



# Niigata University



Let's improve your Japanese-language skills and find real Japanese life

## ■ Overview of Niigata University

### ① About Niigata University

Niigata University was established in 1949 in Niigata City as the center for higher education and research in the areas along the Sea of Japan. The University has ten faculties – College of Creative Studies, literature, school education, law, economics, natural sciences, medicine, dentistry, engineering, agriculture – five graduate schools and Medical and Dental Hospitals, where about 12,600 students receive undergraduate and graduate education and about 3,000 research staff and officers work.

### ② About International Exchange

Overseas Partner Institutions:  
69 institutions (26 countries / districts)  
Agreements on the faculty level:  
252 cases (30 countries / districts)



### ③ Number of International Students

Y2018: 471 (3 student from this program)  
Y2017: 460 (2 student from this program)  
Y2016: 457 (1 student from this program)

### ④ About Niigata

Niigata prefecture is usually known as a place for good rice and heavy snow. Niigata city itself does not have heavy snow. In addition, the cost of living is much cheaper than that in Tokyo. The size of Niigata city (where our university is) is just right for foreign students who wish to study Japanese and people's life in Japan. You can enjoy winter sports such as skiing and snowboarding at nearby mountains and summer sports on beaches.

## ■ Course Summary

### ① Course Description

A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency.

### ② Features of course

Firstly, students study Japanese language with not only other international students but also Japanese students, by speaking Japanese and talking about Japanese culture in the combined classes. We consider it very efficient way to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and Japanese affairs. Of course, students can take the Japanese classes for international students only.

Secondly, they are offered courses to study Japanese culture which include not only history or religion but also contemporary Japanese culture such as Japanese Anime or Japanese subcultures, as well as study of local culture and life in Niigata. Thirdly, students have opportunities to find real Japanese life by joining events such as study tours or homestay program.

### ③ The number of students in the program will be:

**maximum of 10**

Embassy recommendation 8  
University recommendation 2

### ④ Course Requirement

All the students applying for this program must have passed Japanese Proficiency Test N2 or have Japanese ability to understand lectures enough before coming to Niigata. In order to concentrate on their study, students are not encouraged to bring their families.

### ⑤ Goal

The aim of this course is to gain presentation skills in Japanese.

### ⑥ Period of the program

October 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020.

Closing Ceremony will be held on August 7.  
(As for Y2018: It was held on August 3, 2018)

## ⑦ Out line of the Program

Students attend Japanese language classes and classes for Japanese cultures together with Japanese students according to their own interest. At the end of the course, they will do presentation in Japanese on their own topic. And to prepare for that and for writing the final essay, they will have individual support from academic supervisors for their essay writing.

### 1) Compulsory Subjects

Fall Semester :

Individual Research and Essay Writing I

Spring Semester :

Individual Research and Essay Writing II

◆ Individual Research and Essay Writing I

◆ Individual Research and Essay Writing II

This class aims to make out a research paper in Japanese. Classes will be held under the direction of individual advising professor.

### 2) Study Tours and Involvements in the local community

Although they are not subjects, there are many opportunities to visit facilities and communicate with local residents in the annual events.

### 3) Completion study

•Without presentation and essay writing in Japanese, students will not be able to finish the course.

•Our academic supervisors will give those students individual support for their presentation and essay.

### 4) Opportunity to study with Japanese students

We will offer many subjects in which you can learn about Japan with Japanese students. We also prepare a Japanese tutor for each student. Some of the students may be asked to help Japanese students to learn foreign languages.

### 5) Various elective subjects

Niigata University provides various elective subjects. International students will have opportunities to study with Japanese students, and they can deepen their understanding of local culture and life in Niigata by taking many subjects.

#### ◆ Various Japanese language classes

Students can take JLPT-N1, N2, Reading, Listening and Composition class.

In addition, we have the Social Skills in Writing/Oral Communication class which is for those who want to get the job in Japan in the future.

#### ● Compulsory Subjects / Elective Courses

Subject	Credit	hours	Compulsory subjects / Electives
Individual Research and Essay Writing I / II	2 each	30	Compulsory Subjects
N2-N4 Reading / Listening / Composition	1 each	15	Elective Courses
Social Skills in Oral Communication	1 each	15	
Social Skills in Writing Communication	1 each	15	
JLPT-N1	1	15	
Kanji & Vocabulary	1	15	
Other various Japanese classes	1/2	15/30	

#### ● Other electives

Subject	Credit	hours
Rice Industry	2	30
Studies on Science and Culture of Snow in Niigata	2	30
Modern Japanese Literature C	2	30
Studies of Culture on Niigata	2	30
Niigata study	2	30
Active Learning A/B/C	1 each	15 each

## ⑧ Annual Events

The end of September	Coming to Japan
October	enrollment ceremony, welcome party
November	One day study trip, home stay program
December	Music festival, Japanese recital, Iwamuro hot spring walking tour
January	Rice-cake making event
February	Party with local people
April	Welcome party, Hanami
May	One day study trip
June	Japanese recital, home stay program
July	KABUKI, home stay program
August	local festival, closing ceremony pair-speech contest Return to home country



One day study trip

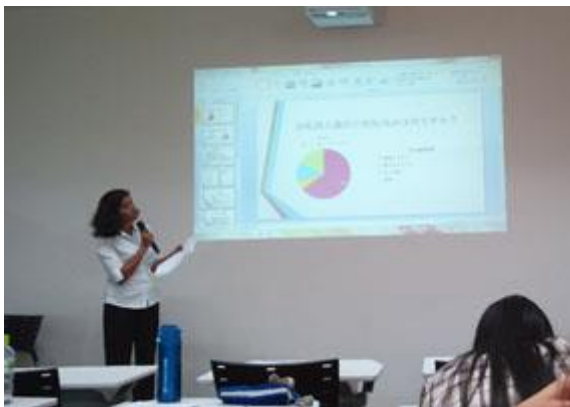
### ⑨ Organization of the program

Each student has an academic adviser. They have a time to meet with an academic supervisor every week to make out a report under his/her guidance.

### ⑩ Certificate of Completion

A certificate of course completion will be issued after finishing the program.

Students are required to get 20 credits in a year (10 credits in a semester) and to submit a report.



Japanese recital



Rice-cake making event

### ■ Accommodation

Niigata University International House (*Niigata-Daigaku Kokusai Koryu Kaikan*).

Facilities: Bath and toilet unit, kitchen unit, hot water facilities, air-conditioning and heating equipment.

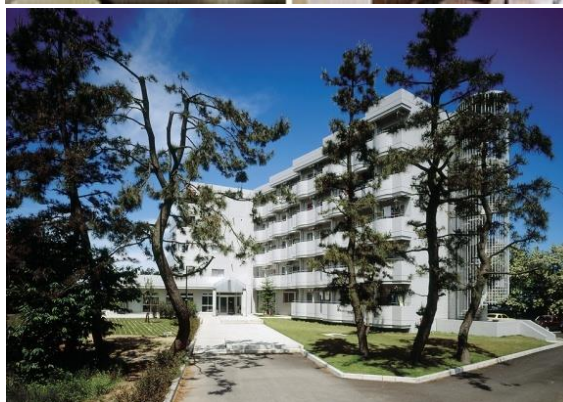
Equipment: Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, wardrobe, cupboard with table, gas cooking unit, refrigerator, microwave oven, and fire extinguisher.

Monthly rent : 22,000 yen (single room)

It is located in campus.

Students from this program can stay in International House.

Also, university has six apartments for international students outside of campus with almost the same condition of International House.



International House

### ■ Follow up for Graduate

We keep in contact with students who have completed the course on Facebook.

When we have a course guidance in their home country. We ask for their help.

We give some advice and guidance to completed students who want to go to Japanese graduate school

### ■ Contact

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