International Programs

J. F. Oberlin University offers various international programs to further your study abroad experience in Japan.

Summer Session
- 6 weeks - July

Language Prep Course
- 4 weeks - July
- 1 semester/1 year

Undergraduate
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Global Communication
- College of Business Management
- College of Health and Welfare
- College of Performing and Visual Arts

Graduate
- Graduate School of International Studies
- Graduate School of Business Administration
- Graduate School of Language Education
- Graduate School of Psychology
- Graduate School of Higher Education Administration (On-Campus)
- Graduate School of Higher Education Administration (Distance Learning)
- Graduate School of Gerontology

Exchange & Study Abroad Program

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3758 Tokiwa-machi, Machida-shi, Tokyo 194-0294 Japan
http://www.obirin.ac.jp/en/access/machida.html

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Japanese
- 6 levels of intensive Japanese language courses; previous language study recommended but not required
- Japanese tutors and class visitors who participate on a regular basis

Center for Japanese Learning Resources
- Content courses taught in English and Chinese

Excursions with Japanese students
to the mountains and the sea

International students encouraged to participate in extracurricular clubs with Japanese students

Housing: Int’l Residence Hall

JFOU Student Enrollment over 9,000

2,255 Int’l students have participated in Community Outreach

Global Supporter

J. F. Oberlin University at a Glance

History
- founded in 1921
- traces lineage to Chongzhen Girls’ School in China

Location
- Machida, in Tokyo
- 30th International University on THE Japan University ranking

Organization
- 5 Undergraduate Colleges
  - Arts and Sciences
  - Global Communication
  - Business Management
  - Health and Welfare
  - Performing and Visual Arts
- +7 Graduate Schools

Excellence
- 49 majors, 37 minors
- 9,000 JFOU Student Enrollment
- Over 600 Studying Overseas Annually
- #5 in Japan

Study Abroad Ranking

Number of Exchange Students
- approximately 150 from 20 countries/regions

Number of Non-Japanese Matriculated Students
- 700

Affiliated Divisions
- Confucius Institute
- King Sejong Institute

Overseas Operations
- Beijing, China
- Seattle, USA
- Los Angeles, USA
- Osaka, Japan
- Delhi, India

Single semester
- Spring: early April to early August
- Fall: mid-September to January
- or full year

International students
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Community Outreach
- help international students settle into student life in Japan,
- meet conversation partners,
- and just have fun

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Making the Most of the Japanese as a Second Language (JSL) Environment

Living and studying in Japan provides students with an opportunity to interact with others through the use of the Japanese language. Using the language in and outside of the classroom helps them become active members of the Japanese-language community. Our program is designed with this in mind, i.e., that the students are in a “second language environment” in which they are in contact with Japanese people on a daily basis.

Framework of the Japanese Language Program

Core Japanese

Elective Courses

- Japanese I
- Japanese II
- Japanese III
- Japanese IV
- Japanese V
- Japanese VI

Students will be placed in one of six different levels in the core Japanese program. The number of core class hours is bigger at lower levels so that beginning learners can build a solid foundation of the language. More elective courses are offered for students with higher proficiency so that they can focus on specific areas of the language of their choice.

There is no core class for students placed in Level 6. They are encouraged to enroll in regular courses taught in Japanese in one or more of JFOU’s academic departments as well as elective courses offered in the Japanese language program. Some of the regular courses are also open to students without extensive Japanese language background.

Japanese Support

CJL (Center for Japanese Learning Resources)
The CJL is always staffed with Japanese-speaking students and teachers who can answer questions and give advice.

WSC (Writing Support Center)
Tutors help students improve their writing skills by giving advice on written pieces such as essays and handouts.

Class Volunteers (Language Supporters)
Every semester, over 150 Japanese students volunteer to participate in various class activities ranging from cooking to discussing news topics.

“Kusa no Ne (grass-roots) Project” volunteer activities
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The JF Standard Level*

| Japanese I | Basic User | A1 |
| Japanese II | Basic User | A2 |
| Japanese III | Independent User | Lower B1 |
| Japanese IV | Independent User | Upper B1 |
| Japanese V | Independent User | B2 |
| Japanese VI | Proficient User | C1/C2 |

*On successful completion of the corresponding Core Class, a student is expected to be able to perform tasks equivalent to the level of those outlined in the JF Standard (Japan Foundation Standard) for Japanese Language Education.

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Integration with Japanese Community

Various events that enable you to integrate with local Japanese communities are waiting for you!

Spring

Winter

Summer

Fall

Housing

Almost all students in the program live at JFOU’s International House in Fuchinobe where they are totally integrated with Japanese local students as well as international students from different countries/regions.

Expenses & Scholarship

Program Fee

Fees are subject to change without notice.
JPY430,000 per semester (waived for students on exchange)

Fuchinobe International House (Dorm):
Fall: JPY275,000 / Spring: JPY220,000

Other one-time fees including a JPY155,000 refundable deposit: JPY188,200

Application

Application Period

Spring Semester: Late August - November 1st
Fall Semester: Late March - May 1st

Application Materials

Please find application materials online:
https://obirinoip.wordpress.com/
(It is ready for you to download during the application period)

Scholarship

Students from all nations:
Scholarship for International Students in Japan (JASSO)

Students from US:
The Bridging Scholarships
http://www.waj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships
The Toshio Watanabe Endowed Scholarship
http://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe_scholarship

Students from ASEAN countries:
Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation