

Application Guideline (For international students)

Niigata University Summer Program 2022
Niigata University Online Pre-Study Abroad Program:
Learn Japanese culture and society through language learning
and discussion with Japanese students

◆ Aim

Niigata University (NU) will offer the Summer Program 2022. The program is designed for students from our partner universities who will learn remotely from their home country with NU students. It provides students with opportunities to study not only Japanese language and culture but also develop their capabilities to study in Japan, and contribute to the globalizing world in different social settings in the future. The program offers two separate courses for the first four days, each designed for international students and NU students. On the final day of the program, all students participate in discussion together so that they can interact with each other through collaborative online international learning (COIL).

- **Program for International Students:**

Four days: From Monday, August 22 to Thursday, August 25

This course aims at providing international students who wish to study in Japan in the future with preliminary understanding regarding Japanese contemporary affairs through intensive Japanese reading.

- **Program for NU's students**

Four days: From Monday, August 22 to Thursday, August 25

This course aims at providing NU students who wish to study abroad in the future with broader knowledge about contemporary Japanese affairs so that they will be able to explain various topics regarding Japan in English.

- **Program for collaborative online international learning**

One day: Friday, August 26

On the final day of the program, NU students make presentations about contemporary Japanese affairs in English, and international students make questions about the presentations. After that, all students have a discussion together and exchange their views and opinions on the topics regarding Japanese contemporary affairs.

◆ Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

- (1) The applicant is enrolled as a degree-seeking student during the period of the program in a university with which Niigata University has concluded a student exchange agreement.
- (2) The applicant has basic (minimum JLPT-N4) or intermediate (minimum JLPT-N3) level of Japanese language proficiency.
- (3) The applicant has sufficient English language proficiency.
- (4) The applicant is expected to attend all the scheduled classes to complete the program successfully.

◆ Method

The entire program will be conducted online via Zoom. Students are required to have laptops/PCs, (build-in) cameras, and microphones.

◆Schedule

Japan Standard Time (JST) is used in the following schedule. The schedule is tentative, and we will inform you of the fixed one at a later date.

	Time (JST)	【Courses for international students and NU students】				【Collaborative learning】
		Mon. Aug 22	Tue. Aug 23	Wed. Aug 24	Thur. Aug 25	Fri. August 26
For NU students	12:55	Aim: Enhancing students' ability to explain details about Japanese contemporary affairs <u>in English.</u> Topics covered will be as follows. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 . Educational system in Japan 2 . Politics in Japan 3 . Young people in Japan 4 . Japanese geography 5 . Japanese lifestyle 				●Japanese students: Students will be divided into several groups and make presentations about Japanese contemporary affairs <u>in English.</u> ●International students: Students make questions regarding the content of presentations <u>either in Japanese or English.</u>
	17:55					
For international students	12:55	Aim: To learn about various aspects of Japanese contemporary affairs <u>in Japanese</u> and acquire the language skill as well as knowledge which will become the basis for studying in Japan. Two courses will be provided: basic (minimum JLPT-N4) and intermediate (minimum JLPT-N3). Topics covered will be as follows. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 . Educational system in Japan 2 . Politics in Japan 3 . Young people in Japan 4 . Japanese geography 5 . Japanese lifestyle 				●All students: After the presentations, students including international and NU students have a discussion regarding Japanese contemporary affairs <u>either in Japanese or English.</u>
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*From August 22 to August 25, the classes will be conducted separately for international students and NU students.

*On August 26, students will join in the same course all together, and they will work together based on the topics they have learned beforehand.

◆How to Select a Course from Basic and Intermediate on August 22-25

An applicant selects the course of their preference by ticking the box on the application form. Please note that an applicant may not be allowed to attend the course of his/her first preference as NU will comprehensively evaluate the applicant in terms of motivation, Japanese proficiency, etc., based on his/her application form.

◆Student Status at Niigata University

Students will be enrolled as “Special Auditing Student” at NU.

◆Credit and Evaluation

Students will be evaluated according to their performance, including participation and discussion. Two credits and the certificate will be given by NU after the successful completion of the program.

◆Program Tuition

Free of charge.

◆Application Process

➤ Application:

STEP1: Applicants must consult with the coordinator of their home university and express their intention of participating in the program.

STEP2: Applicants must be selected by partner universities, and the letter of recommendation must be submitted by coordinators to studyinjapan@ge.niigata-u.ac.jp by **July 1, 2022 (JST)**. The format of the letter of recommendation will be sent to the coordinators via e-mail.

STEP3: Students who wish to participate in the program must fill in the necessary information by accessing the URL or scanning the QR code below by **July 1, 2022 (JST)**.

Notice: Please make sure to express your intention of participating in the program to the coordinator of your home university first before filling in the application form.

Application form for students: <https://forms.office.com/r/E5bpnqK3mz>



➤ Due date for recommendation letter*: **July 1, 2022 (JST)**

*The letter must be submitted by the coordinator of your home university by email.

➤ Application deadline for students*: **July 1, 2022 (JST)**

*The application form must be filled in by students.

➤ Announcement of selection result: NU will inform our partner universities of the result by mid-July.

◆Submission E-mail Address and Contact

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