

2019 Enrollment

# Application Guidelines

Self-Supported International Students Applying to the  
Modern Japanese Studies Program



Hokkaido University

## **Admission Policy**

Hokkaido University is one of the leading research-intensive universities in Japan with departments ranging from the sciences to the humanities. It was established in 1876 as the Sapporo Agricultural College. It is one of Japan's prestigious seven "former Imperial Universities" and today is a leading national university. During its long history, Hokkaido University has cultivated academic autonomy and freedom based on four basic philosophies relating to education and research: Frontier Spirit, Global Perspectives, All-round Education, and Practical Learning.

Guided by these philosophies, the university's mission is to be a place where knowledge is created, disseminated, and applied in the new century, thereby contributing to the development of human welfare, science, culture, and society through education and research.

The university strives to offer undergraduate education that teaches students to participate in society as global citizens, to acquire the academic and communication skills that will give them a solid foundation in their professional lives, and to study their fields of expertise from a broad academic perspective. The university aims to make its graduates capable of exercising sound judgment and leadership as exemplary citizens possessing high-quality and internationally-recognized academic credentials. In addition, the university nurtures students so that they may take leading roles as professionals in their fields and actively promote academic creativity.

Hokkaido University has built upon this tradition and its history since it was founded and recruits talented students from throughout Japan and the rest of the world. We use an advanced selection system to seek out students who have the academic ability needed to pursue an undergraduate education, such as basic knowledge, basic skills, mathematical ability, linguistic ability, depth of understanding, and comprehension skills. We strive to recruit students who have the qualities needed to pursue studies at the university level and beyond, such as problem-solving skills, creativity, a sense of ethics, flexible thinking, communication ability, the ability to think theoretically, leadership skills, integrity, and the desire to learn.

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**At Hokkaido University, applicants must register online to take the entrance exam for the Modern Japanese Studies Program.**

**Visit the online application site for further instructions: <http://e-apply.jp/e/hokudai-oia>**

**To apply, you must have the following:**

**(1) Access to a printer (to print out necessary documents)**

**(2) A valid e-mail address (to receive confirmation e-mails )**

**\* Mobile phone e-mail addresses may NOT be used.**

**Please note that registering to apply online does not constitute the completion of application procedures.**

**For details regarding application procedures, please see pages 7-14.**

## 1. Purpose and Objective

The Modern Japanese Studies Program is intended to foster the development of well-educated future global leaders. The program provides intensive Japanese language education and courses in the social sciences and humanities to help deepen students' understanding of modern Japan's society and culture. It is hoped that graduates will play active roles as intermediaries between Japan and their own cultures both within Japanese society and in the international community. Hokkaido University invites applications from students worldwide who have a high command of English, an interest in the society and culture of contemporary Japan, and very high levels of academic achievement.

## 2. Applicants We Are Seeking

The program is intended for students who:

- want to major in a discipline of the social sciences or humanities (e.g. jurisprudence, political science, economics, business administration, pedagogy, philosophy, history, literature, psychology, sociology);
- have a strong desire to study the Japanese language and learn about Japanese culture and society;
- wish to study in a multicultural/multilingual environment; and
- aspire to become a bridge between their country and Japan, either as a researcher of Japanese culture or as a professional working in the international community.

## 3. Student Intake

Program Name	Application Period	Student Intake
Modern Japanese Studies Program	1st call for applications	Approx. 12
	2nd call for applications	Approx. 8

\* If the number of successful applicants is below the student intake for the 1st call, the balance will be added to the intake for the 2nd call.

#### 4. Dates of Admission

Modern Japanese Studies Program	Intensive Japanese Course	October 2018
	Bachelor's Degree	April 2019

\*The Modern Japanese Studies Program is a four-year bachelor's degree program preceded by a six-month Intensive Japanese Course.

\*The six-month MJSP Intensive Japanese Course is a beginners' level course in the Japanese language to provide students with the required Japanese language ability upon entry to the bachelor's degree. Only students accepted onto the bachelor's degree may take the Intensive Japanese Course.

\*Students who have Japanese language ability equivalent to N2 level of Japanese Language Proficiency Test or higher can apply for exemption from taking the Intensive Japanese Course.

\*Students exempted from taking the Intensive Japanese Course on the basis of the results of the entrance exam may enter the bachelor's degree directly.

\*Japanese language placement tests may be conducted after admission to divide the Intensive Japanese Course participants into separate classes.

#### 5. Application Qualifications and Requirements

##### (1) Nationality:

Individuals who have Japanese citizenship or Japanese permanent resident status are not eligible to apply.

*Note:* Individuals who have both foreign citizenship and Japanese citizenship must consult with the Modern Japanese Studies Program Office during the periods below.

1st call for applications: October 2, 2017 – October 20, 2017

2nd call for applications: January 4, 2018 – January 19, 2018

##### (2) Basic Qualifications:

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

1. They will have completed 12 years of school education in a foreign country and expect to have graduated by September 30, 2018 (see Note 1 on page 6). However, in this case they will have been enrolled at the school outside Japan for at least two consecutive years including their final school year.
2. They are individuals who are equivalent to those who meet qualification 1 above and have been designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (see Note 2 on page 6).
3. They will have received an International Baccalaureate Diploma in a foreign country by

September 30, 2018, awarded by the International Baccalaureate, a foundation pursuant to the Swiss Civil Code, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018.

4. They have received an Abitur, a degree recognized as a qualification for university admission throughout Germany, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018.
5. They hold a *baccalauréat*, a degree recognized as a qualification for university admission in France, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018.
6. They will have completed 12 years of school education at a Japanese educational institution for foreign nationals that has accreditation from the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) or the Council of International Schools (CIS), and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018. However, in this case they will have been enrolled at the school for at least two consecutive years including their final school year.

*Note 1:* The “12 years of school education” includes coursework completed pursuant to Japan’s School Education Act.

*Note 2:* “Individuals who are equivalent to those who meet qualification 1 above and have been designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology” include the following:

- A. Individuals who have passed a national exam in a foreign country to determine whether they have the same level of academic ability as an individual who has completed 12 years of school education in that country (including an exam equivalent to the national exam), and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018.
- B. Individuals who, after completing a level of school education in a foreign country equivalent to a high school education (including those who have passed an exam in that country to determine whether they have academic ability equivalent to those of a high school graduate), will have completed preparatory coursework for admission to a Japanese university at one of the educational facilities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018 (see Table 1 on page 20).
- C. Individuals who will have completed a foreign education equivalent to a Japanese high school education (and deemed to be equivalent to 12 years of school education completed in that foreign country) at an institution located in Japan and recognized under the educational system of that country, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018 (see Table 2 on page 25).
- D. Individuals who, after completing a foreign education equivalent to a Japanese high school education (excluding those cases in C above) at an institution located in Japan and recognized under the educational system of that country, will have completed preparatory coursework for admission to a Japanese university at one of the educational facilities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018 (see Table 1 on page 20 and Table 3 on page 28).

E. Individuals who have completed a foreign education equivalent to a Japanese high school education (and deemed to be equivalent to 11 years or more of school education completed in that foreign country and fulfill the requirements designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) at one of the educational facilities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2018 (see Table 4 on page 29)..

(3) English-Language Requirement:

Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

1. They speak English as a native language, or have received four years or more of their secondary education (at junior or senior high school, etc.) in English as their primary language of instruction.

*Note:* Having learned English as a foreign language for four years or more does not satisfy the above requirement.

2. They have achieved the following scores in TOEFL-iBT, TOEFL-PBT or IELTS if their native language is not English or if they have not received four years or more of their secondary education in English:

- TOEFL-iBT: 79 or higher
- TOEFL-PBT: 550 or higher
- IELTS (Academic Module): 6.5 or higher

*Note:* Test results must be from within two years of the online application deadline.

(4) Other Information

Favorable consideration will be given to applicants who have taken or will be taking standardized examinations (e.g. national tests) for university admission in their own country.

## 6. Application Procedures

(1) Application Period

1st call for applications:

1. Online application period: November 1 (Wed), 2017 from 10:00 a.m. (Provisional)

– November 27 (Mon), 2017, by 5:00 p.m.

2. The required application materials must be sent by post after applying online to arrive by 5:00 p.m. (Japan time), December 11 (Mon), 2017.

2nd call for applications:

1. Online application period: February 1 (Thu), 2018, from 10:00 a.m. (Provisional)  
– February 26 (Mon), 2018, by 5:00 p.m.
2. The required application materials must be sent by post after applying online to arrive by 5:00 p.m. (Japan time), March 12 (Mon), 2018.

Dates and times above are in Japanese Standard Time (JST).

*Note:* The application is considered complete once all documents have been received and accepted as valid/authentic by the university. Please note that completion of the online application form alone does not constitute the completion of the application process.

(2) Application Materials

Application Materials	Notes
① Application form	A printout of the application form created using the university's online application site and with all the necessary information filled in.
② Educational background form	Download the form (FORM 1) from the website, print out a copy of the form, completed in accordance with the instructions.
③ Photo	Affix a passport photo — dimensions 40mm (H) x 30 mm (W), taken within three months of your application — to the printed application form. The applicant must not be wearing a hat, must be forward facing, and be against a plain background. <b>Please write your full name on the back of the photo.</b>
④ Certificate indicating that you are qualified to apply for admission and a transcript	<p>a. Individuals who fulfill Basic Qualification 1 or 6 (see page 5-7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of graduation/completion or a certificate of expected graduation/completion (Download the form (FORM 2) from the website and print out a copy of the form. It must be completed by the school principal or head of the institution in accordance with the instructions.)</li> <li>• Transcript from the high school you graduated/completed (the final transcript at graduation/completion) or a transcript from the high school you are attending, including all grades from the first semester of the first year to the latest semester (in English or Japanese).</li> </ul> <p>* The above certificates require the high school's official stamp or the signature of the principal. Be sure to submit the originals and not copies. Photocopied certificates without an official seal / signature will not be accepted.</p> <p>b. Individuals who fulfill Basic Qualification 2 must submit one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate indicating that you passed the exam and a transcript (in English or Japanese)</li> <li>• A certificate indicating that you completed a level of school education in a foreign country equivalent to a high school education and the relevant transcript. In addition, depending upon individual's Basic Qualification, a certificate indicating that you have completed preparatory coursework for admission to a Japanese university and the transcript (in English or Japanese).</li> </ul> <p>c. Individuals who fulfill Basic Qualification 3: For those who have received an IB Diploma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the International Baccalaureate Office</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The results certificate from the IB final exam</li> </ul> <p>For those who will have received an IB Diploma in January 2018 or July 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate from the school principal or head of the institution indicating that you are expected to be awarded an IB diploma in January 2018 or July 2018</li> <li>• Predicted Grades or Anticipated Grades.</li> </ul> <p>d. Individuals who fulfill Basic Qualification 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of your Abitur certificate (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife) and your transcript.</li> </ul> <p>e. Individuals who fulfill Basic Qualification 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of your <i>baccalauréat</i> diploma (Diplôme du Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré) and your transcript (Relevé des Notes).</li> </ul> <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certificates indicating school performance/grades listed in items a. to e. above must be issued by the school principal or head of the institution. Be sure to submit an original, official copy).</li> <li>2. If course names and grades on certificates indicating school performance/grades listed in items a. to e. above are indicated using codes or abbreviations, an explanation of those items must be provided.</li> <li>3. Those who have graduated (or withdrawn) from a university or those who are enrolled in a university should submit the following documents.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate of graduation, a certificate of withdrawal or a certificate of enrollment from said university (in English or Japanese).</li> <li>• A transcript from said university (the final transcript at graduation or one at the current stage of study), including all grades from the first semester of the first year to the latest semester (in English or Japanese).</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Official Japanese or English translations of the documents (prepared by your school, a language school, or an embassy etc.) if the original documents are not in Japanese or English.</li> <li>5. Application materials that have been received will not be returned for any reason. If you have only one copy and for some reason cannot submit the original one, please submit a certified true copy verified by the school principal or head of the institution.</li> </ol>
<p>⑤ Certificate of English language proficiency</p>	<p>Submit one of the following.</p> <p>Only scores for which the exam date indicated on the exam results certificate is within two years of the online application deadline are valid. Individuals whose native language is English or who have received four years or more of their secondary education in English as the primary language of instruction are exempt from submitting this document.</p> <p>a. TOEFL-iBT or TOEFL-PBT Official Score Report (TOEFL-ITP is not valid)</p> <p>*Arrange for scores to be sent directly from ETS to the Hokkaido University Modern Japanese Studies Program Office. Scores must be received by the deadline for the receipt of mailed application documents. The institution code for the Hokkaido University Modern Japanese Studies Program is 4808.</p> <p>b. IELTS Test Report Form</p> <p>*Arrange for scores to be sent directly from the institution that administered the test to the Hokkaido University Modern Japanese Studies Program Office. Scores must be received by the deadline for the receipt of mailed application documents.</p>
<p>⑥ Certificate of Japanese language proficiency</p>	<p>Individuals who have taken the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) should submit their test results certificate.</p> <p>Individuals who want to be exempt from taking the Intensive Japanese Course must submit their Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certified Results and Scores Certificate</p>

	<p>(N2 level or higher) or a test score certificate that can verify the same level or higher of Japanese language ability.</p> <p>*Past Japanese language study experience is not a factor in determining a student's admission to the Bachelor's Degree, but will be used to determine whether the student is exempt from taking the Intensive Japanese Course.</p> <p>*Exemption from the Intensive Japanese Course is determined in conjunction with the application materials and the results of the interview.</p>
<p>⑦ Standardized test results certificate for national exams and other exams</p>	<p>Individuals who have taken the following standardized and/or national tests should submit their results certificate.</p> <p>a. Exams administered by educational institutions in the US</p> <p>*Test results certificates for the following exams administered by the College Board (CB): SAT, SAT Subject Tests. The SAT code for the Hokkaido University Modern Japanese Studies Program is 7944.</p> <p>*Test results certificates for the following exams administered by the American College Testing Program (ACT): ACT-Examination.</p> <p>b. Exams administered by educational institutions in the UK</p> <p>*Tests results certificate for A-levels/ General Certificate of Education (GCE).</p> <p>c. Exams administered by educational institutions in other countries</p> <p>In countries with a standardized test, test results certificates from that standardized test and materials providing an overview of that test.</p>
<p>⑧ Documents confirming your nationality or residency status</p>	<p>Submit a copy of your passport (the page showing your photo, name, date of birth, gender, nationality, and passport number).</p> <p>If you already have a valid Japanese visa, submit a copy.</p> <p>If you do not have a passport, submit a copy of identification issued by a government office or other public institution.</p>
<p>⑨ Personal statement</p>	<p>Download the form (FORM 3) from the website and print out a copy of the form, completed in accordance with the instructions.</p> <p>Be sure to fill in sections A through D.</p> <p>Those wishing to be exempt from taking the Intensive Japanese Course should also fill in section E. Section E is used to judge whether the student who wants to be exempt from taking the Intensive Japanese Course has intermediate level or higher Japanese language ability. Do not use translation software.</p> <p>*Professional proofreading is strictly prohibited for essays A to E.</p>
<p>⑩ Letter of recommendation</p>	<p>Download the form (FORM 4) from the website and submit it in accordance with the instructions. It should be completed by a high school teacher who knows your academic performance well. Those who have graduated (or withdrawn) from a university or those who are enrolled in a university can submit a letter of recommendation written by a university supervisor who knows you well. In exceptional circumstances only, a letter from a person in a professional position of responsibility such as a current employer, etc. is acceptable.</p> <p><i>Submission instructions:</i> The letter of recommendation should be signed by the recommender and have an official school/institutional stamp. It should be given to the applicant in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal at the</p>

<p>① Application fee ¥5,000</p>	<p>back.</p> <p>Methods of paying the application fee:</p> <p>The application fee should be paid in accordance with the instructions provided on the payment screen shown after your online application has been submitted. Payment methods are shown below (See the section “Select the Payment Method and Pay the Application Fee”)</p> <p>a. Credit card: Visa, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, etc.</p> <p>b. Pay-easy (bank ATM, Japan Post Bank ATM, and online banking), convenience store, Japan Net Bank, or Rakuten Bank payment (in Japan Only). Be sure to note the code for payment issued after you select your payment method and take that with you when making your payment.</p> <p>c. ChinaPay</p> <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please be aware that payments cannot be made via ordinary bank transfer or cash.</li> <li>2. The customer's copy of the receipt or payment completion e-mail issued when the payment was made should be kept as the applicant's proof of payment.</li> </ol> <p>Application fee refund:</p> <p>Refunds of application fees already paid will not be issued for any reason except the following. Those eligible for an application fee refund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who accidentally paid the application fee twice will receive a refund equivalent to one application fee.</li> </ul> <p>For information on requesting a refund, e-mail the Division of International Students, International Affairs Department, Hokkaido University.</p>
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### (3) How to Apply

#### 1. Online Application

a. Visit the online application site (<http://e-apply.jp/e/hokudai-oia>).

*Notes:* Be sure to read all instructions and notes before completing the online application. To use this website, you will need access to a printer to print out the necessary documents and an e-mail address that can be used to receive the application fee payment completion e-mail. Be sure you have access to a printer and an e-mail address ready before starting the application procedures. Mobile phone e-mail addresses may not be used.

b. Select and enter the necessary information in accordance with the on-screen instructions.

#### 2. Select the Payment Method and Pay the Application Fee

Make your payment by following the instructions on the payment screen shown after your online application has been submitted. The information needed for making a payment and the payment procedures differ according to the payment method, so be sure to follow the on-screen instructions.

a. Payment by credit card: Enter your credit card number, expiration date, cardholder's name, and security code.

b. Pay-easy (bank ATM, Japan Post Bank ATM, online banking), convenience store, Japan Net

Bank, or Rakuten Bank payment (in Japan only)

*Notes:*

Pay-easy: Make a note of the payment code, application number, and confirmation number issued after you select your preferred payment method and make your payment at a Pay-easy-compatible ATM. (The same information will be indicated on-screen when paying through banks that offer online banking.)

Convenience store: Make a note of the application number and confirmation number or payment number issued after you select your preferred payment method and make your payment at a convenience store. (Payments can be made at Lawson, Family Mart, Circle K Sunkus, Ministop, and Daily Yamazaki in Japan.)

Japan Net Bank and Rakuten Bank: Follow the instructions shown on the screen.

c. ChinaPay: On the online payment screen of any bank, enter the payment information, such as your bank account number, expiration date, and password, to make your payment.

### 3. Mailing Your Application Materials

Print the application form (PDF) generated by the online application site. The web URL will also be sent to you in the confirmation email sent after completion of your application fee payment. Place the application form and all other necessary documents (see pages 8–11) into an envelope. Affix the address label that was printed out along with your application form to the envelope and send it by registered mail so that it arrives at the university by the deadline for submitting application materials (December 11, 2017 if applying during the 1st call for applications, or March 12, 2018 if applying during the 2nd call for applications).

*Note*: Applications that are not received by the deadline for submitting application materials will not be processed, so be sure to leave enough time for your materials to arrive by post. Application materials delivered by hand are not accepted.

Application procedures are not complete until all of your application materials (including the foreign language proficiency test results certificate mailed directly from the institution that administered the exam) have been received and accepted as valid/authentic by the university. Please be aware that registering to apply online does not constitute the completion of application procedures.

### 4. Notification of Your Applicant Number and Interview Date

After the online application has been submitted, individuals whose materials have been received by the university and who have completed the application process will receive an e-mail message notifying them of their applicant number and interview date. The message will be sent to the applicant's registered e-mail address.

### (4) Important Application Information

1. If your application is incomplete or includes any mistakes, it will not be accepted, so be sure that everything is filled out and that there are no errors in your application.
2. If your address changes after applying online, please contact the Modern Japanese Studies Program Office at the address given below.
3. All application materials including original certificates that have been received will not be returned for any reason.
4. If your application is found to have contained falsified information, your offer of a place on the Modern Japanese Studies Program will be withdrawn.
5. If you have any questions regarding your application eligibility, please contact the Program Office before submitting your application materials.

### **Inquiries Regarding Admissions and Examinations**

**(1) How to contact us:**

**Inquiries can be made via e-mail.**

**(2) Contact information**

**Hokkaido University Modern Japanese Studies Program Office**

**E-mail: [mjsp@oia.hokudai.ac.jp](mailto:mjsp@oia.hokudai.ac.jp)**

### **Inquiries Regarding the Online Application Procedure (Instructions and Methods of Payment)**

**If you encounter any technical problems during the online application, inquiries can be made via e-mail to the Technical Assistance Center at this email address:**

**[cvs-web@disc.co.jp](mailto:cvs-web@disc.co.jp)**

## (5) Application Procedure

### Preparation of Application Materials

Prepare application documents ④, ⑥, ⑦ and ⑩ listed on pages 8-11, including a certificate of graduation (completion) and transcript, from the last high school attended. Also, make arrangements for your English test scores ⑤ to be sent to Hokkaido University Modern Japanese Studies Program Office.



### Online Application Procedures

Visit online application page (<http://e-apply.jp/e/hokudai-oia>) and read the instructions and notes carefully before registering your application.



### Application Fee Payment

Pay using one of the methods (a-c) indicated below:

- a. Credit card
- b. Pay-easy (bank ATM, Japan Post Bank ATM, online banking), convenience store, Japan Net Bank, or Rakuten Bank payment
- c. ChinaPay



### Submission of Application Materials by Post

Send the application materials (items ① to ⑩ on pages 8-11) via registered mail so that they are received by the university by the application deadline. Applications that are not received by the application deadline will not be processed, so be sure to leave enough time for your materials to arrive by post. Application materials delivered by hand are not accepted. The address is:

Modern Japanese Studies Program Office,  
International Affairs Department, Hokkaido University,  
Kita 15, Nishi 8, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido. 060-0815 Japan.

**Note: Your application is not complete until all of your application materials have been received by the university. Please be aware that registering to apply online does not constitute the completion of the application process.**



### Application Completion

After applying online, individuals whose materials have been received by the university and have thereby completed the application process will receive an e-mail notifying them of their applicant number and the interview schedule. The messages will be sent to applicants' registered e-mail addresses. (Mobile phone e-mail addresses may not be used.)

## 7. Preliminary Consultations Regarding Exam-Related Issues

Applicants who are expecting to have special needs during either the application process or as students on the Program should contact the Modern Japanese Studies Program Office by October 31, 2017 if applying during the 1st call for applications, or by January 31, 2018 if applying during the 2nd call for applications.

Please be aware that depending on the nature and time frame of your request, we may not be able to make necessary accommodations by the exam date.

Consultations regarding other exam-related and class-related issues are welcome all throughout the year.

## 8. Selection Methods

Students will be selected based on a comprehensive evaluation of their application materials (transcripts, personal statement, and other documents) and their interview results.

### 1. Application review

We will conduct a comprehensive review of the submitted transcripts, personal statement, and other materials.

### 2. Interview

Interviewers determine whether the applicant has the basic skills and aptitude required for pursuing a university education in the Modern Japanese Studies Program.

Scoring	
Application review	100 points
Interview	100 points

## 9. Dates and Times of Interviews

Interviews will be conducted via Skype during the periods below. Applicants will be informed of the interview schedule via e-mail.

### 1st call for applications:

January 11 (Thu), 2018 – January 19 (Fri), 2018

### 2nd call for applications:

April 9 (Mon), 2018 – April 18 (Wed), 2018

## 10. Admission Notifications

### (1) Schedule

1st call for applications: February 7 (Wed), 2018 (provisional)

2nd call for applications: Mid-May, 2018 (provisional)

### (2) Notification method

We will post the examination identification numbers of successful candidates on our website (<http://www.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/mjssp>) and will notify all candidates of the results via post. These will be sent to the “Delivery address of Examination results” included on the submitted Application form.

## 11. Enrollment Procedures

Period for confirming your intent to enroll on the Modern Japanese Studies Program

1st call for applications: Mid-March 2018 (provisional)

2nd call for applications: Early June 2018 (provisional)

Detailed enrollment procedure information will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.

## 12. Enrollment and Tuition Fees

	Enrollment fee	Tuition fees
Bachelor's Degree	¥282,000	¥535,800 (per year)
Intensive Japanese Course	¥43,500	¥30,200 (per month)

\*The above enrollment and tuition fees are correct as of July 2017. If they are revised before admission or during enrollment, the new amount will apply with immediate effect from the time of revision.

\*We waive the full amount of the enrollment fee and first year of tuition (2019 academic year) for April (2019) enrollees in the Bachelor's Degree; we also waive the enrollment and tuition fees for October (2018) enrollees in the Intensive Japanese Course.

## 13. Privacy Policy

(1) All personal information collected by Hokkaido University will be completely protected in compliance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent

Administrative Agencies, and pursuant to the Hokkaido University Regulations on Personal Information Management.

- (2) Names, addresses, and other personal information provided to the university through application procedures will be used solely for ① enrollee selection (application processing and the screening process), ② the announcement of exam results, ③ admission procedures, ④ surveys and research on enrollee selection methods, and ⑤ other related processes. That information will also be used after enrollment, only for those who pass the exam, for processes related to ① academic affairs (registration, academic guidance), ② student support services (health management, scholarship applications, dorm admission selection, welfare services, etc.), ③ job search support services, ④ tuition, ⑤ use of the university library, ⑥ use of information education facilities, ⑦ confirming your safety in a disaster or emergency situation, and ⑧ public relations (distributing newsletters, information on events, etc.).

Furthermore, as part of efforts to offer more comprehensive courses based on credit exchange agreements with national universities in Hokkaido for the purpose of strengthening liberal arts education, personal information required for the preceding tasks ①, ⑤, ⑥, ⑦ or ⑧ may be provided to individual universities or the national universities in the Hokkaido region cooperative education organization .

- (3) Personal information contained in exam results will be used to conduct surveys and research on enrollee selection methods.
- (4) For safety purposes, when a request is received from the Hokkaido University Frontier Foundation or any of the other three university-affiliated organizations listed below, the only personal information listed in section (2) that will be provided for use within the scope of that organization's activities is the applicant's name and address. (1) Hokkaido University Athletic Union, (2) faculty alumni associations, (3) Hokkaido University Elm Alumni Association.
- (5) Some of these processes in (2)–(4) mentioned above may be outsourced by the university to a contracted service provider (hereinafter referred to as “contractor”). All or some of the personal information provided by applicants may be provided to the contractor only as needed to perform the tasks for which it has been contracted.

## 14. Scholarship Programs

- (1) Hokkaido University has a scholarship program for students participating in the Modern Japanese Studies Program (the Modern Japanese Studies Program Scholarship Program). Details of that program are outlined below.
- We waive the entire enrollment and tuition fees for the Intensive Japanese Course for October 2018 enrollees.
  - We waive the entire enrollment and tuition fees for the 2019 academic year for April 2019 enrollees in the Bachelor's Degree.
  - In the second year and thereafter, all or half of the tuition fees will be waived for selected

students based on academic performance. (Waivers will not be available to all students.)

- (2) Even in cases when a student does not receive a scholarship from the Modern Japanese Studies Program Scholarship Program, that student may apply for a full, half, or quarter tuition waiver if they are facing hardship in paying their tuition for financial reasons and have demonstrated outstanding academic performance.
- (3) In addition, there are scholarships available from private organizations, and those who wish to apply for such programs may apply for scholarships after being admitted to the Modern Japanese Studies Program.

Details on how to apply for these scholarships will be distributed separately after enrollment.

## 15. Other

### (1) Housing

Students on this program usually spend their first year in Japan living in one of the following student dorms:

#### Hokkaido University International House Kita 23, Bldg. 2

Address: Kita 23, Nishi 13, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, 001-0023

No. of rooms: 96 single rooms for female students (built in 2010)

Rent: ¥28,000/month (Provisional); Utilities: ¥5,000–10,000/month

Other: Optical fiber Internet connection (usage is included in the rent)

#### Hokkaido University International House Kita 8 East

Address: 1-10 Kita 8, Higashi 2, Higashi-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, 060-0908

No. of rooms: 252 single rooms for male students (first residents from September 2011)

Rent: ¥24,000/month (Provisional); Utilities: ¥8,000–18,000/month

Other: Optical fiber Internet connection (usage is included in the rent)

#### Hokkaido University International House Fushimi

Address: Minami 15-jo Nishi 17-chome, Chuoku, Sapporo 064-0915

No. of rooms: 87 single rooms (29 Units) (Share house type, 3 persons per unit (same sex))

Rent: ¥27,000/month(Provisional); Utilities: ¥10,700-/month

Other: Wi-Fi Internet connection (usage is included in the rent)

*Note:* The boarding fee described above is as of July 2017. Charges given are subjected to change.

### (2) Health and Hygiene

Hokkaido University has a health care center to promote student health and hygiene. It offers routine health checkups as well as everyday health management and advice.

The center also offers diagnoses, health consultations, and counseling by physicians specializing in internal medicine and mental health care.

### (3) Student Support Facilities

The Sapporo campus is home to such facilities as the Clark Memorial Student Center, Shokudo (cafeterias), and Welfare Facility. It offers convenient daily access to meals, books, supplies, and other amenities.

### (4) Academic Support

This program has various academic support systems, such as a home room and home room-teacher system.

### (5) Part-Time Jobs

Those who want to work part-time to help cover their study expenses and other costs must apply for permission to engage in non-specified activities from the Immigration Bureau before starting a job. However, applicants are strongly advised against assuming that tuition fees and living expenses incurred while studying on the Modern Japanese Studies Program can be largely or completely paid for by working part-time while on the Program.

**Table 1**

“Courses That Provide Preparatory Education for Admission to a Japanese University Designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology” as per items B and D of the Basic Qualifications Note 2 of the Application Qualifications and Requirements in Section 5. (as of February 18, 2016)

Facility	Course	Location	Notes
Japanese Language Center for International Students, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	Preparatory Education Course for Undergraduate International Students	Fuchu City, Tokyo	
Center for Japanese Language, Osaka University of Foreign Studies	Preparatory Education Course for Undergraduate International Students	Mino City, Osaka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2006
Center for Japanese Language and Culture, Osaka University of Foreign Studies	Preparatory Education Course for Undergraduate International Students	Mino City, Osaka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007
Center for Japanese Language and Culture, Osaka University	Undergraduate Students Program	Mino City, Osaka	
Japanese Language Learning Center, Language and Culture Research Institute, Takushoku University	Preparatory Educational Program	Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2003
Japanese Language Institute, Takushoku University	Preparatory Educational Program	Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2003 and March 31, 2007
Kyoto Japanese Language Training Center, Kyoto Computer Gakuin Kamogawa Campus	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Kyoto City, Kyoto	
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Osaka YMCA Japanese Language School	Japanese Language Course (1 year)	Osaka City, Osaka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2009
	Japanese Language Course (1.5 year)		
	Japanese Language Course (2 year)		
Osaka YMCA Japanese Language School	Comprehensive Japanese Course (1 year)	Osaka City, Osaka	
	Comprehensive Japanese Course (1.5 year)		
	Comprehensive Japanese Course (2 year)		
Global Japanese Academy	Japanese Dept. University Prep. 2-Year Course	Sendai City, Miyagi	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2014
Global Japanese Academy	Special University Prep. 2-Year Course	Sendai City, Miyagi	

	Special University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
St. Mary Japanese Language School	Preparatory Educational Program A Course	Utsunomiya City, Tochigi	
	Preparatory Educational Program B Course		
Mitsui Gakuen Musashi-Urawa Japanese Language Institute	1 year Japanese Prep Course	Saitama City, Saitama	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2004 and March 31, 2007
	1 year 6 Months Japanese Prep Course		
Mitsui Gakuen Musashi-Urawa Japanese Language Institute	2 years Japanese Prep Course	Saitama City, Saitama	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2010
	1 year 6 Months Japanese Prep Course		
Mitsui Gakuen Musashi-Urawa Japanese Language Institute	2 years University Prep Course	Saitama City, Saitama	
	1 Year 6 Months University Prep Course		
OHARA Japanese Language School	Advancement 1 year course	Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo	
	Advancement 1 year and 6 months course		
Arai Gakuen Akamonkai Japanese Language School	University Prep. 2-Year Course	Arakawa-ku, Tokyo	
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Culture and Language Center Japanese Language School	Department of Japanese 1	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2001 and March 31, 2003
	Department of Japanese 2		
	Department of Japanese 3		
KCP International Japanese Language School	Special University Prep. 1.5-Year Course	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
	Special University Prep. 2-Year Course		
Gokusai Gakuyukai Japanese Language School	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2004
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
JASSO Tokyo Japanese Language Education Center	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Tokyo School of the Japanese Language attached to the Institute for Research in Linguistic Culture	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2009
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
	University Prep. 2-Year Course		
The Naganuma School, Tokyo School of Japanese Language	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo	
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
	University Prep. 2-Year Course		

Shukutoku Japanese Language School	University Prep. Course A	Itabashi-ku, Tokyo	
	University Prep. Course B		
Shinjuku Japanese Language Institute	Department of Japanese 1	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
	Department of Japanese 2		
	Department of Japanese 3		
JET Academy	College Preparatory Course A	Kita-ku, Tokyo	
	College Preparatory Course B		
Sendagaya Japanese School	Japanese Language Dept. Section I, University Prep. 2- Year Course	Toshima-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2010
	Japanese Language Dept. Section I, University Prep. 1.5- Year Course		
	Japanese Language Dept. Section II, University Prep. 2- Year Course		
	Japanese Language Dept. Section II, University Prep. 1.5- Year Course		
Sendagaya Japanese School	Japanese Language Dept. Section I, University Prep. 1.5- Year Course	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
	Japanese Language Dept. Section I, University Prep. 2- Year Course		
	Japanese Language Dept. Section II, University Prep. 1.5- Year Course		
	Japanese Language Dept. Section II, University Prep. 2- Year Course		
Japanese Language School Affiliated with Tokyo University of Technology	University Prep. 2-Year Course	Ota-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011
The Japanese School Affiliated with Tokyo International University	Preparatory Educational Program Dept. A	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
	Preparatory Educational Program Dept. B		
The Japanese School Affiliated with Tokyo International University	Preparatory Educational Program April-Starting Course	Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
	Preparatory Educational Program October-Starting Course		

Meros Language School	General Japanese 2-Year Course	Toyoshima-ku, Tokyo	
	General Japanese 1.5-Year Course		
	General Japanese 1-Year Course		
Yamano Japanese Language School	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2003
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Yamano Japanese Language School	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Shibuya-ku, Tokyo	
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Kokusai Kotoba Gakuin	University Prep. Course	Shizuoka City, Shizuoka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2008
Kokusai Kotoba Gakuin Japanese Language School	University Prep. Course	Shizuoka City, Shizuoka	
Shizuoka Japanese Education Center	Special University Prep. Course	Shizuoka City, Shizuoka	
Ikueikan Academy of Kansai Language School	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course	Kyoto City, Kyoto	
	University Prep. 1-Year Course		
Kansai International Students Institute Japanese Language School	Main Program, 1-Year Course	Osaka City, Osaka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2004
	Main Program, 1.5-Year Course		
JASSO Osaka Japanese Language Education Center	Main Program, 1-Year Course	Osaka City, Osaka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2004 and March 31, 2008
	Main Program, 1.5-Year Course		
JASSO Osaka Japanese Language Education Center	University Prep. 1-Year Course	Osaka City, Osaka	
	University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Eisugakkan Okayama	Japanese Dept. University Prep. 1.5-Year Course	Okayama City, Okayama	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2008
Kyushu Eisu Gakkan International Language Academy	Japanese Dept. University Prep. Course	Fukuoka City, Fukuoka	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001
Kyushu Eisu Gakkan International Language Academy	Japanese Dept. University Prep. 1.5-Year Course	Fukuoka City,	

	Japanese Dept. University Prep. 2-Year Course	Fukuoka	
Asian Students Cultural Association	Japanese Course for International Students, University Prep. 1-Year Course	Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2014
	Japanese Course for International Students, University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Asian Students Cultural Association	Japanese Course for International Students, University Prep. 1-Year Course	Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo	
	Japanese Course for International Students, University Prep. 1.5-Year Course		
Tokyo Galaxy Japanese Language School	Preparatory Educational Program. 2 years course	chuo-ku, Tokyo	
	Preparatory Educational Program. 1 year and 6 months course		
Institut Bahasa Teikyo	Prep. Course for Studying Abroad in Japan, 15-Month Course	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Limited to students who enrolled in this program between April 1, 2004 and December 31, 2006
	Prep. Course for Studying Abroad in Japan, 18-Month Course		
	Prep. Course for Studying Abroad in Japan, 20-Month Course		
Institut Bahasa Teikyo	Prep. Course for Studying Abroad in Japan, 12-Month Course	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
	Prep. Course for Studying Abroad in Japan, 18-Month Course		
	Prep. Course for Studying Abroad in Japan, 20-Month Course		

In addition, there is a Preparatory School for Chinese Students in Japan (Jilin Province, People's Republic of China).

**Table 2**

Educational Facilities that Fulfill Item C of the Basic Qualifications Note 2 of the Application Qualifications and Requirements in Section 5. (as of March 13, 2015)

School	Prefecture	Notes
Institute Educare (including the former Escola Pingo de Gente)	Ibaraki	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Escola e Creche Grupo Opção	Ibaraki	
Instituto Educacional Gente Miúda	Gunma	
Instituto Educacional Centro Nippo-Brasileiro - Oizumi	Gunma	
The various Escola Paralelo (including the former Escola Paralelo Ota)	Gunma	
Brazilian School EAS Ota (including the former Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Ota)	Gunma	
Escola Intercultural Unificada Arco Iris	Saitama	
The various Instituto Educacional TS Recreação	Saitama	Limited to those who completed the program after December 8, 2014
Columbia International School	Saitama	
Sekolah Republik Indonesia Tokyo	Tokyo	
Canadian International School Tokyo	Tokyo	
Tokyo Korean School Junior High and High School (including the former Tokyo Korean School).	Tokyo	
The International French High School in Tokyo (including the former Lycée Français International de Tokyo and Lycée Français International de Tokyo, Ryuhoku)	Tokyo	
Tokyo Chinese School	Tokyo	
Deutsche Schule Tokyo Yokohama	Kanagawa	
Yokohama Overseas Chinese School	Kanagawa	
Alps Gakuen (including the former Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Yamanashi)	Yamanashi	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Colégio Sal e Luz	Nagano	
Nagano Nippaku Gakuen (including the former Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Nagano)	Nagano	
Colégio Isaac Newton	Gifu	
Centro Educacional Nova Etapa	Gifu	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Sociedade Educacional Brazilian School	Gifu	
HIRO Gakuen Escola Brasileira Professor Kawase (including the former Escola Brasileira Professor Kawase)	Gifu	
Escola Alcance	Shizuoka	
Escola Nova Era	Shizuoka	
Escola Brazil (including the former Escola Brasileira de Hamamatsu)	Shizuoka	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Centro Educacional e Profissionalizante CEP Brazil	Shizuoka	

Brazilian School EAS Hamamatsu (including the former Escola Alegria de Saber Hamamatsu)	Shizuoka	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Mundo de Alegria School (limited to programs offered by schools in Brazil)	Shizuoka	Limited to those who completed the program after January 31, 2013
Escola São Paulo	Aichi	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Escola Nectar	Aichi	
Colégio Brasil Japão Professor Shinoda	Aichi	
Brazilian School EAS Toyota (including the former Escola Alegria de Saber Toyota)	Aichi	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Brazilian School EAS Toyohashi (including the former Escola Alegria de Saber Toyohashi)	Aichi	
Brazilian School EAS Hekinan (including the former Escola Alegria de Saber Hekinan)	Aichi	
Escola Nikken	Mie	
Brazilian School EAS Suzuka (including the former Escola Alegria de Saber Suzuka)	Mie	Limited to those who completed the program after February 6, 2006
Colégio Latino de Japao (including the former former Colégio Latino de Shiga)	Shiga	

### Schools That Have Closed

School	Prefecture	Notes
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Moka	Tochigi	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and December 31, 2009
Escola Paralelo Isesaki	Gunma	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and March 31, 2009
Centro Educacional Canarinho	Saitama	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and March 31, 2009
Centro de Aprendizagem Logos	Saitama	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and April 1, 2010
Escola Paralelo Ina	Nagano	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6 and December 31, 2006
Centro Educacional Novo Damasco	Nagano	Limited to those who completed the program by March 14, 2012
Instituto Educacional Emmanuel	Gifu	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and September 14, 2007
Escola Uno de Educação Infantil, Ensino Fundamental e Ensino Médio	Shizuoka	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and October 31, 2007
Escola Nipo Brasileira	Shizuoka	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and October 5, 2009

Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Hamamatsu	Shizuoka	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and May 8, 2012
Colégio Áureo	Aichi	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and May 15, 2010
Colégio Dom Bosco	Aichi	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and March 11, 2011
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Aichi	Aichi	Limited to students who completed this program between February 6, 2006 and May 8, 2012
Kyoto Korean Junior High School	Kyoto	Limited to those who completed the program by March 31, 2006

**Table 3**

Educational Facilities that Fulfill Item D of the Basic Qualifications Note 2 of the Application Qualifications and Requirements in Section 5. (as of March 13, 2015)

School	Prefecture	Notes
Mundo de Alegria School (limited to programs offered by schools in Peru)	Shizuoka	Limited to those who completed the program by February 5, 2006
Escola e Creche Grupo Opção	Ibaraki	
Escola Pingo de Gente	Ibaraki	
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Moka	Tochigi	
Instituto Educacional Gente Miúda	Gunma	
Instituto Educacional Centro Nippo-Brasileiro - Oizumi	Gunma	
Escola Paralelo Isesaki Campus (including the former Escola Paralelo Higashimura Campus)	Gunma	
Escola Paralelo Ota Campus	Gunma	
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Ota	Gunma	
Centro Educacional Canarinho	Saitama	
Centro de Aprendizagem Logos	Saitama	
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Yamanashi	Yamanashi	
Escola Paralelo Ina Campus	Nagano	
Colégio Sal e Luz	Nagano	
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Nagano	Nagano	
Instituto Educacional Emmanuel	Gifu	
Escola Brasileira Professor Kawase	Gifu	
Centro Educacional Nova Etapa	Gifu	
Sociedade Educacional Brazilian School	Gifu	
Escola Alegria de Saber Hamamatsu	Shizuoka	
Escola Uno de Educação Infantil, Ensino Fundamental e Ensino Médio	Shizuoka	
Escola Nippo-Brasileiro	Shizuoka	
Escola Brasileira de Hamamatsu	Shizuoka	
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Hamamatsu	Shizuoka	
Escola Alegria de Saber Toyota	Aichi	
Escola Alegria de Saber Toyohashi	Aichi	
Escola Alegria de Saber Hekinan	Aichi	
Escola São Paulo	Aichi	
Escola Nectar	Aichi	
Colégio Áureo	Aichi	
Colégio Dom Bosco	Aichi	
Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Aichi (including the former Colégio Pitágoras Brasil Handa)	Aichi	
Escola Alegria de Saber Suzuka	Mie	
Colégio Latino de Shiga	Shiga	

## Table 4

Educational Facilities that Fulfill Item E of the Basic Qualifications Note 2 of the Application Qualifications and Requirements in Section 5. (as of December 15, 2016)

Educational facilities	Notes
Basic Education High School Course in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Including Basic Education High School Course in Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma)	Limited to those who completed the program after October 1, 1973

