

Sophia University (Tokyo)



1. Small-Class Size from Basic to Advanced Levels 2. Semester System 3. Courses Offered in English (except Japanese Language and Pedagogy Courses)

An Overview of the University:

Since its foundation in 1913, Sophia University has been preparing generations of students to play an active role in Japanese society and in the world. More than fifty nationalities are represented in our student body of 11,900, and the teaching staff of 1,100 is made up of scholars from 20 countries. Sophia University offers a choice of 8 faculties and 27 departments, and a graduate school with 10 divisions and 23 programs. Most of the courses except the courses offered at the Faculty of Liberal Arts are offered in Japanese. At present 811 students from all over the world are studying at Sophia University and approximately 200 Sophia students go abroad to study every year. Sophia University is located in the center of Tokyo, one of the most vibrant cities in the world.

Course Features:

1. Number of Students Accepted: a limited number
2. Period of Study at Sophia: September–July
Guidance: mid–September
Classes (Autumn Semester 2008): October–January
Classes (Spring Semester 2009): April–July
The Japanese Language Program of the Department

of Liberal Arts offers courses in Japanese language and certificates in Japanese Studies and Japanese Language Pedagogy. Courses offered include the following.

1. Japanese Language Courses

- Basic Japanese: Japanese 1, M1, 2, M2
Fundamental skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. 400 cumulative kanji.
- Intermediate Japanese: Japanese 3, 4
Grammar and 800 cumulative kanji for production and recognition.
- Advanced Japanese : Advanced Japanese 1, 2, 3
Newspaper articles, literary works, and academic writings.
- Japanese for Reading and Writing:
For students who possess native fluency in the spoken language. 500 kanji introduced in each semester in each course .
- Classical Japanese 1, 2:
Classical grammar and reading.
- Intensive Japanese:
A two-semester course covering the second half of the introductory level and the intermediate level.

·Composition courses:

Writing methods and styles.

·Translation 1, 2, 3:

1 and 2 cover English into Japanese translation; 3 covers Japanese to English translation. Theory and practice of translation. Comparison of source text and target language translation.

2. Certificate Programs

(1) Japanese Studies Certificate

(A) Comparative Culture:

Art History

Introduction to Japanese Art, Survey of Japanese Art 1 and 2, Studies in Japanese Art History 1and 2, Topics in Japanese Art History, Japanese Narrative Painting, Comparative Art History 1and 2, Japanese Portraiture,

Literature

Introduction to Japanese Literature, Survey of Japanese Literature 1 and 2, Japanese Cinema, Modern Japanese Fiction 1 and 2, Seminar in Japanese Theater, Tokyo Narratives.

Religion

Japanese Religions, Buddhist Traditions, Comparative Religion and Culture, Symbol and Religion, Philosophical Approaches to Buddhism. Sacred Space and Time, Christianity and Japanese Culture.

(B) Social Studies and Business and Economics:

Social Studies

•Anthropology
Ethnography of Japan and Other Societies, Approaches to Japanese Society, Japanese Symbolic Practice, Tokyo Urbanism.

•History
Development of Japanese Civilization 1 and 2, Japanese Business History, Japanese Women's History, Historical Methodology, Issues in Japanese Thought, Religion and Society in Japan, Seminar in Modern Japanese History.

•Political Science
Japanese Foreign Policy; Japanese Government and Politics; Nationalism, Citizenship and Democracy in Japan., Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Democracies

•International Business and Economics
Management in Japan, Human Resource Development in Japan, Japan and the World: Business and Economics, The Rise of Japanese Industry, Economic Survey of Contemporary Japan.

(2) Japanese Language Pedagogy Certificate

(A) Japanese Language Pedagogy courses:

Introduction to Linguistics, Introduction to Japanese Linguistics, History of the Japanese Language, Topics in Linguistics, Teaching Methods and Pedagogical Grammar, Teaching Method and Language Acquisition, Teaching Methods and Sociolinguistics, Teaching Methods and Beginning Japanese, Teaching Methods and Intermediate Japanese, Japanese Language Pedagogy courses are also offered by the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Studies.

(B) Advanced Japanese Language courses:

Advanced Japanese 2 and 3.

3. Length of Courses

All courses are completed in one semester. Except for Japanese language courses*, classes are 90 minutes each and meet twice a week. One semester consists of 15 weeks.

*Japanese language courses

•Japanese 1, M1, 2, M2:

Five 90-minute classes a week.

•Japanese 3, 4, Advanced Japanese 1, 2:

Four 90-minute classes a week.

•Advanced Japanese 3:

Two 90-minute classes a week.

•Intensive Japanese:

Fifteen hours a week.

4. Aim and Content of Courses

The Department of Liberal Arts emphasizes a comparative and interdisciplinary approach to the study of Japan, combined with training in the language skills appropriate to the particular needs of the individual student.

All courses are given in English, except for Japanese language courses.

Students are placed in Japanese courses on the basis of their performance on a placement test.

5. Application Requirements

New students are accepted once a year for autumn semester.

Non-native speakers of English must have a minimum TOEFL score of 213 (79 on Internet-based test).

Accommodation:

Dormitories will be offered from Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

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