



# Joetsu University of Education (Niigata)



To provide overseas students with necessary training in Japanese language and culture.

## ■ Overview of the University and Joetsu City

### ① Outline of Joetsu University of Education

#### 1) Characteristics and History

In order to meet contemporary needs, Joetsu University of Education was established in 1978 as a national university which is aimed at promoting the theoretical and practical studies of school education. It consists of the Graduate School of Education, which mainly intends to provide advanced studies in school education for in-service teachers, and the College of Education, which offers undergraduate courses in teacher training.

In 2008, in accordance with the development of the Teaching Profession Graduate School System, the Professional Degree Program (Graduate School of Professional Teaching) was established in the Graduate School of Education.

This program is aimed at deepening students' knowledge and learning relating to the teaching profession, to acquire ability to deal with problems around school environments promptly.

#### 2) Number of Teachers and Students (as for Oct 2019)

Teachers: 159  
Students Undergraduates: 678  
Graduate: 567



Joetsu City during the winter season

#### ② Number of international exchange (as for October 2019)

Foreign students: 37 (6 countries)  
Exchange agreements with overseas universities: 11 (8 countries)

#### ③ Number of students in the Japanese Studies Program (as for October in each year)

year	total	Students in the Japanese Studies Program
2019	37	2
2018	37	1
2017	42	2

#### ④ Features of Joetsu City

Joetsu city has numerous historical and cultural assets. It is surrounded by impressive nature and is famous as one of Japan's snowy cities.

It takes about 2 hours by Hokuriku Shinkansen: a bullet train from Tokyo.



[The Front View of Joetsu University of Education]

## ■ Outline of the Program

### ① Course Description:

a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture

### ② Feature:

- To provide overseas students with necessary training in Japanese language and culture, in accordance with each student's interests.
- To provide curriculums with a cooperation of an academic advisor, considering each student's interests.

③ Number of students to be accepted : 3  
(students with embassy recommendation 2  
students with university recommendation 1)



#### ④ Qualifications and conditions for applicants

##### a) Qualifications :

At the time of arrival in Japan, applicants are students who have enrolled in faculties or departments offering studies in the Japanese language and Japanese culture in foreign universities.

Freshmen at an above-mentioned university are not eligible to apply for this program.

##### b) Japanese language proficiency :

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test N2 or the Practical Japanese Test C level or above.

c) Applicants must be able to understand lectures, read reference materials, write papers, and make oral presentations.

#### ⑤ Flow and Goal:

To research with under the academic advisors and Japanese language teachers, present an academic research achievements and submit an academic report.

#### ⑥ Period of study :

From the beginning of October 1, 2020 through the end of September 2021

(From October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021)

#### ⑦ The term of the scholarship

From October 2020 through September 2021

#### ⑧ Annual Events (Temporary)

##### October

Orientation for foreign students enrolled in October

Traffic safety lessons for foreign students

University Festival

Lunch meeting with the President

##### November

Taking the practical Japanese test : J.TEST

Opinion exchange meeting with international students

Let's talk about "WORLD"

##### December

Exchanging views and ideas with international students

##### February

Classroom visitations in the University attached

schools for short-term international students

Ski experience

##### March

International Gathering

##### April

Blossom viewing

Orientation for foreign students enrolled in April

##### May

Lunch meeting with the President

##### July

Tanabata: Star Festival tea ceremony

#### August

Field trip for Japanese culture and history

experience, cultural exchange (a day tour)

Achievement presentation implemented by short-term international students

#### September

Short-term foreign students Diploma Ceremony

#### ⑨ Completion of the Program

For a student who completes the below completion requirements, a completion certificate will be issued.

1) For a students who complete more than 12 classes including required classes, electives and Japanese language programs, the certificate will be issued.

2) For a students who present an academic research achievements and submit an academic report, the certificate will be issued.

#### ⑩ Outline:

##### 1 ) Contents :

• After enrollment, students can also take other lectures not listed below, with the professor's permission.

##### 2 ) Course program

##### I ) Required Programs :

Each semester consists of lessons of 15 weeks. All the classes are offered in Japanese.

Subjects of College of Education :

Japanese and Japanese cultural studies Seminar A・B /

Japanese and Japanese Society / Seminar in Basic

Intercultural Communication

Japanese language Classes :

Japanese Literature Subscription A・B /

Report Writing in Japanese A・B /

Japanese Research Presentation A・B /

##### II ) Elective Programs :

A semester consists of 15 weeks. 2 semesters per each year are offered. Classes are all in Japanese.

Subjects of College of Education:

Japanese Society :The Constitution of Japan /

Japanese History / Jurisprudence Reading

Japanese Culture: Culture and Expressions of

Calligraphy/ Transcribed Calligraphy /

Japanese Painting Expression / Sculpture I

Japanese Literature: Japanese Literature

Reading B / Japanese Literature Seminar B

Japanese Geography and History : Study of

Japanese History A / Introduction of World History

3) Visit, subjects such as participatory local exchange :

School visit

Visiting the University Attached Elementary School and Attached Junior High School, and other local schools.

4) Opportunities to study with Japanese students

• Overseas students, registered as special auditors, can attend the classes with Japanese students and acquire course credits after fulfilling certain requirements.

• In Academic Research of Japanese and Japanese Culture A / B, students belong to their own seminar and study with Japanese students.

#### Tanabata: Star Festival tea ceremony



## ⑪ Guidance

Each international student has his/her own academic advisor who gives guidance on course selection and research instructions.

### • Japanese language instructors:

Japanese language instructors will help your difficulty in language learning and improve your Japanese.

### • Advisors:

The staff of the international exchange office will assist you in leading a comfortable on-campus & off-campus life including your study during your stay in Joetsu.

## Ski experience



## ■ Accommodation

The university has an international dormitory for foreign students, foreign researchers and Japanese students.

Fifteen one-bedroom rooms and three rooms for families are available for foreign students.

### Equipment for single room(5,900 yen per month) :

kitchenette, toilet, hot water supply facilities, heating and cooling air conditioner, single bed, desk with drawers, swivel chair, bookcase, wardrobe, hanging bookshelf, cupboard, refrigerator and desk lamp.

### Equipment for couple room (9,500 yen per month) :

Full kitchen, unit bathroom, toilet, hot water supply facilities, heating and cooling air conditioner, 2 single beds, desk with drawers, swivel chair, bookcase, reception table and chair, dining table and chair, cupboard, wardrobe, entrance cabinet, washing machine, dryer, refrigerator, desk lamp and closet.



Outside view of International Dormitory



Inside view of Single room

## ■ Follow-up for graduates

We provide information to all students after completion, with foreign student networks and monthly news letters.

## Student achievement short presentation



## ■ Contact

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