

Program Highlights

The Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies (JACS) program invites you to explore the deep and complex relationships between Japan and other East Asian cultures. JACS offers a dynamic curriculum that goes beyond just learning about culture—it helps you understand the forces that shape it. You'll begin with foundational courses in history, literature, cinema and media, all approached from a cultural theory perspective.

As you progress, you'll delve into more specialized areas that build on this foundation. Throughout the program, you'll develop essential academic skills like critical thinking, analytical reading, and effective communication, while deepening your expertise in key topics that drive cultural dynamics. In your final year, you'll conduct original research, culminating in a thesis that showcases your mastery of the subject.

We're looking for students who are curious, open-minded, and excited about learning new perspectives. If you're eager to understand the world better and want to make a positive impact, JACS could be a great fit for you.

Does This Program Suit You?

- Curious, open-minded students who are eager to question conventional knowledge and embrace new perspectives.
- Those who enjoy thinking deeply about complex issues.
- Those who are committed to making a positive impact in the world.
- Prepared for a challenging yet incredibly rewarding journey.

This may be the program for you!

NAGOYA UNIVERSITY GLOBAL30 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

We are one of the few universities in Japan offering a wide array of programs fully taught in English for the full 4 years of undergraduate education. 10 programs in total are offered under the umbrella of the G30 International Programs, ranging from various STEM programs to Social Sciences and Humanities. We welcome students with a passion for innovation and research!

Point 1 Taught in English
(No Japanese knowledge required)

Point 2 Intensive Japanese language course

Point 3 Research-focused university

Point 4 Diverse world-class faculty
and students

Point 5 Good career prospects

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Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies (JACS) Program

School of Humanities



Degree Awarded:
Bachelor of Arts
Concentration in Cultural Studies

Duration : 4 years

Start Early October

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Our Strengths and Unique Points

One of the most distinctive aspects of JACS is our close-knit community. With a small program size and an excellent student-professor ratio, you will benefit from meaningful interactions with both your peers and professors. This intimate setting fosters a supportive and collaborative environment, enhancing your learning experience and academic growth. We are dedicated to supporting your intellectual and personal development, helping you prepare to make a positive impact on the world.

Kristina Iwata-Weickgenannt
Professor of Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies

Your Future Career

Approximately one-third of our graduates pursue postgraduate study at prestigious universities across Japan and around the world. We offer extensive support during the application process, which leads to a very high acceptance rate into their top-choice programs. For those entering the workforce, many JACS graduates find opportunities in Japan. Our alumni have secured positions in the Japanese tourism industry, international sectors of Japanese government offices, trading and manufacturing companies, banks, and language schools. Additionally, several of our master's program graduates have ventured into journalism or roles within arts and cultural organizations. Overall, employment prospects are strong both in Japan and internationally, with most graduates securing their first jobs before completing their studies.

Curriculum

1st year	Japanese Language, Liberal Arts & Basic Courses
	Take foundational courses to ease into life at Nagoya University: • Introduction to Research Methods for Culture and History • Introduction to Thesis Writing
2nd year	Basic Specialized Courses
	Start building foundations in humanities subjects by taking the following basic courses: • Introduction to Cultural Theory • Introduction to Film History • Japanese Culture and Communication • Introduction to Modern Japanese History • Introduction to Modern Japanese Literature
3rd year	Specialized Courses
	Start deciding on your specialization through specialized elective courses: • Classical Japanese Literature • Classical Film Theory • Asian Film History before/after 1945 • Modern Japanese Culture and Asia • Japanese Literature and Translation • New Perspectives on Modern Japanese History • Other specialized elective courses
4th year	Research and Thesis
	Complete your research on your chosen specialization/field: • Undergraduate Seminar I/II • Graduation Research & Thesis

* Note: This curriculum outline serves to show a snapshot of what the program has to offer and does not list all graduation requirements. Please refer to the program's Graduation Requirements found on the admissions website.



What sparked your interest in the G30 JACS program?

I became interested in the program due to its interesting curriculum, with the main focus on film, history and literature. I think it was rather a unique path towards understanding social science and humanities topics in a more interdisciplinary way, that is why I was drawn to the program. I chose Japan because there were a great number of scholarships available and it was a chance to learn a third language. I have always been fascinated with Japan's culture, food and nature so it was a good chance to study and travel.

Timetable

3rd Year Fall Timetable Sample

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1					
2	Japanese Visual Culture	Introduction to Modern Japanese Literature			
3		Transnational and Minority Literature		New Perspectives on Modern Japanese History	Asian Cinema before 1945
4		Modern Japanese Culture and Asia			
5			Japanese Cinema before 1945		



What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I enjoy going to the gym, do dance practices with N30N - G30 International Dance Team, or sit on the grass in front of Toyoda Auditorium to relax (probably in the fall/spring time mostly).

1 DAY SCHEDULE

What does a day look like in your 2nd year?

