Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (TUFS-JLJSP)

This is a four-year undergraduate degree program, focusing on Japanese Language and Japan Studies, with a scholarship provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan (MEXT).

Program Outline

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Scholarship Benefits

(1) Monthly scholarship amounts to JPY 120,000. *This amount is subject to change.
(2) Exemption from payment of application fee, entrance fee, and tuition
(3) Travel expense to/from Japan (upon the course entrance and graduation)

Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program

The Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (TUFS-JLJSP) is an undergraduate program at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), designed to attract international students at the undergraduate level who are interested in Japanese language, culture, literature, history, and area studies within the emerging discipline of the School of Language and Culture Studies and the School of International and Area Studies. Among the main features of this program is its pre-arrival selection process through which applicants are screened. Applicants residing overseas do not need to come to Japan to attend the entrance examination. Please refer to the April 2018 Admission Information for details of the admission procedures.
International Priority Undergraduate Program of Japanese Government Scholarship

To promote the recruitment of outstanding international students, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, Sports and Technology – Japan (MEXT) offers Japanese universities with robust, distinguished undergraduate programs for international students a preferential allocation of MEXT scholarships. Programs approved by MEXT as appealing and academically distinguished are referred to as “International Priority Undergraduate Programs (PUP).” The Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program was established and designated as PUP in 2016.

Aims of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

The mission of this university is to make students better equipped to cooperate independently with different value systems and cultures to address the challenges of this globalized world. By offering them diversity in education in languages, cultures, and societies of various regions of the world, the school environment nurtures humanity and prepares students to have a deeper understanding and refined sensitivities of their chosen field, through their high communication skills and widened perspectives.

Students of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

TUFS seeks to admit candidates who have completed their secondary school in or outside of Japan and acquired comprehensive and strong academic skills. These candidates must exhibit the capability to reason, have clear communication skills, and be proactive in learning in accordance with the university philosophy and mission. They are expected to demonstrate determination to collaborate further in the culturally diverse environment to address the challenges of this globalized world.

TUFS welcomes students who:
- are willing to play an active role in the globalized society in building international linkages by being knowledgeable of languages and cultures
- are willing to become skilled in analyzing and understanding complex systems in various regions of the world and, thereby, solving practical problems from a global perspective
- demonstrate both an interest in and determination to acquire high proficiency in Japanese, in addition to increasing their knowledge of Japan and its culture in the context of a globalized world

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Based on the above requirements, TUFS-JLJSP welcomes students who:
- are willing to become the “bridge between Japan and the world” by connecting his/her country with Japan and be active in Japanese companies in and outside Japan, or to enter the post-graduate programs and aim to take an active role in teaching Japanese and Japanese education in his/her home country
- are willing to contribute to the mutual understanding between Japan and their home country, by participating in activities at schools and communities, with the aim of partaking in the internationalization of Japan, and to make efforts to promote relations between their home country and Japan after graduation

Schools

When applying, the applicant must choose the School in which he/she wishes to be enrolled. Students will be enrolled in either one of the following:
- School of Language and Culture Studies (Japanese)
  [Fields of study] Language and Information Studies, Applied Language and Communication Studies, and Culture and Literary Studies
- School of International and Area Studies (Japan Studies)
  [Fields of study] Area Studies, Contemporary Global Studies, and International Relations

Language of Instruction

In this program, both English and Japanese are used as the language of instruction. English is the primary language for Year 1 and 2. However, students are expected to acquire high level Japanese proficiency by the end of Year 2, thus, making them competent enough to study the specialized area studies in Japanese starting Year 3. Students may choose to write their graduation thesis in Year 4 in either English or Japanese.

Preparatory Sessions

Once you are accepted officially to TUFS-JLJSP, preparatory sessions will be provided through Skype, so that you can adjust easily in terms of studying and learning Japanese upon your arrival. These sessions will also provide you with opportunities to meet other TUFS students and obtain information on living in Japan, prior to your arrival.
Degree Received upon Completion
The Degree awarded to students who complete this program is **Bachelor of Arts (Language and Area Studies)**.

Curriculum of TUFS-JLJSP

The curriculum is composed of the Global Liberal Arts Program and Specialization Program. The following subjects are contained within the individual programs. During the first two years, students will mainly take subjects in Global Liberal Arts Program that are related to his/her chosen language/region. From Year 3, students will register in one of the three specialized education programs offered at each School, to be educated in specialized area studies.

**<Global Liberal Arts Program>**

1. **Language Subjects**: TUFS-JLJSP students will register for either “Intensive” or “Regular” courses. Japanese subjects have eight class levels to accommodate the varying language proficiencies of students:
   - Elementary (level 100)
   - Pre-intermediate (level 200)
   - Intermediate 1 (level 300)
   - Intermediate 2 (level 400)
- Pre-advanced (level 500)
- Advanced 1 (level 600)
- Advanced 2 (level 700)
- Upper Advanced (level 800)

“Intensive” courses for class 100 and 200 are held 10 periods a week, with two additional “focused” classes. “Regular” courses are provided for class 300 and above; they are divided into “Integrated” and “Focused” classes, focusing on specific aspects of Japanese. Students choose their classes according to their Japanese language level, their own interest, and the language skills they want to improve, with guidance from the professors of this program.

*Students are required to take a placement test to determine their level of competence of Japanese at the beginning of the program.

2. Area-related subjects: TUFS-JLJSP students will take classes to deepen their understanding of “Japan.”

3. Basic Literacy
4. Basic Seminar
5. Global Liberal Arts Subjects*
6. Short Visit and Study Tour Subjects
7. Sports and Physical Culture Subjects

< Specialization Program>
1. Introductory Subjects: Study the foundations of the chosen specialized field.*
2. Survey Subjects: Study systematically the content of the chosen specialized field.*
3. Elective Subjects: Lectures, Seminar, Research Seminar, and Graduation thesis*

*JLJSP students may take “GLIP Global Liberal Arts Subjects” and “GLIP Subjects of Specialization,” which are held as GLIP Subjects in English (language of instruction is English). “GLIP Global Liberal Arts Subjects” are offered to all students irrespective of their year or major, whereas “GLIP Subjects of Specialization” are more specific to certain fields. Some of the latter subjects are restricted to students in Year 2 or 3 and above.


The lists of subjects available at the Global Liberal Arts Program, School of Language and Culture Studies and School of International and Area Studies, can be viewed here:
<An example of a JLJSP student’s weekly schedule (Spring Quarter, Year 1)>

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Apart from their weekly classes, students may take intensive subjects held during Summer and Winter quarters.

<An example of a JLJSP student’s weekly schedule (Spring Quarter, Year 2)>
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**Research Topics**

From Year 3, students register for the “Seminar” taught by his/her academic advisor. Students choose the academic advisor under whom he/she would like to pursue further studies on the chosen research topic.

Students of TUFS-JLJSP are expected to conduct research on Japanese- or Japan-related topics, such as the examples shown below:

**Examples of conceivable research topics:**

*<School of Language and Culture Studies>*

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<td>“Language of International Marriage Families”</td>
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Students Life at TUFS

TUFS is located in Fuchu City in the western part of Tokyo, an area known for its natural beauty. Right behind the campus are many sports fields used mostly on weekends by local groups. A small but fun park called Musashino-no-Mori Koen can also be found in this city. Walking past this park, you will quickly reach the side entrance of Nogawa Park, which is large and famous on this side of Tokyo. The Nogawa Park has walking trails, tennis courts, a practice area, and other facilities. It is always full of people having picnics or doing various fun activities when the weather is good. You can either walk past one part of the park or through the park to reach Nogawa River, which is a pleasant place to walk or jog along. It also has an old waterwheel.

The current 130,000-m² Fuchu campus, located in a leafy suburban environment, houses the Research & Lecture Building, Library, Research Institute of Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), Japanese Language Center for International Students, International Residence Halls (No. 1, 2, and 3), Administration Building, Health Center, University Center, and Gymnasium and Sports ground.

- **TUFS International Residence**

  Many international students reside in one of the three international residence halls on campus. Each room is well equipped and comes furnished with a single bed, a desk with drawers, a chair, bookshelves, shelves for food, clothes, and shoes, a small kitchen area with stove, a refrigerator, sink, and internet connection. Information on International
residence halls will be provided once you are accepted officially to the program.

- **Extracurricular Activities**

  Either voluntarily or as a part of their own responsibility, students conduct extracurricular athletic, cultural, intellectual, and social activities according to their interest and aptitude. These activities, together with academic research through the regular curriculum, play an indispensable and important role in the campus life of students. Diverse experiences gained through extracurricular activities and friendships cultivated beyond the study of major subjects are quite useful after students graduate and start working. TUFS has 44 cultural and 46 athletic circles and clubs that are authorized to conduct extracurricular activities. Joining these activities will give students an opportunity to make friends with Japanese and fellow international students.

- **Events and Festival**

  TUFS has two main events, namely, **TUFS REGATTA** and **GAIGOSAI Festival**

  **TUFS REGATTA** is a boat race held in late spring. As this is a university-wide event to welcome first-year students, no classes are held on the day of the race. Each year, about 1,400 to 1,500 students, mainly freshmen, gather to participate as crews or to cheer the team.

  **Gaigosai Festival** is the TUFS’s largest annual event held in fall every year. The Festival is also known for its “Language Plays.” After many days of rehearsal, students, mainly sophomores or higher, perform plays using the language in which they major. During the Gaigosai Festival, students set up booths in the central plaza of the campus and serve unique dishes from their area of language and cultural studies.
Comments from JLJSP Students

Having the opportunity to study in Japan and become part of the JLJSP family has been absolutely amazing. Despite the many “firsts,” e.g., first time moving out of home, first time living alone, first time at university, first time living overseas etc., I’m so glad I could experience this together with the other JLJSP members. Everyone is so supportive and generous, and it’s a pleasure to study in such a nice university that is TUFS.

(School of Language and Culture Studies, Australia)

The JLJSP programme allows us to lessen one year of studying Japanese by studying along with the subjects in our own schools (International and Area studies/ Language and Culture). The difficult point is that we have to take many classes of Japanese, or it takes much consideration of choosing the class because some are overlapping. However, taking the classes taught in English provides us the opportunity to meet Japanese and people from other countries. Besides, we are able to practice English and are able to take time to get used to Japan. So, in the third year, it is expectable that we study in the classes taught in Japanese. Furthermore, the Japanese skill will develop very fast both through the Japanese classes we take and the environment.

(School of International and Area Studies, Thailand)

The course is an amazing opportunity for those seeking to expand their knowledge and for new experiences. TUFS offers a unique international environment, which is full of surprises and amazing people. The staff is always helpful and, without any doubts, most of the fears you might feel before coming will disappear as soon as you arrive and live this amazing experience with such interesting people.

(School of International and Area Studies, Brazil)

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