Overview of the University

Feature and History

Hitotsubashi University is a national university established in 1875, and is the only university in Japan to specialize exclusively in the humanities and social sciences. Since its foundation, Hitotsubashi has been at the forefront of Japan’s innovation. It has been a powerhouse for generations of Japan’s globally active business leaders, as well as a research hub producing cutting-edge research in the global academic network of the social sciences.

Number of Students (as of May, 2019)

<Undergraduate>
- Commerce and Management: 1,280
- Economics: 1,220
- Law: 772
- Social Sciences: 1,108
- Total: 4,380

<Graduate School>
- Business Administration [MBA]: 431
- Commerce and Management: 36
- Economics: 243
- Law: 386
- Social Sciences: 413
- Language and Society: 217
- International Corporate Strategy: 110
- International and Public Policy: 116
- Total: 1,952

* In April 2018, the graduate school of Commerce and Management and the graduate school of International Corporate Strategy were merged into the graduate school of Business Administration. Students who got into both graduate schools before AY2017 continue to be enrolled in the same graduate school in which they have entered previously.

International Exchange and Cooperation

Number of Agreements: 97 (Academic Cooperation) 77 (Student Exchange)
*as of May, 2019

Number of international students and Japanese studies program participants in the last three years.

2019: Total 918
- Japanese Studies Program Participants: 4

2018: Total 875
- Japanese Studies Program Participants: 10

2017: Total 793
- Japanese Studies Program Participants: 10

Location Information

University street (Daigaku-dori), which extends straight south from JR Kunitachi Station, is about 44 meters wide and is the main street of Kunitachi. Cherry blossoms and Ginkgo trees are planted alternately on both sides of the road, and in the spring the cherry blossom petals dye the town pink, and in autumn the ginkgo leaves shine golden. This view has been chosen as one of the New Tokyo 100 views list.

Outline of the Program

Program Aim
(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture (with an option to study Japanese language)

Program Feature
1. Students can participate in a seminar with degree-seeking undergraduate students.

2. The Career Support Office provides some services and resources to help you seek jobs in Japan/Japanese companies.

3. Students can participate in Japanese cultural experience classes which offer learning opportunities such as tea ceremony and Kimono dress-up experience etc.

4. Students can join club activities related to Japanese culture.

5. Regarding Grading standard/Approving credits: For general education and undergraduate faculty courses, credits will be approved if your performance met the requirements. The grading of courses follows the standard below:
   A+(Outstanding), A(Excellent), B(Good), C(Satisfactory), F (Non-completion)
   “A+, A, B, C” mean pass and “F” means fail.

Enrollment quota of students majoring in this program
15 (Embassy Recommendation: 10, University Recommendation: 5)
Qualifications and Conditions of Applicants

We accept undergraduate students who are enrolled in the 3rd or 4th grade at universities where they are currently enrolled, applicants must have an advanced level proficiency in Japanese (equivalent to N1 [JLPT]). International students who already possess basic knowledge in the field of social sciences can find this program more useful in helping them to broaden their knowledge, not only in the fields of Japanese language/culture but also other ones. We recommend that students attempt to participate in this program, while considering in advance a theme which they wish to pursue in as their final reports.

Goal

The goal of this program is to complete a study report with around 15,000 words in Japanese and give a presentation in regard to their research theme.

Program Period

From [the middle of September, 2020] to [the middle of August, 2021]

Scholarship Payment Period

October, 2020 – August, 2021

Annual Events

Early September: Arriving in Japan
Middle of September: Orientation week, the beginning of Autumn/Winter Semester
January: the end of Autumn/Winter Semester
April: the beginning of Spring/Summer Semester
July: the end of Spring/Summer Semester, the Final Report Presentation
Late August: Closing Ceremony, Returning home

Requirements for completing the program

1) The Compulsory Subject
Students majoring in this program are required to attend the compulsory subject "Lecture for MEXT Japanese Studies Students I・II ".

2) Credits and Class Time Requirements
Students majoring in this program are required to register for a minimum of 12 credits for every semester. At the same time, they should register for a minimum of 6 slots of class time per week.

3) Final Report
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Issues of Academic Transcript

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Teaching and Supporting Staff

Japanese language instructors from the Center for Global Education and Exchange will be in charge of providing this well-organized program, while instructors from the International Student Advising Office will support them in more general aspects of their life in Hitotsubashi. Professors in each faculty can also assist students with enrollment of seminars for undergraduate students.
(The person responsible for this program is the Director of the Center for Global Education and Exchange.)

Accommodation

The Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo on the Kodaira campus is available for those participating in MEXT Japanese Studies Program while they are enrolled. Both Japanese and International students live there together.

Residence Hall Ikkyo-Ryo (Kodaira campus)
1-29-1, Gakuen-Nichi machi, Kodaira, Tokyo, 187-0045

Follow-Up for Alumni Students

We are trying to build a database of graduates’ contact information in order to develop the alumni network.

We can also issue academic transcripts for graduates who have already finished the program and returned to their home countries, if we receive a request from them.

Contact Information

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