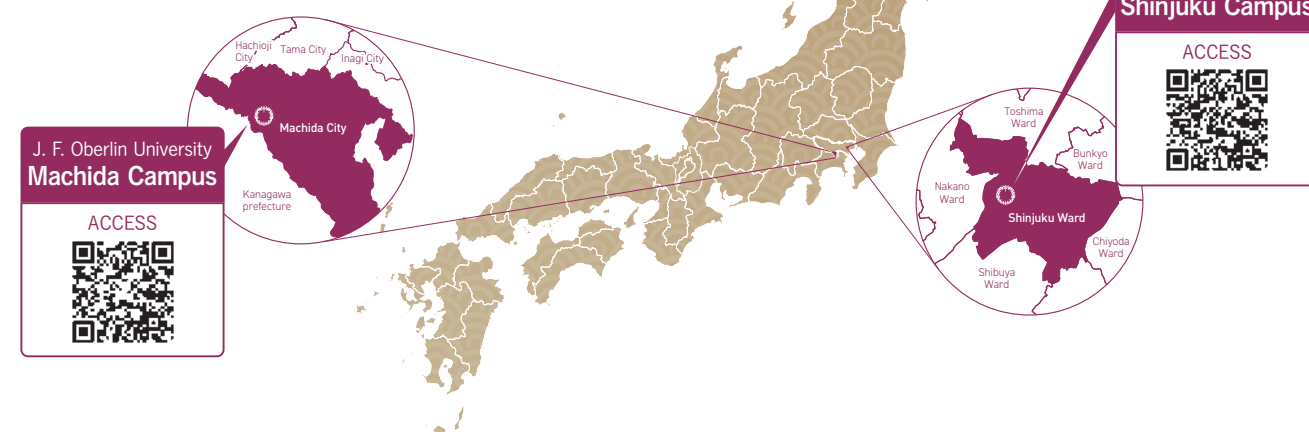




Japan /

Japan is a country where diverse cultures and histories coexist. In Tokyo, traditional shrines and temples coexist with modern high-rise buildings, creating a unique landscape. It is also a place of international exchange, with educational institutions offering a wide variety of academic disciplines. In addition, the delicious food culture, entertainment, and the natural beauty of the four seasons are also major attractions.



Machida /

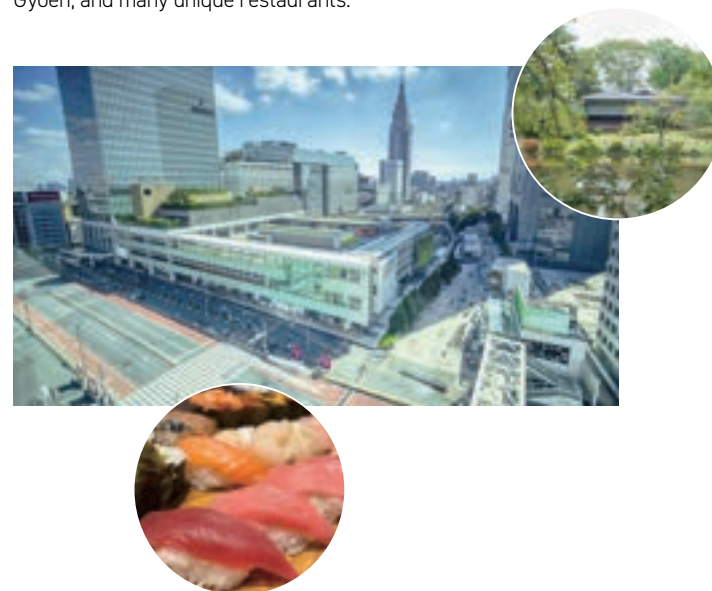
A town with excellent commercial facilities, shopping and dining, and easy access to the city center. It also has many cultural and public facilities, making it an easy place to live. There are also many lush green parks in the area, creating an appealing balance between nature and the city.



The area is dotted with places for relaxation and recreation, such as Yakushiike Park, with its seasonal flowers and tranquil ponds.

Shinjuku /

Shinjuku is the center of Tokyo, where skyscrapers line the streets and business, food, and entertainment intersect. It is an attractive spot with many famous tourist attractions, including Shinjuku Gyoen, and many unique restaurants.



STUDY
ABROAD
at JFOU



◆ About J.F. Oberlin University



Machida Campus

J.F. Oberlin University (JFOU) is a Christian university that aims to nurture students to become internationally-minded individuals who can play an active role on the world stage.



Founded in 1921, the university celebrated its anniversary in 2021

100th

Number of enrolled students approximately
10,000



7 Colleges

College of Arts and Sciences, College of Global Communication, College of Health and Welfare, College of Business Management, College of Performing and Visual Arts, College of Aviation, College of Education and Social Transformation

More than
50 majors and minors

5 campuses



Machida (main campus), Tama, Fuchinobe, Shinjuku, Tokyo Hinatayama

Motto

GAKUJI JIJIN
「学而事人」

Learning to Serve Others and Working for the Common Good



Data of JFOU's Internationalization /

J.F. Oberlin University has established cooperative relationships with many overseas institutions and organizations, and sends out many students each year, while at the same time accepting students from all over the world.

[International Student Enrollment and Number of Partner Institutions (FY2023)]

Number of accepted students
Approx. **800** students
from 25 countries/regions



Number of dispatched students
Approx. **600**



Overseas Partner Institutions
More than **180**,
37 countries/regions



◆ International Student Life at J.F. Oberlin University

We accept international students of diverse nationalities from abroad and have a support system in place to help them lead fulfilling lives. We also have an active international exchange program on campus.

Office of International Programs, Student Affairs Division /

The Office of International Programs and Student Affairs provides a supportive environment for international students to help them adjust to the university.

Global Supporters/Buddy's /

The Machida Campus has Global Supporters and the Shinjuku Campus has Buddy's, two international exchange groups that plan and implement a variety of student-led international exchange events.

International Exchange Events /

There are many on-campus exchange events such as Yamanakako International Camp (YIC), Mt. Takao hiking, Christmas and Halloween parties, welcome parties, etc.



Yamanakako International Camp



International Dormitory



Office of International Programs



Christmas Party



Hiking

Fuchinobe International House /

The dormitory is located right in front of Fuchinobe Station, the nearest station to the Machida Campus. International students from all over the world and Japanese students live together in this dormitory. The lounge, study space, and other communal areas are truly places for cross-cultural exchange. Various events are also held, creating an environment where students can develop an international outlook in their daily lives.

Support for Japanese Language Study /

Writing Support Center (WSC), Center for Japanese Language Learning Resources (CJL), Japanese Class Guest



International Exchange and Study Abroad Information Magazine (OBIRYU PRESS)

Features stories about international exchange events on campus!

International Exchange Instagram account (obiryu_gaku.life)



Take a look at our interviews with exchange students!



Semester Exchange Program I

J. F. Oberlin University's exchange program (Reconnaissance Japan Program, abbreviated as RJ Program) accepts students twice a year for the Spring and Fall semester, providing learning opportunities for a diverse range of students.



Japanese language courses are divided into six levels, ranging from introductory to advanced. Students may take courses appropriate to their Japanese language proficiency. Students who meet the requirements can also take academic courses offered by the different Colleges.



In terms of living, the Fuchinobe International House (dormitory), accessible from the campus by bus, are provided to expand the multicultural experience by interacting with students of different languages and cultural backgrounds. In addition, a variety of extracurricular activities, such as camps, are planned, providing valuable opportunities to deepen friendships through exchanges between Japanese and international students.

Unique Attractions and Features of JFOU /

01

Japanese Core Courses

Courses are offered for students from beginner to advanced levels of Japanese, allowing students to study Japanese at their own level.

02

Japanese Elective Courses

Students can further improve their Japanese language skills through a wide variety of elective courses that go beyond reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

03

Content Courses taught in English and Chinese

Courses are available in English and Chinese to study Japanese culture, history, society, etc.

04

Japanese Language Study Support

Services and facilities are available to support Japanese language study on campus.

05

International Exchange Events

There are many international exchange events such as mountain climbing and camping. Opportunities to interact with Japanese students from JFOU are also available. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of club activities.

06

International Dormitory

Students can live in the Fuchinobe International House. Students live together with Japanese students and international students from various countries and regions, providing deepend exchanges.

Schedule / Study at J. F. Oberlin University for one semester or a full academic year.

Spring semester

April
|
August

Fall semester

September
|
January
of the following year



Expenses /

● Program Fee	457,000 yen/semester *exempted for exchange students
● Student Service Fee	30,000 yen
● Registration Fee	30,000 yen
● Fuchinobe International House	Spring semester 359,000 yen Fall semester 429,000 yen

● Other Expenses	Meals and daily living expenses 50,000 yen—70,000 yen/month National health insurance 17,000 yen/year
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*The above expenses are subject to change.
*Meals and daily living expenses are for reference only, as they vary from person to person.

Check out the application guidelines!





Japanese Core Courses /

Japanese language courses include language-focused core courses and elective courses that focus on specific skills and content. Students are placed into levels according to their Japanese language ability and can take core and elective courses appropriate to their level. Beginner students will receive a solid grounding in the language in the core courses, while advanced students can take electives that meet their needs. In addition, Level VI students can take Japanese language electives as well as academic courses of the different Colleges conducted in Japanese.

Levels	Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education*		Examples of Elective Courses	
Japanese VI	Proficient User	C1/C2	Tutorial	Advanced: Experiential Activities
Japanese V	Independent User	B2	Kanji I, II	Advanced: Advanced Grammar
Japanese IV	Independent User	Upper B1	Elementary and Intermediate Pronunciation	Advanced: Occupational Communication
Japanese III	Independent User	Lower B1	Speaking I, II, III	Advanced: Modern Pop Culture
Japanese II	Basic User	A2	Writing I, II, III	Advanced: Terms of Geography and History
Japanese I	Basic User	A1	Reading I, II, III	Advanced: Academic Essay Writing
			Elementary: Experiential Activities	Advanced: Newscasts and Newspaper Articles
			Intermediate: Experiential Activities	
			Intermediate: Modern Pop Culture	

*A framework for Japanese language learning, teaching, and assessment that can be referred to by all those involved in Japanese language education, with reference to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), in order to clarify the content and methods of Japanese language education required for each stage of Japanese language acquisition, and to ensure that foreigners can continuously receive appropriate Japanese language education.

Japanese Language Support /

Center for Japanese Language (CJL)

In addition to Japanese language textbooks, the CJL has a wide variety of novels, manga, DVDs, and other materials. In addition, senior students and other Japanese language support staff are always available to answer questions and give advice on Japanese language study.



Writing Support Center (WSC)

The Writing Support Center (WSC) provides online support for writing in Japanese and English. Tutors provide one-on-one advice on writing reports, papers, etc.



*for illustrative purposes only

Japanese Class Guest

This is a system in which JFOU students participate as volunteers in Japanese language classes offered to international students, working and studying together with them. They assist international students in their Japanese language studies by helping them with research, giving comments on their presentations, etc.



Contents Courses / In addition to Japanese language courses, we offer a wide range of courses in English and Chinese.

English Courses

Semester	Course Name
Spring	Intercultural Communication (Culture & Identity) (E)
	Japanese Society (Fieldwork in Japan) (E)
	Japanese Culture (Approaches to Japan) (E)
	Japanese Culture (Minority Lit.) (E)
	Japanese History (Premodern History) (E)
	Arts & Culture (Japanese Aesthetics) (E)
	Arts & Culture (Theatrical Arts of Japan) (E)
	Arts & Culture (Works of Akira Kurosawa) (E)
	Arts & Culture (Smartphone Filmmaking) (E)
	Ethnic Studies (Multiculturalism) (E)
Fall	Language & Society (Multilingualism) (E)
	Eng-Speaking World (Imperialism) (E)
	Japanese Society (Issues and Debates) (E)
	Japanese Culture (Modern Cultural History) (E)
	Japanese History (US-Japan Exchanges) (E)
	Arts & Culture (Japanese Cinema) (E)
	Arts & Culture (History) (E)
	Ethnic Studies (Multiculturalism) (E)
	Language & Society (Multilingualism) (E)
	Gender Studies (Gender Representation) (E)

Chinese Courses

Semester	Course Name
Spring	International Relations (Sino-American Relations) (C)
	Language Studies (Japanese-Chinese Contrast) (C)
	Interpreting Techniques (Japanese-Chinese Consecutive) (C)
	Interpreting Techniques (Japanese-Chinese Simultaneous) (C)
	Translation Techniques (Japanese-Chinese A) (C)
	Politics and Diplomacy (Japanese Politics) (C)
Fall	Japanese Culture (Religious Culture) (C)
	Modern Business (Japanese Business) (C)
	Japanese Society (Women, Children, Elderly) (C)
	Language Education (Chinese Language Education) (C)
	Translation Techniques (Japanese-Chinese B) (C)
	Chinese Society (Introduction) (C)
	Chinese Culture (Overseas Chinese) (C)
	Comparative Culture (Japanese-Chinese Communication) (C)

[Course Pick Up]

Japanese Society (Fieldwork in Japan) (offered in English)

Fieldwork in Japan is an interactive and hands-on course that explores communities surrounding the university. Students from diverse backgrounds work together to learn qualitative research methods through interviews and participatory observation of local people.

Intercultural Communication (offered in English)

In today's globalized world, where people, goods, ideas, and practices circulate across borders, living between diverse cultures is becoming quite normal for many people. In this course, students will develop intercultural and multicultural awareness and communication skills while examining the role of "culture" in our daily lives.



Student Interview /

Mr. Wong Ho Cheung
Hong Kong

Study Abroad Experience at JFOU Brought Rich Learning and Growth



The music and aesthetics of Japan have become an inspiration for my creative work. Being immersed in the culture directly is the best way to truly experience and learn from it. This is why I chose to study in Japan. JFOU offers a diverse range of disciplines, including music, art, and theater, allowing me to delve into topics that interest me. I have participated in various events at JFOU and made many friends, who have become my closest companions in Japan, adding lots of fun to my adventure! Don't hesitate to take on a new challenge!

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Summer & Winter Session

Held twice a year in summer and winter. There are level-specific Japanese language courses and a variety of English courses such as “Anime and Japanese Popular Culture” and “Japanese Society and Gender”. In addition, students can experience Japanese culture through calligraphy, tea ceremonies, kimono experiences, and field trips.

Unique Attractions and Features of JFOU /

01

Credit Courses

Students can earn 4 credits by taking 1 course for 2 weeks.

02

Courses Offered in English

All courses are offered in English. Even if you are not confident in your Japanese, you can participate.

03

Reasonable Price

Reasonably priced for easy participation. Discounts are available for students from partner schools.

04

Interaction with JFOU Students

You can enjoy exchanges with JFOU students at Buddy's events.

05

Japanese Culture Experience

Opportunities to experience traditional Japanese culture such as calligraphy, tea ceremonies, and kimono dressing.

06

Shinjuku, the Center of Tokyo

Conveniently located for just about anything. You can feel Japanese culture all around you.



Tea Ceremony



Event



Japanese Culture Experience



Tuition Fees / FY2025

Summer Session	1 session	220,000 yen
	2 sessions	360,000 yen
	3 sessions	500,000 yen
	4 sessions	640,000 yen
Winter Session	1 session	220,000 yen
	Optional ski trip	60,000 yen *Including hotel and transportation

*Data is current and subject to change.

Check out the Summer Session details!



Check out the Winter Session details!



Course /

Time	Program	Course Content
Summer Session	Session 1	Japanese A (Beginner) / Cross-cultural Studies (Anime and Japanese Popular Culture) / Business Topics (SDGs)
	Session 2	Japanese A (Beginner) / Japanese B (Intermediate) / Cross-cultural Studies (Anime and Japanese Popular Culture) / Business Topics (International Relations)
	Session 3	Japanese A (Beginner) / Japanese B (Intermediate) / Japanese C (Upper Intermediate) / Cross-cultural Studies (Anime and Japanese Popular Culture) / Cross-cultural Studies (Japanese Society and Gender) / Business Topics (Management of Japanese Companies)
	Session 4	Japanese B (Intermediate) / Japanese C (Upper Intermediate) / Japanese C (Advanced) / Cross-cultural Studies (Anime and Japanese Popular Culture) / Cross-cultural Studies (Modern and Contemporary Japanese Culture)
Winter Session	Session 1	Japanese A (Beginner) / Japanese B (Intermediate) / Cross-cultural Studies (Anime and Japanese Popular Culture)
	Optional	Hakuba Ski Trip



[Course Pick Up]

Anime and Popular Culture (offered in English)

This course explores Japanese popular culture, including anime, manga, fashion, and music. Anime and manga's global popularity will also be explored.

Japanese Society and Gender (offered in English)

This course provides an overview of gender and sexuality in Japanese society, drawing on materials from sociologists, historians, journalists, and others.

Management of Japanese Companies (offered in English)

This course examines how socio-cultural factors, laws, politics, economics, and other mechanisms affect the international business development of Japanese companies.

Schedule /

Summer
May - July

2 weeks
×
4 sessions

Winter
January - February

2 weeks
×
1 session
+
optional ski trip



Student Interview /

Ms. Mads Muraoka | USA

In the center of Tokyo, where it is easy to go anywhere, I learned a lot of from the engaging classes

I chose J.F. Oberlin because of the location and programs it offered. I liked seeing that it was going to be in Tokyo and relatively close to everything. I also liked the classes it offered, such as Gender & Society or Culture in a Modern Era. J.F. Oberlin was also very safe and made me feel comfortable.



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J. F. Oberlin University's Institute for Japanese Language and Culture (Bekka) is a preparatory educational institution for international students aiming to enter universities and graduate schools in Japan. Since its establishment in 2005, students have been supported not only in passing entrance exams but also in developing their overall Japanese language skills. In addition to academic guidance, interview preparation for entrance exams and support for writing research proposals for graduate school applications are also provided.

Unique Attractions and Features of JFOU /

01

Convenient access to the Shinjuku campus
(Relocated from Machida Campus in 2025) .

02

Conveniently located on the university campus, students can use the university's facilities.



03

Students can participate in the university's international exchange events.

04

Students can take university courses
(Additional fees are required) .

05

There is a recommendation system to J. F. Oberlin University.

06

Admission fee will be waived for students who wish to enter J.F. Oberlin University or the graduate school.

Schedule /

Admission is in April and September. The standard term of study is 1 year (maximum 2 years*), but if a student decides to continue on to higher education, they may enroll for 1 semester. A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who have been enrolled for more than 1 year and have earned at least 26 credits, provided they are deemed to have completed the program by the Bekka Committee.

*The maximum enrollment period is 2 years at a Japanese language institute in Japan.

Course /

A. Graduate School Preparatory Course	It is desirable to have passed JLPT N1 at the time of admission.
B. University Transfer Course	It is desirable to have passed JLPT N2 at the time of admission.
C. University Preparation Course	Students must have passed JLPT N3 or equivalent at the time of admission.
D. Special Course for Japanese Language Study	Short-term Japanese language study course for university or graduate school students conducting research in Japan

Tuition Fee /

Examination Fee	15,000 yen
Student Service Fee	30,000 yen
Admission Fee	100,000 yen
Tuition Fee (per semester)	250,000 yen

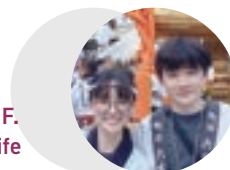
*Tuition for the second and subsequent semesters will be charged before each semester.

Student Interviews /

Ms. Zhu Jialin | China

Mr. Zhang Lulu | China

Two-Person Three-Legged Race at J. F. Oberlin University: A Study Abroad Life Weaving Words and Culture



My wife and I are studying at JFOU every day, interacting with friendly teachers and students, and receiving effective Japanese language classes and excellent support. While enjoying a rich cultural experience and university life on a beautiful campus, we are experiencing a steady improvement in our Japanese language skills and deepening our understanding of Japanese society.

Mr. Wang Juncheng | China

Studying Japanese and gaining international experience at J. F. Oberlin University opens the way to a better future



I have become more confident in my Japanese language skills through studying Japanese language at Bekka. I felt a great deal of growth, especially in class presentations and interactions with Japanese students. Using the university facilities and living in the international dormitory was also meaningful. I am proud that I was able to enter JFOU as a scholarship student, and I am grateful that I am now able to continue my studies at the university.

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J.F. Oberlin University plans and offers customized programs to meet the needs of each university. Themes include culture, economics, society, technology, etc. The duration ranges from one week to several months, and the languages offered include English, Japanese, or Chinese, and can be provided according to the requirements of each university.



Example of a customized program Sakura Science Exchange Program /

This is a program of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). Overseas students learn about the natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences through lectures, practical training, visits to related facilities, field trips, and company visits. Many opportunities for joint study and extracurricular exchanges with Japanese students are also provided to enhance cultural exchange. J. F. Oberlin University has implemented this program for three consecutive years since 2021, and more than 200 overseas faculty members and students from 23 countries and regions have participated.

[Course Pick Up]

Tourism and DX

Participants experience DX case studies in the field of sightseeing and tourism, and consider the direction of new business models through group work and other activities.

Sports Sciences and Management ~Costa Rica x Japan Baseball Exchange~

Participants learn about "sports medicine (natural science)" and "management (social science)" that support the improvement of physical functions as an athlete and the management of a baseball team, and practice with members of the student baseball team.

6th Industry and Earthquake Reconstruction

Through field trips, participants gain a deepened understanding of the 6th industrialization of agriculture, hands-on entertainment, and reconstruction assistance in disaster-stricken areas.



Japanese Small and Medium Enterprises Tackling Social Issues - "Attractiveness of Japan" from the Perspective of Foreign Owners and Employees

Participants examine ways to revitalize the Japanese economy and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from the viewpoints of foreign businesspeople who are engaged in business as managers and employees of SMEs, and rediscover the "attractiveness of Japan" from diverse perspectives.

Student Interviews /

Ms. Ma. Sophia M. Payang | Philippines



I liked everything about the course as I had the opportunity to interact with a culturally diverse group of people, meet and learn from industry lectures, witness and experience the technological advancement in Japan and to form connections and friendships with individuals from various nations.

Ms. Kristiana Puskeire | Netherlands



This was an absolutely amazing and very inspirational experience. I gained so much more knowledge about culture, people and business during this program.

Mr. Luis Ricardo Alfaro Leiton | Costa Rica



It has been a life changing experience. Everything was awesome, I felt welcome, accepted and happy everyday. The lectures on baseball and breathing techniques were especially helpful. I'm very grateful, studying and visiting Japan has been one of the best experiences of my life.

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