction to Calligraphy (I , II , III , IV) (practicum possible) | 2hrs |
| Modern Japanese Beauty care and Cosmetics I , II (practicum possible) | 4hrs |
| The State of Japanese Parental Care | 2hrs |
| Japanese Education Problems | 2hrs |
| Japanese Cuisine Culture I , II cooking (practicum possible) | 4hrs |
| Japanese Cuisine Culture III, IV sweets (practicum possible) | 4hrs |
| Review | 2hrs |

2) Off Campus/ Extra-curricular Activities:

A variety of off campus/ extra-curricular activities such as field trips to temples, shrines, museums (including Kobe Fashion Museum and Kyoto Manga Museum), Japanese traditional and modern houses, and *Noh, Kyogen, Kabuki, and Bunraku* theater performances are offered.

3) Lectures and seminars (Subjects taken in common with regular students)

a Subjects related to the field of Daily Living Cultural Studies (30 hours for each subject)

• **History of Beauty:** Students will acquire a basic knowledge of the history of beauty in Japan. The study of the transition of beauty through the ages leads to an understanding of the relationship between people and society.

• **Other subjects:** History of Fashion, Clothing and Culture, Introduction to Clothing and Textiles Studies, Dressing and Culture, Introduction to Facial Studies, Early Childhood Care (includes home-care), Food Co-ordinator Theory, Japanese food and culture, Food Tradition and Culture, Introduction to eating habits etc.

b Main subject titles in the field of Japanese Culture (30 hours for each subject)

• **Art and Appreciation:** Through the performance of various kinds of arts of specially invited professional artists, students will gain an understanding and appreciation of the essence of the artists and their creative artworks.

• **Other subjects:** Theory of Japanese Culture, Japanese Linguistics, Japanese History and Culture, Studies on Japanese Subculture, Modern Feminism, Calligraphy, Introduction to Japanese Education etc.

You can also choose to take the subject Japanese Language Teacher Training.

⑧ Event Calendar (tentative):

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| September | Orientation |  |
| October | Campus festival | |
| November | Autumn Overnight Study Tour | |
| December | X'mas Party | |
| January | One-day excursion | |
| May | Spring Overnight Study Tour | |
| | Walking tour of Kosaka & party with Fresno State University students | |
| June | One-day excursion | |
| July | Presentation |  |
| August | Homestay | |
| September | Completion ceremony | |

⑨ Guidance System:

Students will belong to the Faculty of Liberal Arts. We will provide specialist guidance and support with any field of study you are interested in and wish to pursue. Of course we will provide qualified Japanese language teachers who will be responsible for supporting your study of Japanese. We will also put on additional classes to help you to pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Japanese language instruction and daily life support will be given by Shoin tutors, and support and guidance regarding student life at Shoin will be provided by the staff of the International Exchange Programs Desk. In addition, we will offer support and assistance in helping you find friends at university.



⑩ Those students who have completed all course requirements to a satisfactory standard will be issued with a Certificate of Completion.

- 1) Japanese language classes: students must take appropriate classes according to their ability in Japanese. Class levels will be decided after consultation with the coordinator of this program.
- 2) Students must get more than 20 credits in classes in 1) and other designated subjects.
- 3) Students must select a theme in an area of study they are interested in and must give a presentation on this theme and submit a written paper.

■ Accommodation:

The university Student Affairs Section will assist students in finding a suitable apartment for rent in the range of 30,000 to 50,000 yen per month.

If students so desire they may request a short-term homestay with a Japanese family. The university International Exchange Programs Desk will introduce students to a suitable family.

■ Other:

It is also possible for students to work part-time in the university's English Language Teaching Center. (An English level check and interview is required, and successful candidates may work up to a maximum of 10 hours a week. A certificate to prove you are permitted to engage in work activities is required).

■ Course completion follow-up support:

A system is in place by which students who have successfully completed this course and have returned to their home countries, may still receive support and advice on Japanese Studies. Furthermore, you can freely contact past graduates of the Japanese language and Culture program for international students via Facebook and E-mail. When the need arises, you are free to contact any of the staff of the International Exchange Programs Desk anytime.

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● Homepage of International Exchange Programs Desk:

<http://www.osaka-shoin.ac.jp/univ/international/> (Japanese)
<http://www.osaka-shoin.ac.jp/univ/english/students/index.html> (English)

● Osaka Shoin Women's University's Homepage:

<http://www.osaka-shoin.ac.jp/univ/> (Japanese)
<http://www.osaka-shoin.ac.jp/univ/english/> (English)

● Homepage of JSS:

<http://www.osaka-shoin.ac.jp/univ/international/accept/#kokuhiryugaku>

