



NANZAN UNIVERSITY

Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) Exchange Program

AY 2027 – 2028

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Inbound Office	Office of the Center for International Affairs (CJS Office) E-mail : cjs-office@ic.nanzan-u.ac.jp
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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Offered Program	Intensive Japanese Program (IJP) : https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/academics/cjs/ijp/ Modern Japan Program (MJP) : https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/academics/cjs/mjp/
Application Length	Fall Semester Applicants : Semester or Full-Year Spring Semester Applicants : Semester Only
Period of Study	Academic Year : September - May Fall Semester : September - December Spring Semester : January – May <i>*NOTE: Extension of enrollment from the Spring semester to the Fall semester is not allowed.</i>

ACADEMIC CALENDER

	Fall 2027	Spring 2028 (Tentative)
Arrival date	September 3 – 4, 2027	January 7 – 8, 2028
Placement Test / Orientations	September 7 – 10, 2027	January 11 – 14, 2028
Entrance Ceremony	September 10, 2027	January 11, 2028
Classes	September 13 – December 16, 2027	January 17 - May 12, 2028
Final Examinations	December 17 – 23, 2027	May 15 – 19, 2028
Program Ends	December 23, 2027	May 19, 2028
Days with No Classes	● November 1 – 3, 2027 (University Festival) ● December 24, 2027 - January 6, 2028 (Winter Break) ● February 1-14, 2028 (Including the Periods of Restricted Campus Access Due to Undergraduate Entrance Examinations)	



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ADMISSION SCHEDULE

	Fall 2027	Spring 2028
Nomination Period	February 8 – March 7, 2027	August 1 – August 28, 2027
Application Period	March 1 – 20, 2027	August 22 – September 12, 2027
Application Deadline	March 20, 11:59 pm, 2027 (JST)	September 12, 11:59 pm, 2027 (JST)
Acceptance Notice (Sent by Email)	May 10, 2027	October 11, 2027
Confirmation of Enrollment	May 14, 2027	October 15, 2027

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Procedures	One week before the nomination period begins, we will send the Nomination Sheet (Excel file) to our partner universities by email. The Nomination Sheet should be completed by the staff member in charge of outbound exchange students and uploaded to the designated URL by the specified deadline. <i>*NOTE: We do not conduct any selection process or contact students at the nomination stage.</i> The admission information, including a link to the Online Application System, is provided via email to coordinators of exchange partners at the beginning of the application period in each semester. Partner universities are requested to share the online application link with their nominated students and guide them to complete their online applications by the application deadline.
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APPLICATION & ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Application Requirements	Applicants for the CJS program must meet the following application requirements: 1. Have completed, at the time of application, at least 12 years of formal education or the equivalent, and qualified to enroll at a university. 2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent at the most recent level of study. (Exchange students with lower GPA may be considered; however, if the number of applications exceed the capacity, their priority in the selection process may be lowered.)
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	3. Have a level of Japanese or English ability sufficient to undergo education at Nanzan University. 4. MJP applicants must possess the following English ability or the equivalent: Minimum TOEFL iBT 75/4.0 over or IELTS 5.5 overall over.
Required Documents	<u>Application Materials</u> <Submission through Online Application System> ◆ Official Transcript ◆ Official Bank Statement ◆ Photo for Student ID card / Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) ◆ Casual Photo ◆ Copy of Passport ◆ Essay ◆ Japanese Study Information ◆ Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) ◆ TOEFL iBT or IELTS Transcript (Only MJP applicants from non-English speaking countries must submit the English proficiency transcript.) < Submission through email directly from a recommender > ◆ One Letter of Recommendation (LoR)
Webpage for the Application guidelines	Details of each application materials and requirements can be found at; https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/admissions/applicationguidelines.html



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Course Information	https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/academics/cjs/ <i>*NOTE: From the Fall 2026 semester, the Japan Studies courses has been changed from a 3-credit course to a 2-credit course.</i>			
Course Registration Requirements & Placement Test	Both IJP and MJP full time students are required to register for a minimum load of 14 credits and a maximum load of 18 credits per semester. All students enrolled in IJP must take 8-credit load Japanese language course a semester, and all students enrolled in MJP are required to take a 4-credit Japanese course, 2-credit Modern Japan course and 3 credits from Japan Studies courses and/or Open courses. Students register courses after their Japanese level is confirmed by the Japanese placement test administered during orientation in their first week.			
Course Restriction	All courses offered in IJP and MJP are open to exchange students. Courses, such as Japanese seminar courses, require certain Japanese language levels, which are decided based on the above-mentioned placement tests, to register. Please note that some courses have enrollment restrictions such as capacity.			
Grading Scale	All students receive grades on a letter grade basis with scores out of 100, and it can be changed to Pass-Failure scale by submitting an application with his/her home institution's permission.			
	Letter Grade	Score	Grade Point (GP)	Pass or Failure
	A+	100-90	4.0	Pass
	A	89-80	3.0	
	B	79-70	2.0	
	C	69-60	1.0	
	F	59-0	0	Failure
Credits	<u>Class Hours (Contact hours):</u> 1 Class Hours (Contact hours) = 50 minutes <u>Calculation:</u> Japanese Language Course: 1 Credit Hours= 30 Class hours + 15 Outside-Class study hours = 45 Hours of workload			



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	Other Courses (except Japanese Language Course): 1 Credit Hours = 15 Class hours + 30 Outside-Class study hours = 45 Hours of workload
Transcript	Students are requested to order their transcripts through Nanzan University's online certificate system. Digital transcripts can be issued to any specified email address. Reminders and detailed instructions will be provided directly to students. <i>*NOTE: The official transcript does not include GPA.</i>
ESTIMATED PROGRAM FEES	
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application & admission fees are waived for exchange students. Students should also budget for additional costs such as insurance, security deposit, books and supplies, housing, meals, local transportation, and personal expenses. An invoice will be issued to each student, if not to the home institution, after the acceptance announcement. Payments can be done online, via credit card, or by international wire transfer.
Insurances	All exchange students are required to enroll in the Japan National Health Insurance (JNHI^{*1}) program and other insurances^{*2} designated by Nanzan University. ^{*1} JNHI: 1,500-3,000 yen/month (costs will vary according to the resident area) ^{*2} Around 6,880 yen for both semester and full-year students
Webpage	https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/admissions/tuition/cjs.html
ACCOMMODATION	
Housing Options	- Dormitories (Shared / Independent Campus Dormitories or Shared off-Campus Dormitories) - Home Stay Program - Self-Arranged
Application procedure	Students are required to select their housing preference from the available options: dormitory, homestay or self-arranged, along with their admission application through the Online Application System. The final announcement of their housing placement will be included with the acceptance notice.



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Housing Fees	The housing fee is collected in advance each semester from all students. • Fall semester: (4 months): 244,000 yen～ • Spring semester: (5 months): 305,000 yen～ <i>*NOTE: The above fees are subject to change. Additional costs may apply to students placed in our Homestay Program, Janssen International Residence, or Foyer Nanzan. Specifics will be provided to the students after acceptance.</i>
Webpage	https://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/studentlife/accommodation/