

# Chiba Institute of Science

(Choshi City, Chiba)



2017 A University for people who want to help people: Japanese Language and Culture Course for International Students

## University Introduction

### ① Overview and Features

April 2004 University Established  
(Faculties : Pharmacy • Risk and Crisis Management)  
April 2010 Intensive Japanese Language Program Established  
April 2014 Faculty of Nursing Established

Chiba Institute of Science is one of the five Group, universities, (est. 1995), as well as a Vocational School and Junior and Senior High Schools. It is a multifaceted Educational Institution.

Our Institutional Philosophy is:

“To draw out the talents and abilities of the youth to their maximum potential and foster individuals who contribute to society as professionals in their fields and as responsible members of society”



### ② International Exchanges (2016)

Country	Sister University
Cultural Exchange Programs (host / sending)	
USA	University of Findlay (8/ 0)
	Wright State University ( 10/ 1)
Brazil	Parana Federal University (2 / 0)

③ International Students from: China, Korea, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Pakistan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Malaysia, Brazil

Year	Undergraduate	Intensive Japanese Language Course	Japanese Language and Culture Course
2016	98	20	1
2015	96	23	
2014	110	27	2
2013	138	18	
2012	178	15	

④ Local Area : The city of Choshi is located approximately 100 km from Tokyo and 50 km East of Narita Airport. It is surrounded on the East and South by the Pacific Ocean as well as the Tonegawa River on the North creating a mild climate that is relatively cool in the summer and warm in the winter, which also causes fog and high humidity. Snow rarely accumulates and there is always a strong ocean breeze. Many windmills can be seen in the area. It is known for its fishing ports, having the largest catch in Japan, its soy sauce production, and its abundant agriculture, allowing food self-sufficiency rate of 250%. The air is clean and the the landscape is rich and varied. The area was designated as the Suigo-Tsukuba Semi-national Park in 1959 and as a Geo-Park in 2012. <http://www.choushi.geopark.jp>. In 2015 Choshi was ddesignated as an historical city and in 2016 Choshi was selected one of Chiba Prefectures scenic cities.



## Course Synopsis

① The main goal of this course is for students to improve their Japanese language ability with an added goal of gaining an understanding of Japan and its culture.

### ② Course Characteristics

In addition students learn beyond their textbooks and gain first hand experience in the Japanese culture such as cuisine and festivals. Japan my look small on the map but each region has its own unique culture and feel, come discover for your self.

Japanese Language and Culture Course is administered by the Intensive Japanese Language Program with the following Educational philosophy: Come study at a university on the shores across the Pacific Ocean from America in a city on a peninsula that faces the world. Choshi City has an international population of over 5% as there are numerous foreign trainees in the agricultural and fishing industries. As the campus extends into the community there are many opportunities to interact with, and learn Japanese from the local citizens (including primary and secondary students) on a daily basic. It is an environment where one can relax both the mind and body while studying.

③ Positions Available 8  
5 Embassy Recommendations  
3 University Recommendations



Participating at a local Choshi Elementary School Exchange Day

#### ④ Requirements for Application

Japanese Language Proficiency Test N 4 or above for students from kanji based countries

N 5 or above for non-kanji based countries

Individuals with a desire to study the Japanese language and culture

**listening:** ability to determine time, location and substance of appointment conversation

**speaking:** ability to give self introduction and answer simple questions

**reading:** ability to read time schedules time, date and location

**writing:** ability to freely write in hiragana and katakana; ability to correctly write name on forms

#### ⑤ Goal

Japanese Language Proficiency Test N 2 or above for students from kanji based countries

N 3 or above for non-kanji based countries

Pass a written and oral completion examination.

**listening:** normal understanding of TV or movie dialogue

**speaking:** in the classroom or at a part-time job interview, ability to express desires and experience

**reading:** ability to read articles on subjects of interest in newspapers or magazines

**writing:** ability to write letters or emails expressing appreciation or an apology

#### ⑥ Japanese Language and Culture Course Period of Study

September 2017 – September 2018

Entrance Ceremony September 2017

Completion Ceremony September 2018

September will be used to acclimate students to life in Japan and a period of time is provided to make preparations to depart Japan

#### ⑦ Subject Summary

	Subject	Area of Study	Units	Class Hr. per Week
1) No. of Required Class Hours 840 hr	Japanese I	Grammar Sentence Patterns	8	6
	Japanese II	Listening Comprehension	4	3
	Japanese III	Conversation	4	3
	Japanese IV	Kanji Vocabulary	4	3
	Japanese V	Composition	4	3
	Japanese VI	Reading Comprehension	4	3
2) Excursions, exchanges with community	Integrated Study		2	90 hr total
3) Other Lectures & Elective Classes	Information Sciences		2	15
	Japanese VII	Test Taking Strategies	8	120 hr total
	HR	Home Room One Class a Week		

Course consists of 40 unites (20 during Fall Semester and 20 during Spring Semester). Students are expected to enroll in all units. In order for students to successfully continue studying; required classes and examinations for which students are unable to obtain credit, will be offered again the following semester to be taken instead of elective classes. Annual events will be announced in Home Room (there is no credit or evaluation for HR)



Lunch time with Jr. High School Student in Choshi

#### ⑧ Year Schedule from Sept. to Aug.

Month	University Events	Community Events
Sept.	JLCC Entrance Ceremony Open Campus	Welcome Reception Elementary School Sports Day
Oct.	Interviews Class Placement	Exchange with Jr. High School Overnight Excursion
Nov.	Speech Contest Selection Test Strategy Lecture	Exchange with High School
Dec.	Japanese Proficiency Test	Speech Contest
Jan.	New Year's Writing Examination	New Year's Shrine Visit Abacus Training
Feb.	New Year's Writing Display	Lunar New Year Vacation
Mar.	Completion for Spring Students	Japanese Culture Experience Volunteer
Apr.	Spring Entrance Ceremony Traffic Safety	Welcome Reception Flower Viewing
May	Walking Excursion Tsunami Fire Drill	Exchange with Elementary School (School Lunch)
June	Test Strategy Lecture	Social Study Tour
July	Japanese Proficiency Test Open Campus	Tanabata Festival Planetarium
Aug.	JLCC Completion	Garden Party Dishes from Each Country
Sept.		Garden Party (students serve traditional food from their home countries)

Practicing Japanese Calligraphy



## ⑨ Instruction Method

### ◎ Japanese Language Instructors

Takeo Funekura (Course Director)

Michie Takahashi (Head Instructor)

#### Adjunct Instructors

Tadashi Kaburaki, Mikiko Suzuki,

Ami Hashizume, Tomoko Kohama,

Shurin Tokoeda,

Hiroko Wada, Maki Sato, Akiko Takiguchi Kumiko

Kamada, Chieko Nishiyama

The Japanese language faculty was recognized with the Choshi City Award in 2012 for establishing the Choshi Japanese Language Association.

As 5 of the faculty reside in Choshi and 2 in Kamisu (across the Tonegawa River in Ibaraki) students are able to receive guidance outside of the classroom as well.

Contact is frequently made by mobile phone mail

### ◎ Daily Live Support (Educational Affairs

Division, International Affairs Office)

Shigeho Hata (Manager, Educational Affairs Division)

Victor Hazen (English) #

Chiu Yueh Chang (Chinese) #

Tadayoshi Kinoshita (Japanese) ♪

# : Native Speaker

♪ : Certified Japanese Language Teacher

SA (Student Assistant)

Undergraduate (JLCC Alumni) work as student leaders

### Dormitory

Private apartments are leased for use of International students (normally 3 students will share an apartment)

Apartments consist of 3 Bedrooms and a Dining Kitchen

**Rent** : Dormitory rent 300,000 yen (to be paid prior to enrollment)

**Other fees** : Gas & key deposits, Insurance approx. 30,000 yen

**Utilities** : Gas, water and electric are approx. 10,000 yen per month

**Furnishings** : Refrigerator, washing machine, stove, lighting, desk, chair and bed

**Internet** : Each room is able to connect to wireless internet access



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## ⑩ Conditions for Completion

- Enrollment of 12 months
- Attendance of 80% or more
- Completions of 40 Unites or more
- Acquirement of N3 or above on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test
- Pass the Final Examination
- Follow the university code of conduct

### After Completion

Work as Student Assistants at Chiba Institute of Science

Guidance to bring out each individuals ability

Information for those seeking employment in Japan from our Career Center

Support from our Overseas Liaison Officers

Overseas Liaison Officers

In the following :

China, Korea, Vietnam, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Malaysia, Australia