

## **Basic Admission Policy for Self-Supported International Students Applying to the Modern Japanese Studies Program (2020 Enrollment)**

### **1. Program Name**

Modern Japanese Studies Program

### **2. Purpose and Objective**

The Modern Japanese Studies Program is intended to foster the development of well-educated future global leaders. The degree 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.

### **3. Applicants We Are Seeking**

The program is intended for students who:

- want to study 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.

### **4. Student Intake**

Program	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.

## 5. Dates of Admission

Modern Japanese Studies Program	Intensive Japanese Course	October 2019
	Bachelor's Degree	April 2020

- \* The Modern Japanese Studies Program is a four-year bachelor's degree program.
- \* The six-month MJSP Intensive Japanese Course precedes the bachelor's degree program. It is a beginners' level course in the Japanese Language to provide students with the Japanese language ability required to enter the bachelor's degree program.
- \* Students who have Japanese language ability equivalent to N2 level of the 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 Modern Japanese Studies Program directly.
- \* Japanese language placement tests may be conducted after admission to divide the Intensive Japanese Course participants into separate classes.

## 6. 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: September 25, 2018 – October 12, 2018

2nd call for applications: January 4, 2019 – January 18, 2019

### (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, 2019 (see Note 1 on page 3). However, in this case they will have been enrolled at a 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 3).
3. They will have received an International Baccalaureate Diploma in a foreign country by September 30, 2019, 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, 2019.

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, 2019.
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, 2019.
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, 2019. 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, 2019.
- 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, 2019.
- 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, 2019.
- 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, 2019.
- 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 which 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, 2019.

(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.
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 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

If standardized examinations (e.g. national tests) for university admission in their own country exists, it is desirable for applicants to have taken them.

## 7. Selection Method

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

## 8. Application Periods

(1) 1st call for applications:

- Online application period: October 25 (Thu), 2018 – November 22 (Thu), 2018
- The required application materials must be sent by post after applying online to arrive no later than December 6 (Thu), 2018.

(2) 2nd call for applications:

- Online application period: February 1 (Fri), 2019 – February 26 (Tue), 2019
- The required application materials must be sent by post after applying online to arrive no later than March 11 (Mon), 2019.

## 9. Interviews

Interviews will be conducted via Skype during the periods listed below. Applicants will be informed of the date and time of their interview after receipt of their application documents.

(1) 1st call for applications: January 10 (Thu), 2019 – January 22 (Tue), 2019

(2) 2nd call for applications: April 10 (Wed), 2019 – April 19 (Fri), 2019

## 10. Announcement of Successful Applicants

(1) 1st call for applications: February 13 (Wed), 2019 (provisional)

(2) 2nd call for applications: End of May, 2019 (provisional)

## 11. Other

### Fees

	Application fee	Enrollment fee	Tuition fees
Intensive Japanese Course	Waived	¥43,500	¥181,200 (6 months)
Bachelor's Degree	¥5,000	¥282,000	¥535,800 (per year)

\* The above fees are correct as of May 2018. If they are revised before admission or during enrollment, the new amount will apply with immediate effect from the time of revision.

\* Hokkaido University has a scholarship program for students participating in the Modern Japanese Studies Program (the Modern Japanese Studies Program Scholarship Program).

a. We will waive the enrollment fee for the Intensive Japanese Course for October 2019 enrollees.

b. We will waive the entire enrollment and tuition fees for the 2020 academic year for April 2020 enrollees in the Bachelor's Degree.

c. 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.)

\* We have discontinued waiving the tuition fees for the Intensive Japanese Course due to a change in the Modern Japanese Studies Program Scholarship Program.