Nihon University Information Sheet for Student Exchange
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University Profile

About Nihon University
Nihon University, founded in 1889, is the largest university in Japan with about 80,000 currently enrolled students. An unrivalled caliber of courses in 16 Colleges and 87 departments for undergraduates, four departments for junior college students, 19 schools and 76 majors for graduates correspond to a great number of academic fields and facilitate multidisciplinary studies.
Each college has its own campus. In line with their characteristics, some are centrally located in Tokyo metropolitan areas and others in expansive suburban areas. These conditions make it possible for each campus to have sufficient space for experiments and hands-on training and move forward with installation of state-of-the-art facilities.

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<th>Undergraduate (Colleges)</th>
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Websites
- Nihon University:
  (Japanese) [http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/](http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/)
  (English) [http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/](http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/)
- Links to College’s websites:
  (Japanese) [http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/academics/](http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/academics/)
  (English) [http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/academics/](http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/academics/)
- Digital Pamphlet (in Japanese):
  [http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/admission_info/information/digital_pamphlet/](http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/admission_info/information/digital_pamphlet/)

Basic information for Student Exchange

Types of Student Exchange
Students who would like to study at Nihon University as an exchange student, can choose JLSP or Semester Exchange.

**JLSP (Japanese-Language and Japan Studies Program)** Intensive Japanese Language and Culture program. It opens three times a year and its duration is ten weeks.

**Semester Exchange** Study at one of our College or Graduate School for one or two semester(s).

Application process and Requirements are different. Please view attached Application Guide for each program prior to application.

Accommodation and Cost of Living
Off-campus Accommodation (a single room) located in central Tokyo is available for all exchange students (JLSP, Semester Exchange). Students use trains to go to their campus. The dormitory fee per month is JPY35,000 including breakfast and dinner. Utilities fee is also needed, about JPY10,000 per month. We provide subsidies for accommodation and the deducted price shown in above. Cost of Living is around JPY100,000 per month including accommodation, meals and transportation.
## Outline and Language requirements

JLSP is a special program designed only for exchange students. They undergo short-term (10 weeks) intensive Japanese language and cultural/social education. JLSP does not require any prior knowledge or study in Japanese language. The program offers 3 subjects: Japanese Language Subject (Comprehensive Japanese/Elective Japanese, from Beginner to Advanced), Japan Studies Subject (taught in English), and Intercultural Experience Subject (in which Japanese-speaking volunteers also participate).

1. **Japanese Language** (Lectures are conducted in Japanese)
   - Basic: 90mins × 2 classes × 5 days × 10 weeks = **150hrs**
   - Elective: 5 different types of classes available = **15-60hrs**

2. **Japan Studies** (Japanese Economy, Japanese Mind) (Lectures are conducted in English)
   - 90 mins × 2 classes × 1 day × 10 weeks + 90 mins × 2 classes × 1 day × 8 weeks = **42hrs**

3. **Intercultural Experience Subject**
   - Visit to Life Safety Learning Center, Study tours = **20hrs**

For the details, please view our JLSP brochure.

### Academic Year of the JLSP
- **Summer Term**: mid-May to late-July
- **Fall Term**: mid-September to early-December
- **Spring Term**: mid-January to late-March

### Application Procedures, Deadline
- View attached “Application Guide for JLSP”

### Visa, Period of stay in Japan
- Based on the instruction from Tokyo Immigration Bureau, **all the exchange students who take a JLSP course will be staying in Japan with “short-term stay” visa**. In case you take only JLSP course, it is not possible for students to obtain “Study” visa.

  - The period of stay in Japan with “short-term stay” visa depends on students’ nationality.
  - Please refer to the following link for further information. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info//visit/visa/short/novisa.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info//visit/visa/short/novisa.html)

  **[Notes]**
  - Students who are from Brunei, Indonesia, Thailand, and United Arab Emirates will not be able to register for this program, since it is not possible for them to obtain a necessary visa for JLSP.

### Restriction for multi-term study
- As a general rule, students can apply for **one term only** for JLSP, since duration of stay is limited with “short-term stay” visa. If students would like to attend JLSP for 2 terms, they must **leave Japan after first term ends** and **re-enter Japan once again just before the second term begins**. Basic rules are as below:
  - Exchange students can obtain “Short term stay” visa only and, for the most of the nationalities, its maximum duration of each stay in Japan is 90 days.
  - Holder of “Short term stay” visa can stay in Japan up to 180 days in total in one year (ex: two times of 90 days)

  **[Notes]**
  - Other conditions may be applied, we strongly recommend the coordinator to be consulted from us prior to nomination.
  - If students would like to apply JLSP for two terms, students and the coordinator in home university need to check these rules carefully and inquire to the consulate general of Japan for your visa prior to application.
  - Students from some countries (Germany, UK, Austria, Switzerland, etc.) will be able to stay up to 6 months by applying for an extension of stay to Immigration Bureau. However, if they take two consecutive terms of JLSP, number of the days from the beginning of the first term to the end of the second term is more than 6 months. So, the students who have these nationalities also need to accept same rules as above.
  - Exchange students cannot take JLSP for three consecutive terms.

### Insurance
- Exchange students who take a JLSP course, will **NOT be able to purchase National Health Insurance**. Students **MUST** purchase an overseas travel insurance by yourself before you leave your own country. To submit a copy of the insurance card is required mandatory.
## Semester Exchange

### Outline
Students join one of our College or Graduate School and take same classes as our regular students. Students should choose a College or Graduate Schools which has similar area of study students’ majors in home university.

- Links to College’s websites
  - (Japanese) http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/academics/
  - (English) http://www.nihon-u.ac.jp/en/academics/

[Notes]
a. Schools and departments below are not available for exchange students.
- School of Medicine
- School of Dentistry
- School of Dentistry at Matsudo
- School of Pharmacy
- Department of Veterinary Medicine
- Graduate School of Social and Cultural studies
- Law School

b. College of Sports Sciences only accepts the students who continue sports regularly.

### Academic Year of Semester Exchange
- Spring Semester: from early-April to early-August
- Fall Semester: from mid-September to early-February
  (Exact dates depend on the college you are going to study.)

### Application Procedures, Deadline
View attached “Application Guide for JLSP”

### Languages and its Requirement
Instruction Language in College / Graduate School is mainly Japanese. However, some Colleges and Graduate Schools offer few classes in English. Students who choose Semester Exchange need Japanese Proficiency level equivalent to Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 or above.

JLPT: Summary of Linguistic Competence Required or Each Level [https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html](https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html)

If they would like to attend the classes taught in English, please make sure that the students have sufficient level of English to follow the classes.

[Notes]
College of Economics offers English courses. If students prefer the course, Japanese proficiency is not required. Students who major in economics are eligible to apply.

### Visa
Students who study as Semester Exchange students needs to obtain “Student Visa”. Nihon will apply the “Certificate of Eligibility” from Japanese Immigration Bureau and send it to admitted exchange students to apply “Study Visa”. Student applies “Study Visa” to the Consulate General of Japan in home country after receiving “Certificate of Eligibility”.

To maintain “Study” visa, exchange student must take classes more than 10 hours per week in their College or Graduate School.

[Notes]
“Certificate of Eligibility” is usually issued few weeks before the semester begins. Furthermore, Immigration Bureau cannot accept the change of visa status from “Short-term stay (or Visa waiver)” to “Study” after arrival to Japan. So, exchange student must apply and receive their visa in their home country. Please do not enter Japan before their “Study Visa” is issued.

### Insurance
Exchange students who study as Semester Exchange must buy National Health Insurance at your own cost, approx. JPY1,500 per month. It reduces the cost in hospital. Instruction for National Health Insurance will be given after the arrival. We strongly recommend exchange students to buy their own travel insurance in their country before coming to Japan to cover extra medical costs, emergency return, compensation for the damage, loss etc.