



Sanyo Gakuen University

(Okayama Prefecture)



Our teaching inspired by love and service.

■ Introduction

① About us

The origin of Sanyo Gakuen lies in Sanyo Eiwa Women's School, established in 1886 by dedicated members of the Okayama Christian Society. Currently, Sanyo Gakuen is comprised of five educational institutions: Sanyo Girls' Junior High School, Sanyo Girls' High School, Sanyo Gakuen College, Sanyo Gakuen University, and its affiliated Kindergarten.

Sanyo Gakuen College was established in 1969, producing about 16,500 graduates, while Sanyo Gakuen University was founded in 1994 with about 1,600 graduates. Both Institutions have been playing an important role in higher education for women and their graduates have become successful members of society.

In 2009, these institutions became coeducational. Additionally, in the same year, the University has expanded to include two departments: the Faculty of Nursing and the Faculty of Human Sciences. In 2017, Area management department was established.

“Love and Service” is the guiding principle that underpins the excellence of education in all the institutions and it will continue to guide us to future success.

② International exchange

There are 17 sister universities in Australia, China, Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Taiwan and U.S.A. Students visit those countries for English, Chinese and Korean training, practice teaching Japanese and understanding their cultures. From sister universities in Korea and Taiwan, students visit us for the internship program, exchange program and the program of understanding Japanese culture.

③ Number of foreign students

2016, 2017 Number of foreign students
78 students 2018 65 students

2016, 2017, 2018 Japanese Studies Program
1 student each

④ Characteristics of Okayama

Thanks to the Inland Sea, Okayama Prefecture has a notably mild climate compared to the rest of Japan. The population of Okayama city is approximately 700,000 people. It is the center of Okayama and a convenient place to access Shikoku, Kyushu, Sanin, Hiroshima and the Kansai District, including such places as Osaka and Kyoto. A Shinkansen journey to either Hiroshima or Osaka takes less than one hour. In Okayama there are many places of historical interest or for their spectacular scenery, such as Korakuen garden, Okayama castle, Kurashiki, Kibiji and the Seto Ohashi Bridge. Traditionally, Okayama has been famous for fruit, especially peaches and grapes. Also, special noodles and pancakes with oysters have become famous more recently as cheap and tasty local dishes. The famous Hadaka and Uraja festivals can be seen in February and in August.

■ Outline of the program

① Purpose of this course

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency

② Characteristics of this course

- Undergraduate students can exchange to join the same class.
- This course involves not only class attendance, but also participation in activities such as visiting several places and home visit.
- Through such experiences, you know about Japan and Japanese culture not only intellectually, but also your physically and emotionally.

③ Numbers accepted

2 students

(Embassy recommendation 1 student
University recommendation 1 student)



- ④ Qualifications of candidates
- students passing N3 or equivalent the level
 - students who are able to understand undergraduate lectures

- ⑤ Achievement of the goal
- to improve Japanese skills
 - to deepen understanding of Japan and Japanese culture
 - to deepen understanding of one's own country and culture by contrast with Japanese society and culture

- ⑥ Term of this course
- 2019. Sep.24 – 2020. Aug. 10
 - Farewell ceremony
2020. Aug.9

Second semester starts from Sep.24th. Therefore students should arrive at Okayama until 22nd.

The scholarship will be paid from Oct. 2019 to Aug.2020.

- ⑦ Outline of syllabus of this course

Three kinds of classes: -

(1) Required

subjects for improving Japanese

(2) Required

subjects for experience of Okayama & Japan

(3) Elective

subjects for understanding Japanese culture

* 28 credits in total

1 or 2 credit (90 minutes lecture or activity

in a week, 15 weeks)

1) Subjects (Required)

a. Japanese A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H 1 credit each
8 credits in total

* If your Japanese level is high, you can skip Japanese A and B.

b. Japanese culture A, B 2 credits in total
Understanding Japanese culture through practice

c. cross-cultural communication 2 credits in total
Exchange with Japanese people and visiting Home visit, visiting kindergarten, junior high and senior high school etc.

2)Subjects (Elective)

At least 8 credits

a. Subjects for understanding Japan
Japanese history, Japanese literature etc.

b. Subjects for the history of exchange between Japan and Asian countries
History of exchange between Japan and China
History of exchange between Japan and Korea

c. Others
psychology, business, English and computer science subjects

3)Report for the Japanese and Japanese culture research 4 credits

2 seminars

4) Other comments

Except Japanese and Japanese culture subjects, students can study with Japanese students.



⑧ Schedule for annual activities

- Sep. Coming to Okayama and Orientation
(around 20th of Sep.)
- Oct. Experience of University Festival
Welcome party for Japanese Studies
Program students and exchange
students
- Nov. Excursion for foreign students
Attendance at explanation of
employment for students and
parents
- Dec. Christmas party
- Jan. Home visit
- Feb. Observation of Hadaka Festival
Observation of graduation theses
presentation
- Mar. Observation of graduation ceremony
- Apr. Observation of entrance ceremony
Welcome party for foreign students
Participating tea ceremony in Kibiji
- May Visiting the Kindergarten
- June Participating Open Campus
- July Participation of Japanese speech
contest
- Aug. Observation of Uraja Festival
Graduation ceremony
Return home(around 3rd week of Aug.)

⑨ Guidance of this course

- Members of International exchange committee and professors in charge of Japanese take care of the students.
- Students belonging to the club activity of Japanese volunteers and Japanese & foreign students make plans for interaction and exchange the students of this program.

- ⑩ Requirements of completion
at least 28 credits

■Accommodation

We do not have a dormitory.

However we can introduce apartments near the university. Japanese Studies Program students share the room with other exchange students.

One month payment is approximately 40,000 yen Including internet fee and facilities. Before you come to Okayama or the first day of Okayama, you should submit or pay 11months' payments(about 500,000 yen).

We can offer the accommodation like guest house. It cost 30,000 yen -40,000 yen in a month.

You should pay 20,000 yen on the first day for the security deposit. However you can pay the accommodation fee on a monthly basis.

■Follow-up for students

- As students come from sister university, we can contact each other and care for the students.
- Students make their own network because students have many Japanese and foreign friends during study in the same lecture room in Sanyo Gakuen University.
- Several professors visit the country of the students and meet them during that time.

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