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To me, there is no place better than Japan to study Japan. Not only does JACS give me the opportunity to pursue my interest, it equips me with a new perspective to analyze socio-cultural phenomena. In this program, learning is not confined to campus; living in Japan is in itself a part of my education here and I am enjoying myself very much immersing in this learning experience.



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# **Program Outline**

The Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies Program (JACS) undergraduate program offers you the opportunity to explore the rich and complex relations between Japan and other East Asian countries. With particular emphasis on cultural history, cinema and visual culture, and literature, the curriculum is designed to help you master general academic skills such as critical thinking, analytical reading, and effective communication skills while acquiring a broad perspective on Japanese culture in Asia and specialized knowledge in one or more discipline. JACS aims to produce active and productive members of global society, and to play a key role in facilitating cultural exchange and friendship between Japan and the world. The in-depth knowledge, broad views, and keen insights cultivated in this program should prove invaluable in grappling with the tensions and problems of international coexistence to improve global society.

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# **Program-Specific Features**

The Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies Program (JACS) undergraduate program takes a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Japanese culture in both Asian and global contexts. Our dynamic, international faculty will guide you systematically through a diverse curriculum that includes sociolinguistics, literature, film and visual culture, history, and a series of innovative team-taught courses bridging these disciplines (Joint Undergraduate Seminars).

The complexity of the issues involved in studying the culture and history of Japan and the East Asian world requires breadth of perspective, critical thinking, and outstanding analytical and writing ability. For this reason, JACS encourages students to become acquainted with a broad range of approaches to the study of Japan. The program is structured to provide students with a comprehensive set of analytical tools and a multifaceted knowledge base. This is the basis for independent research on a senior capstone project (undergraduate thesis) in one of the program's core disciplines. Small class sizes facilitate active student participation in a variety of seminars, from basic theory and methods classes to advanced courses in specialized topics.





### **Career Prospects**

JACS graduates can pursue career options including:

- 1. Teaching Japanese language and culture
- 2. Working in the international section of a government office
- 3. Working in an international trading or manufacturing company
- 4. Journalism
- 5. Working in arts and cultural organizations

There are good employment prospects for JACS grads both in Japan and around the world. Of course, you are also welcome to continue studying at the Graduate School of Letters at Nagoya University. You can further pursue your academic interests in modern literature, cinema, and/or modern history in JACS, or study another humanities field in the Graduate School of Letters.