



Osaka Shoin Women's University (OSAKA)



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

■ About the University

① Characteristics and Overview :

Osaka Shoin Women's University traces its roots back to the Taisho Era, which saw the dawning of democracy in Japan. It was founded in 1917 as one of the nation's leading women's educational institutions, based on the principle of "the creation of the ideal school for educating the modern woman". The school's uniform was a dark green *hakama*. From the Meiji Era onwards, the *hakama* was synonymous with women's education, and in the Taisho Era, young women were 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 many students wear it at the university's entrance, graduation and other ceremonies, keeping the tradition alive. In April 2015, the campus renewal construction was completed, giving rise to a state-of-the-art education facility, equipped to provide an ideal education-learning environment in an outstanding location. While the number of exchange students at the university is few, the program for our international Japanese studies students offers not only personalized tuition, but also meticulous guidance and support. In addition, you will get ample opportunity to mix with regular Japanese university students.

Number of Students: 2,531

Faculty members: 98

(as of May, 2018)



② International Exchange :

Our institution has academic agreements with 6 universities from 4 countries. Our students can participate in a number of study-abroad programs at universities in the United States of America (short-, medium-, and long-term programs), New Zealand (short- and medium-term programs), and Canada and Poland (short-term programs). We accept short-term international students, and offer them a variety of programs, like the study of Japanese language and culture, and sight-seeing tours to the world heritage sites in Nara and Kyoto. We have been accepting international Japanese Studies Students since the fall semester of 2012, and students from the Japanese language Department of California State University (Fresno) since spring semester of 2014. All of our international students can participate in a variety of events, where they can interact with regular students from Osaka Shoin Women's University.

③ Number of International Students for the Past Three Years :

2018: 15 (Japanese Studies Students: 0)

2017: 16 (Japanese Studies Students: 2)

2016: 16 (Japanese Studies Students: 0)

④ Characteristics of the Area:

This university is located in Kosaka, Higashiosaka City, Osaka Prefecture. Higashiosaka City is conveniently located about 20 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. Within the boundaries of Higashiosaka City, there are three other universities.

■ Course Outline

① Purpose of the Course :

The course is intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency with supplementary studies about Japan and Japanese culture.

② Characteristics of the Course :

1. The course consists of subjects set up specially for Japanese Studies Students ('Japanese language' and 'Japanese cultural studies'), as well as a diverse array of designated subjects taken with regular Japanese students.

2. Designated subjects will consist of 'Daily Living Cultural Studies' and 'Japanese Cultural Studies'. Students may focus on areas they are interested in, 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 make-up from both theoretical and practical viewpoints. A systematic approach to the study of make-up is unique to Osaka Shoin Women's University.

4. Japanese Cultural Studies: Amongst various Japanese cultural subjects, including studying traditional Japanese culture, students can also learn about modern Japanese culture, both theoretically and practically.

③ Enrolment limit:

Minimum 2 students required before course can open.

Maximum 5 students (with embassy recommendation)

④ Qualifications and Requirements:

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 is to get our students to be able to present and write a report in Japanese.

⑥ Period of Program :

From September 23rd, 2019 to September 19th, 2020

• Graduation will be in September 2020.

• Orientation will be held on September 23rd, 2019.

※ Successful applicants must arrive in Japan between September 16th and September 20th, 2019.

※ If a student wishes to complete the program early due to reasons such as preparation for the new school year at her home university, an early completion might be approved provided this doesn't hinder the completion of the student's research paper.

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) Subjects set up specially for Japanese Studies Students (compulsory subjects):

* Japanese language subjects will be tailored to the individual level of each International Japanese Studies Student.

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

◎ Japanese language B: In Spring semester 2018, some Japanese student volunteers participated in 'Japanese language B' classes to discuss various topics related to Japanese society with International Japanese Studies Students.

◎ Japanese Affairs 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, make-up techniques, working women in Japan (including visiting a leading Japanese company), etc.

(Japanese Affairs A – Fall semester 2017)

Guidance, Characteristics of Higashiosaka City (lecture, off-campus lesson)	4hrs
The History of Osaka Shoin Women's University	4hrs
Japanese Food Culture (lecture, off-campus lesson)	4hrs
Japanese Food Culture and Eating Habits (lecture, practicum)	4hrs
Japanese Housing Culture (lecture, off-campus lesson)	4hrs
Introduction to Japanese Calligraphy (lecture, practicum)	4hrs
Japanese Clothing and Fashion Culture	4hrs
Introduction to Flower Arrangement and Tea Ceremony (lecture, practicum)	2hrs



2) Off-Campus Lessons/ Field Trips:

We offer the students a variety of off-campus lessons and 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. Students can also participate in local events and interact with local people.

3) Research Topics

Topics in 2018

- Sentence-ending particles among women in Kansai – Awareness and usage
- Ways of expression of parental affection



4) Designated Subjects (lectures and seminars taken with regular Japanese 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:** Culture of Clothing and Accessories, Theory of Make-up culture, Globalization and Food, Food Business, Contemporary Business, The Life-cycle and Health of Women, Thinking about Gender etc.

b Subjects related to the field of 'Japanese Cultural Studies' (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:** Japanese History, Theory of Japanese Culture, Window on Shoin, Introduction to Japanese literature, The History of Japanese Calligraphy, Explaining Japanese Culture in English, Japanese Linguistics, Introduction to Teaching the Japanese Language, The Theory of Subculture, Japanese Food and Culture, Japanese culture practicum etc.

Students can also choose to take Japanese Language Teacher Training subjects.

⑧ Events Calendar (tentative):

Late September: Arrival, Orientation

October: Campus festival

November: Autumn Overnight Study Tour

December: Christmas Party

January: One-day excursion

May: Spring Overnight Study Tour,
Party with Fresno State
University students

June: One-day excursion

July: Oral Research Presentation

August: Homestay

September: Completion ceremony

Late September: Leave



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 (in 2018, one student passed level N1 and one level N2). 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 (including a former Japanese Studies Student).

In addition, we will offer support and assistance in helping you find friends at the university.

⑩ Completion of the Course

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

1) Japanese Studies Students must get more than 20 credits in compulsory ('Japanese Language' and 'Japanese Cultural Studies' for Japanese Studies Students) and other designated subjects.

2) 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:

We do not have a dormitory for international students, but we can assist students in finding a suitable apartment 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 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.

- Type of work: English conversation partner
- An English level check and interview is required.
- 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.



■ Follow-up support:

Students who have successfully completed this course and have returned to their home countries may still receive support and advice on Japanese Studies.

You can freely contact past graduates of the Japanese language and Culture program for International Students via Facebook and E-mail. You are also free to contact the staff of the International Exchange Programs Desk anytime.

Alumni's voice

I studied at Osaka Shoin Women's University as a Japanese Studies Student in 2012, and after graduating from my home university, I was able to return here as an employee. I currently work at the International Exchange Programs Desk, where I'm in charge of Japanese Studies Students. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



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● 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 for Japanese Studies Students:

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

