



**Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Graduate School of Global Studies
Master's Program in Japan Studies**

1. Graduate School Code	8b	
2. Area	Japanese Language and Culture	
3. Research Field	Japan Studies For high Japanese proficiency or strong academic background on Japan holders only	
4. Degree	Japan Studies Course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Master of Arts (Linguistics) · Master of Arts (Literature) · Master of Arts (Humanities) · Master of Arts (International Studies) 	
5. Standard Timetable (Years needed for graduation)	Starting as a Research Student for 6 months, then 2 years as a Master's Student after passing the entrance exam	
6. Language of Program	Japan Studies Course (1) Lecture: All in English 1/65 English and Japanese 4/65 All in Japanese 60/65 (2) Text: Japanese (3) Laboratory work: N/A (4) Seminar: Japanese	
7. Required Japanese Level and Necessary Academic Background	(1) High Japanese proficiency equivalent to N1 level of Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Bachelor's degree (equivalent to at least 16 years of academic background)	
8. Website	(1) Tokyo University of Foreign Studies http://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/ (2) Graduate School of Global Studies http://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/education/pg/ (3) Japan Studies Course http://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/education/pg/master/ Not every professor can always accept research students.	
9. Additional Information	Availability	Note
Japanese Language		
(1) Necessity of Japanese language for study	Necessary	High Japanese proficiency is required
(2) Availability of Japanese language class	Available	Available at Japanese Language Center for free for the first 6months (basically during the research student period)
Facility Information		
(1) Dormitory available for JISR participants	Not Available	
(2) Prayers room or Mosque	Available	Prayer Space available in the University.
(3) Halal food available in cafeteria	Not Available	
Others		
(1) Tutor system	Available	Available for 1 year



10. Features and Curriculum of Program

■ Master's Program in Japan Studies

The Japan Studies program trains individuals to have an objective outlook on Japan and a capacity to employ comparative perspectives to study Japanese language and Japanese language education in the context of languages across the world, and Japanese culture and society in global contexts.

◆ Features of the Master's Program in Japan Studies

Educational staff with international, cutting-edge research profiles

Education and research in the Japan Studies program is undertaken not only by full-time faculty members of our university, but also faculty members from member institutions of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies (CAAS) and the National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics. The member institutions of CAAS are the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO; France), Leiden University (Netherlands), Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (South Korea), National University of Singapore, the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) University of London (United Kingdom), Colombia University (United States), and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Japan Studies Course

The Japan Studies Course involves research on Japan from four angles:

• Japanese language

Areas of study include contemporary Japanese, Japanese linguistic history, and comparative studies of the Japanese language.

[Subjects]: Japanese Language Studies, Comparative Japanese Studies

• Japanese language education

Students acquire multi-faceted approaches to Japanese language education through classes on such subjects as lexical semantics, pragmatics, grammar, theoretical linguistics, cognitive linguistics, sociolinguistics, second language acquisition, teaching methods, course design, educational materials, assessment methods, discourse analysis, and intercultural communication.

[Subjects]: Japanese Language Teaching Studies, Japanese Language Teaching Applied Studies

• Japanese literature and culture

Areas of study include classical literature, contemporary literature, and cultural studies.

[Subjects]: Japanese Literature and Cultural Studies, Japanese Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies



· **Japanese society**

Areas of study include traditional Japanese society, contemporary Japanese social problems, and Japanese history.

[Subjects]: Japanese Societal Studies, International Cultural Exchange Studies

11. Professors and Associate Professors

Matching with professors will be done by university. Please leave blank “supervisor you wish to be instructed” of application form.

Japan Studies Course

Research subjects and field of interest of professors can be found here by the courses they are in charge of <http://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/research/researcher/people/index.html>

* Not every professor can always accept JISR participants.

12. Academic schedule

Japan Studies Course

Admission: April

Application Period for Master’s Program: September 7-10, 2020 (Fiscal 2021), January 4-6, 2021 (Fiscal 2021)

Examination Period for Master’s Program: September 26 & October 10, 2020 (Fiscal 2021), February 5-6, 2021 (Fiscal 2021) scheduled per each applicant (Fiscal 2021)

Quarter: Four quarters

Graduation: March

13. Facilities and Cultural activities for International students

(1) Japanese Language Program

To improve Japanese language skills, Japanese Language Center provides Japanese language programs of 7 levels from Beginners to Advance. On a voluntary basis, local municipality also provides their own Japanese language programs to the international students. Through various cultural events and exchange programs conducted by TUFs International Student Support Association, the international students may have chances to interact and develop relationships with not only Japanese students but also students from all over the world.

(2) Others (Healthcare center, Counseling Support, Homestay Program, Cultural Tour etc)

Healthcare Center conducts a regular health check and provides a daily medical examination (internal medicine four days a week). In case of emergency, students can get appropriate instruction and support from the center.

TUFs organizes cultural tours to the historical Kyoto, Nara, and Kamakura which international students may participate with relatively low prices. Apart from those tours, there are several intercultural and multi



lingual exchanges at TUFS. Most of them are organized by the students. TOFSIA conducts multi-cultural parties and outings, TUF COMMU holds weekly events to facilitate intercultural and multi-lingual exchanges. LETS conducts one-on-one language exchange twice a week during the semester. Here, Japanese students will have the opportunity to speak the language they are studying, and international students will have the opportunity to try to use the Japanese they are currently studying.

14. Information on Job Placement Assistance Service for International Students

Global Career Center provides a wide variety of career supports for international students, such as job seminars and career advising.

15. Message for JISR applicants

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Student Exchange Division of TUFS has extensive support systems for international students such as tutor services which are available after their arrival in Japan. Tutors are Japanese students who will assist the international students in many ways especially when settling down both academically and living-wise, and help out with their Japanese home works. By cooperating with the university, tutors help the international students start their new life here in Japan without stress and worries.

During the research student period (6 months), Students can take Japanese language courses conducted at the Japanese Language Center for International Students.

There are various kinds of international students such as exchange students, MEXT Scholarship students or research students. Through the cultural events and exchange programs regularly held by TUFS International Student Support Association and student voluntary groups, the international students can develop a relationship also with other courses' students and establish a global network by studying here at TUFS campus, Japan.

Since there are many Muslim students in TUFS, we provide a space as a hall for prayer.

Our library contains more than 670,000 materials published in Japanese and foreign languages and has Mutual Cooperation with Specified University Libraries.

There is Graduate School Students' room on campus where graduate students can focus on their study.

It opens from 8:00 to 23:00 during the semesters. As it's solely for the graduate students, quiet environment can be provided to concentrate on research and studies.

Note: For those interested in enrolling under < Japan Studies Course >, please be reminded that high Japanese proficiency is required in order to pass the entrance examination and to succeed in its Master's program.