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Global Education Center

The Global Education Center provides international students admitted from overseas (incoming international students) with the education, guidance, and advice needed for learning and living at the University. In addition, the Center promotes a variety of international exchange domestically and overseas, sends Ochanomizu University students overseas for study abroad, and conducts other related activities.

In addition to regular students who study in undergraduate or graduate programs, incoming international students include Japanese Studies students, exchange students, and undergraduate/graduate research students. The Center provides these incoming international students Japanese language and culture education, such as Japanese language and culture seminars, and special Japanese language courses. The Center also provides incoming international students with education and research guidance and advice regarding concerns about living in society, and in other ways provides educational guidance and assistance, as well as consultation about daily living, from the time they arrive until they return to their home countries.

Further, in addition to international exchange between Ochanomizu University students and incoming international students, the Center hosts a variety of international exchange seminars and events with overseas universities.

Meanwhile, in an aim to develop human resources who will play an active role in the global era, the Center also provides students who desire to study abroad from the University with consultation and information before the study abroad begins, as well as help with language and adapting to a foreign culture, and other support for preparation to study abroad. The Center sends such students overseas for long-term or short-term study abroad, language training, and other activities.

Further, in conjunction with implementation of the quarter system, the Center also introduces intensive language courses held in the second quarter or during summer/spring vacation, as well as summer programs held at overseas partner universities, provides support for making arrangements to participate, etc.

■ Japanese Language/Culture Education

The following courses and classes are held to provide education in Japanese language and culture to international students studying in an undergraduate or graduate program.

(1) Japanese language and Japanese culture seminars

These classes can be taken by undergraduate international students as core foreign language courses, etc.

See “3. Special Courses for International Students” in the “Course Guide” for details.

(2) Special Japanese languages courses

These courses provide enrolled international students with the opportunity to learn Japanese at a variety of levels and with a variety of content that are necessary to enable them to engage in research in a smooth and meaningful manner. Multiple sessions are held each week for each level, from beginning to advanced. Grades and a certificate of attendance are issued for these classes, but no credits are given.

(3) Japanese culture classroom

In addition to courses, a Japanese culture classroom is open to enable students to experience a variety of aspects of Japanese culture, such as dressing in a kimono, calligraphy, Kabuki, flower arrangement, and the tea ceremony.