

Gakushuin Women's College

Admission Policy

for international degree-seeking students (bachelor's)

Department of Japanese Studies

The Department of Japanese Studies grants a Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Studies to those who have attained the abilities described in the Diploma Policy and obtained the credits required for graduation by attending Gakushuin Women's College (hereinafter referred to as "GWC") for a period stipulated in the GWC Regulations and completing the curriculum.

The Department of Japanese Studies offers comprehensive programs in four areas of Japanese culture: art and thought, folklore and history, contemporary society, and comparative culture. The specialized programs are systematically arranged to help students deepen their understanding of Japanese culture, including its traditions and special features.

In the first and second year, the department offers basic seminar courses and basic Japanese culture courses in order to motivate students to learn over four years and to cultivate basic skills along with their ability to identify and resolve issues as well as to express their thoughts, thereby improving early higher education. With the aim of fostering international communication skills and cross-cultural understanding, we provide common courses, such as English (Foreign Language I) and other languages (Foreign Language II), information processing, expression in Japanese, international cultural relations, human relations, natural environmental science, sports and health science, and a study abroad program.

In the third and fourth year, students learn more advanced subjects in the specialized seminar courses. Fourth-year students prepare a graduation thesis or complete graduate studies through advanced and diversified analysis of Japanese culture, thereby obtaining skills to be active in the global community.

To select foreign students who are interested in these programs, language tests (English and Japanese) and interviews (in Japanese) are conducted as an entrance examination. These language tests are to confirm applicants' practical language skills. In the interview, attention is focused on a range of issues, including whether applicants can describe what specific field of the curriculum they are interested in, what they want to learn, and whether they can relate their background in their own country or region to their motives.

*Those who use the scores of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) when applying for the Department of Japanese Studies and the Department of Intercultural Communication are exempt from the language tests and interviews.

Department of Intercultural Communication

The Department of Intercultural Communication grants a Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Communication to those who have attained the abilities described in the Diploma Policy and obtained the credits required for graduation by attending GWC for a period stipulated in the GWC Regulations and completing the curriculum.

The department offers specialized programs in three core areas of international relations, comparative culture and area studies, and communication, which are designed to systematically broaden interdisciplinary knowledge and understanding.

In the first and second year, the department offers basic seminar courses, basic international relations courses, and basic regional culture courses in order to motivate students to learn over four years and to cultivate basic skills along with their ability to identify and resolve issues as well to express their thoughts, thereby improving early higher education. With the aim of fostering international communication skills and cross-cultural understanding, we provide common courses, such as English (Foreign Language I) and other languages (Foreign Language II), information processing, expression in Japanese, international cultural relations, human relations, natural environmental science, sports and health science, and a study abroad program.

In the third and fourth year, students learn more advanced subjects in the specialized seminar courses to attain the ability to identify, analyze, and resolve various issues. Fourth-year students prepare a graduation thesis or complete graduate studies to develop advanced communication skills and a global sense, thereby obtaining the skills to be active in the global community.

In the entrance examination, foreign students are required to demonstrate Japanese language skills at a level that is sufficient for learning. Language tests (English and Japanese) and interviews are held for this purpose. In the interview, applicants are expected to clearly state their purpose for studying.