

Fall 2017 Course Overview for International Exchange Students

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The overview of courses in this document represent courses available to students on short-term exchange from English-speaking countries at Nagasaki International University. Courses in Japanese require little or no previous Japanese language knowledge. Students with intermediate to advanced Japanese may choose from a wider range of courses not included in this document. For details, contact the International Center kokusai@niu.ac.jp or visit the following pages (in Japanese):

General education courses: <http://www1.niu.ac.jp/about/features/curriculum/>

International Tourism course: <http://www1.niu.ac.jp/course/international-tourism/curriculum/>

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Hotel Management

Course Objective:

Students will be well acquainted with the following;

- (1) The specific features of Japanese traditional lodging facilities – “Ryokans”
- (2) The general perception of “service” in Japan
- (3) The history of hotels in Japan
- (4) Various categories of hotels
- (5) Typical hotel management styles in Japan

Learning objectives:

- Students will understand the general features of the running of the hotel industry in Japan
- Students will be able to summarize the contents of articles from newspapers and/or magazines, and express their own views of the materials
- Students will be able to share their own views and make presentations about the assigned topics.
- Students will be able to work together in groups

Students will be able to distinguish the differences in the business models of Ryokans and Hotels by understanding the background which is based on culture

Assessment:

Written test: 50%: All questions will require narrative expression in English on the past and present status of the hotel industry.

Presentation: 50%: Number, quality, performance of presentations which are assigned from time to time.

Outline: Taking advantage of the Professor’s experience, 20 years in the hotel industry + 10 years with other industries (including 15 years in foreign affiliated companies), various aspects of the hotel industry from an internal and external perspective will be lectured on. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

****90 minutes / week***

Japanese Business Management

Course Objective: This course will introduce you to the concepts and ideas of Japanese business management from a first-hand perspective. The student will learn about the competitive and constantly changing business environment. Students will study and present about Japanese business customs and practices that are used throughout the business world today. Comparisons between Japanese business and international business are also covered.

Learning objectives:

- Students will be able to present about topics they learn in Japanese business. Students will also be quizzed on topics discussed in class each week
- Students will be able to learn about Japanese business practices and ideas in a way that will help them apply it. Through a business research presentation, the student will demonstrate understanding of concepts learned.
- Participation in group work and to be involved in class discussions

**Assessment:**

In-class participation 30%
Quizzes 50%
Presentation 30%

Students must attend 10 or more classes. Students are expected to participate actively in class discussions. Students will be quizzed weekly on the previous week materials. Students are expected to prepare for lessons by reading the topics to be covered ahead of time and preparing notes and questions in their notebooks. Active participation is an important part of the grading. The final presentations will be peer reviewed by classmates and those reviews are also part of the grade given for the course.

Outline: All classes will be conducted in English. The teacher will give lecture on Japanese Business Management topics and then provide chances for class and group discussions. Using the teacher's direct experience in the Japanese Business Management field as well as materials from the textbooks, students will be able to learn about the basics of Japanese Business Management and learn concepts related to Japanese business. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Japanese Culture A

Course Objective: The aim of this course is to understand the traditional concepts and ideas of Japanese people from a variety of aspects. Through this course, students will study the culture, lifestyle and thinking which traditional Japanese people have formed from ancient times. Some field work will also help students to develop an understanding of such concepts and ideas.

Learning objectives:

- Students will be able to scrutinize topics related to Japanese culture comparing with the culture of other countries
- Students will be able to understand the basic concepts and ideas of traditional Japanese people through the lessons and field works on various topics

Assessment:

In-class engagement: 30%
Assignments: 70%

Students must attend the classes and are expected to participate actively in class discussion. In each lesson, the teacher will give students assignments after the lecture and students are expected to submit it next class. These assignments and the last presentation will mainly evaluate how well students comprehended the cultural topics. Furthermore, how much students participate in discussions in the class will be important for students' evaluation

Overview: This course will be taught by various teachers and each teacher will give students lessons or fieldwork-based on the teachers' specialty and experience. Therefore, students will learn about a variety of topics related to Japanese society including traditional customs. Some lessons will be in-class lectures, and others will be fieldwork. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.



***90 minutes / week**

Japanese Culture B

Course Objective: This course helps students develop a basic understanding of elements of modern Japanese culture through discussion. Students will study these elements from both an anthropological and historical perspective. Topics will focus on experiences and activities that students may be exposed to during daily life in Japan.

Learning objectives:

- Student will investigate topics related to contemporary Japanese culture and improve their cross-cultural understanding through participation in group discussion
- Students will develop a broader understanding and appreciation for contemporary Japanese culture and the cultures of other students through assignments and projects on various topics.

Assessment:

In-class engagement: 40%

Assignments: 40%

Projects 20%

During the term, students will complete assignments and a project related to topics of modern Japanese culture. These assignments will evaluate how well the students comprehended the reading material as well as the cultural topics. Students will also complete a project to demonstrate their in-depth understanding and ability to work with the topics creatively. Furthermore, students will participate in group discussion of the topics to evaluate their ability to present and understand differing perspectives on cultural issues.

Overview: Students will learn about a variety of topics related to contemporary Japanese society that will help them to better understand the world in which they live. Students will read to prepare to discuss the topics in the class and demonstrate their understanding of the topics discussed in previous classes. Students will also complete assignments and a project to improve their comprehension of the material as well as engagement with the material. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Japanese Economy

Course Objective: This course will review and discuss the history and development of the Japanese economy, and the goal is for students to understand the history and background of Japan's economic development.

Learning objectives:

- Students will be able to understand the economic words and basic history & statistics of Japanese economy
- Students will be able to discuss the economic development in Japan, and observe changes in Japanese economy

**Assessment:**

Group discussion	10%
Group assignments	10%
Group presentation	40%
Final exam	40%

Students must attend 10 or more classes

Overview: All classes will be conducted in English. The course contains two main areas, economic history in Japan and economic conditions of all aspects of the Japanese economy. Each topic will be separated into four parts: 1) lecture, 2) group discussion, 3) group presentation, 4) summary. Each student will discuss and present on these topics in English. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Seminar 1B

Course Objective: This course provides international exchange students opportunities to learn about aspects of Japanese society and culture through participating in and reflecting on activities involving local people held both on- and off-campus.

Learning objectives:

- Students will be able to work together to prepare for practical activities
- Students will be able to participate in on- and off-campus activities
- Students will be able to reflect on their experiences in ways that describe learning and personal growth

Assessment:

In-class engagement (group discussions, preparation, punctuality): 10%

Assignments (preparation work for projects): 40%

Weekly writing (maintaining a blog): 50%

Final presentation (present about one aspect of the semester): 20%

Overview: Students will participate in cultural activities with Japanese students of various ages (university, junior high school, and elementary). The classes will consist of preparation for the activities, participation in activities, and reflection on the activities. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 45 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Basic Understanding of Japan A (日本理解 A)

Course objective: This course introduces students to Japanese words and phrases helpful for living in Japan. Students will also learn how to write Japanese letters and Chinese characters as well as the meaning of useful phrases. Furthermore, students learn how to write texts in Japanese. Activities are based around real-world situations that make use of words and grammar that students have learned and help students improve speaking and communication skills in Japanese.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Students will be able to use Japanese in everyday situations
- Students will develop a deeper understanding of Japanese society and culture

Assessment:

Review quizzes 40%

Assignments 60%

Outline: Through preview and review activities and use of the textbook, students will improve their Japanese ability. In line with the textbook, this course will be taught step by step. The textbook is very useful for the beginners and students will improve their skills effectively. This course aims to have students become able to communicate in Japanese as soon as possible. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Basic Understanding of Japan B (日本理解 B)

Course Objective: With increased globalization, learning Japanese language is important in diverse contexts. Increasingly, people from various backgrounds and purposes are trying to adapt themselves to life in Japan. This course introduces students to useful Japanese phrases for living in Japan. Students will also learn how to write Japanese letters and Chinese characters as well as the meaning of useful phrases. Furthermore, students learn how to write texts in Japanese. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will be able to use the basic Japanese skills necessary for the Japanese society (such as grammar, vocabulary, notation, Chinese characters) and communicate smoothly

Assessment:

In-class presentations 40%

Assignments 30%

Review quizzes 30%

Outline: In line with the textbook, this course will be taught step by step. Students are required to do the preparation and review of their lessons in addition to their assignments by using this textbook. The textbook is very useful for the beginners and students will improve their skills effectively. This course aims to have students become able to communicate in Japanese as soon as possible.

***90 minutes / week**

Comparative Culture (比較文化論)

Course Objectives: This course teaches students basic concepts of culture and ways of thinking in Japan. Through discussion activities, students have opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of the content and of their own country as well.

Learning Objectives:



- Students can take an active role to understand the culture and ways of thinking of Japan compared with their own country
- Students can make a report demonstrating knowledge of the culture and ways of thinking of Japan compared with their own country
- Students can identify the names and proper uses of equipment

Assessment:

Reports 50%

In-class participation 50%

Outline: Based on each week's topic, the class makes use of the textbook, slides, and other media. Students then have opportunities to discuss the topic. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Japanese Affairs I (日本事情 I)

Course Objectives: This course aims to teach students about the basic concepts related to the country of Japan. Students will develop their understanding through discussion and practical experiences.

Learning Objectives:

- Students can take an active role in learning about Japan
- Students can investigate areas of interest to them about Japan
- Students can make a report summarizing areas of interest to them about Japan
- Students can compare aspects of Japan to their home country

Assessment:

Presentations 40% (evaluated by teacher and other students)

Reports 30%

In-class participation 30%

Outline: Based on each week's topic, the class makes use of the textbook, slides, and other media. Students then have opportunities to discuss the topic. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 180 min.

***90 minutes / week**

Tea Ceremony IA (茶道文化 IA 秋季)

Course Objectives: This course teaches students the basics of the traditional art of tea ceremony, which is a defining characteristic of NIU. Students are introduced to the all phases of the tea ceremony, from preparation to performance to clean up. From this, students gain a deeper understanding of essential manners and communication skills.

Learning Objectives:

- Students can work in groups to acquire the basic skills of tea ceremony
- Students can properly handle and care for equipment
- Students can identify the names and proper uses of equipment



Assessment:

Practical ability 70%

In-class participation 30%

Outline: Students learn the fundamentals of tea ceremony: manners, preparation and practice. Working in small groups, students practice the basic steps to performing an introductory level of the tea ceremony, with the final goal performing all the steps completely. There is a ¥1400 fee to cover the costs of tea powder, sweets and other materials used in class. The average required time for pre/after work for this lecture is 90 min.

****90 minutes / week***