Ibaraki University (Ibaraki Pref.)

University Overview
1. Characteristics and Outline
   (1) Characteristics and History
Ibaraki University was established in 1949 and has been developing as an university with five colleges (Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture) and four graduate schools (Humanities, Education, Natural Sciences and Engineering, and Agriculture). Emphasis is put on practical teaching about current and local issues.

(2) Faculty and Students (as of May 1, 2017)
   Faculty members:                  633
   Undergraduate Students:     6,976
   Graduate Students:             1,134

2. International Exchange
Ibaraki University has international exchange agreements with 39 universities and institutions of 15 countries. The university has accepted a large number of scholars and students from abroad, which include Japanese studies program students (1 in 2017, 1 in 2016, and 4 in 2015).

3. Number of International Students
   2017 Total: 224
      Undergraduate: 104
         Graduate: 120
   2016 Total: 288
      Undergraduate: 157
         Graduate: 131
   2015 Total: 291
      Undergraduate: 178
         Graduate: 113

Outline of the Japanese Studies Program
1. Purpose of the training
   Aimed at mainly the improvement of student's Japanese skills, and secondarily learning Japanese affairs and Japanese culture.

2. Characteristics
   The program is offered to improve overseas students' communicative competence in Japanese and understanding of Japanese culture and life through studying with Japanese students and living in Japanese society. The program is composed as follows:
   - Japanese and Japanese Affairs (International Student Center): Especially designed for overseas students to learn Japanese language and understand Japanese society.
   - Japan-related matters (the College of Humanities and Social Sciences)

3. Number of Students Accepted: Two students
   Embassy recommendation ・・・・・・ 1
   University recommendation ・・・・・・ 1

4. Application Requirements
   It is desirable that the applicants have studied Japanese and have sufficient proficiency to understand lectures and take part in seminars as well to read materials and write reports in Japanese.

5. Program Objectives
   • Through the program, overseas students can not only study Japanese language and culture but also deepen their understanding and concerns on Japanese society. Positive attitude toward establishing relationship with Japanese students help them achieve the objectives easier.

6. Program Period: From October, 2018 to September, 2019

7. Program Description
   Academic year has two semesters: the first semester from April to the early August, the second semester from October to the early February. Each semester has sixteen weeks, including an examination week.

   (1) Compulsory courses
   ① Japanese language
      Choose (a) or (b) in the below according to the Japanese language proficiency level.
      a. Academic Japanese, Basic Academic Japanese (liberal arts subjects)
      - Academic Japanese(listening, reading, oral presentation, academic writing, general)
      b. Courses offered at Center for Global Education (No credit is given for the following courses.)
      - Intermediate & Advanced Japanese
      Level 3(general, oral expressions, intermediate kanji)
      - Level 4(general, advanced conversation, advanced kanji, Japanese studies)
   ② Courses offered as Liberal Arts subjects
   - Cross-cultural understanding
   - Cross-Cultural Communication in Japanese culture and Foreign cultures
■Accommodations
Japanese Studies Program students are given priority to live at International House.
In the past three years all Japanese Studies Program students lived in the Ibaraki University International House.

The International House
- Number of rooms
  - Single: 38 (Building A, B), 12 (Building D), 23 (Building E, F, G, H, I)
  - Couple: 2 (Building C)
  - Family: 2 (Building C)
- Rent (per month)
  - Building A, B: 5,900 yen
  - Building D, E, F, G, H, I: 20,400 yen
  - Building C: 14,200 yen
- Information for daily life and commute time
  - The maximum period of stay is one year
  - About 15-minute walk from the university
  - A private apartment for single costs about 30,000 - 40,000 yen per month.

■Follow-up after Completion
Upon request, the teaching staff will extend advice and cooperation to the research of the graduates after their completion of the program by email, etc.

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- Rediscovery of Japanese culture, from the ethnological perspective

(2) Elective Courses:
Among courses of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, students may enroll courses useful to understand Japan as well as courses related to Japanese language and culture. Their advisors assist them to select those courses.

7. Events
(1) A field trip to the Kanto or Tohoku area together with other overseas students.
(2) International exchange activities with organizations supporting overseas students and the people in the local communities.

8. Academic Supporting System
(1) International Exchange Committee
Prof. Chienwei YEH, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
(2) Academic Advisors
A faculty member whose specialization fits in with the area of interest of the overseas student is assigned as his/her academic advisor.
(3) Tutoring
A Japanese student who is interested in international exchange is assigned as a tutor to help a overseas student adapt to the new environment at or outside of the campus.

9. Program Completion and Issuance of Certificate
After completing required courses, students are given a certificate of completion.

10. Credit Certification and Credit Transfer
Except for those subjects offered at the Center for Global Education, credits are given upon completion of course requirements. Credit transfer depends on the policy of the student’s home university.