

TISP

Tsuru International Student Program



Introduction

TISP (Tsuru International Student Program) is a program for international students who aspire to a further, deeper understanding of the language and culture of Japan while immersing themselves in a small rural community, where students can enjoy a more hands-on experience with the local people.



About Tsuru University

Tsuru University is a public university in the city of Tsuru located at the southeastern foot of Mt. Fuji in Yamanashi Prefecture. We share a belief and sense of mission that the aim of university education is to nourish young people to become mature, responsible citizens with a deep understanding of humanity.

Founded in 1955 as a two-year teacher's training college, Tsuru University became an accredited four-year college of Humanities in 1960. It now has six undergraduate departments, including Teacher Education, Japanese Literature, English Language & Literature, Community and Society, Comparative Culture Studies and Global Education. Post graduate degrees are also offered in those areas. About 3,500 students are enrolled in the undergraduate programs and about 20 in the graduate programs.

We are within easy access of Tokyo, the political, commercial and cultural center of Japan. Yet the campus is surrounded by an abundance of nature that nurtures a wealth of wildlife such as Musasabi, flying squirrels. Students can enjoy the lifestyle of ordinary small-town Japanese people.

About Tsuru City

The Tsuru area developed as a castle town during the Edo Period (17th- 19th century). It became known as a production and distribution center of silk and related products. While the silk and textile industry has declined in production, the city, with a population of about 30,000, has developed in recent years as a high-tech research and development center of Maglev technology.

TISP Program Outline

NAME	TISP (Tsuru International Student Program)	
Duration	Spring Semester (March – August)	3.5-week intensive Japanese in March + 15-week regular undergraduate courses (April – August)
	Fall Semester	3.5-week intensive Japanese in September + 15-week regular undergraduate courses (October – February)
3.5-week Intensive Japanese	Spring (March) Fall (September)	90-mins x 2 sessions/day x 5ds /w x 3 wks = 45hrs = 4 credits
Language Requirement	Spring semester	It is desirable that applicants have studied Japanese at a higher education level for at least a year.
	Fall semester	All levels including those at a beginner level can apply. They must take Beginners Japanese I (5-day Intensive summer course for beginners, if they plan to take Japanese II during the Fall semester.
GPA Requirement	For both semesters, a GPA of 2.5 or above is required on a 4.0 scale.	
Classroom Hours & Credit system	Regular undergraduate courses	A weekly 90-minute classroom contact x 15 weeks = 2 credits
Accommodation	Spring/Fall	Tsuru International House (Residence Hall)

TISP Course Outline

1. Japanese Language Courses

Elementary:

- ◆ Japanese I (Intensive Summer Program : 5 days in September)
- ◆ Japanese I (Fall Program 15-week regular course)
- ◆ Japanese II (Fall Program 15-week regular course)

Intermediate:

- ◆ Intermediate Japanese (Intensive Summer Program : 3.5 weeks)
- ◆ Intermediate Japanese (Intensive Spring Program : 3.5 weeks)
- ◆ Intermediate Japanese : Grammar class I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Intermediate Japanese : Conversation class I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Intermediate Japanese : Kanji class I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)

Advanced: (Spring & Fall Program 15-week regular course)

- ◆ Advanced Japanese; Grammar class I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Advanced Japanese; Conversation class I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Advanced Japanese; Kanji class I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Academic Presentation I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Academic Writing I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Japanese Reading I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Japanese Communication I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Business Japanese I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)



Japanese Study (Spring & Fall Program 15-week regular course)

- ◆ Japanese Study : Japanese & Contemporary Society I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Japanese Study : History & Culture I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Japanese Study : Politics & Economy I/II (I-Spring/II-Fall)

2. Japanese Culture & Society Courses

(Courses taught in English)

- ◆ Introducing Japan I/II (EL) Paul Nehls (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Introducing Mount Fuji I/II (EL) Paul Nehls (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Japan's Pop Culture (GE) Johan Nordstrom (Spring)
- ◆ Japanese Cinema Studies (GE) Johan Nordstrom (Fall)
- ◆ Japanese Calligraphy (JL) Rie Tabata (Fall)

3. Language & Literature Courses

(Courses taught in English)

- ◆ Topics in Linguistics I/II (EL) Kola Olagboyega (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Japanese Literature in Translation I/II (EL) TBA (I-Spring/II-Fall)
- ◆ Language and Culture (EL) Saeko Fukushima (Spring)
- ◆ TEFL IIIA (EL) Sachiko Miura (Spring)
- ◆ TEFL in Practice II (EL) Michiaki Azami (Fall)

NOTE

EL=English
Language Dept.

GE=Global
Education Dept.

JL=Japanese
Literature Dept.

CC=Comparative
Culture Studies
Dept.

4. Diversity and Globalization Courses (Courses taught in English)

- ◆ Global Environment Governance (GE) Masaki Yahagi (Fall)
- ◆ Environmental Problems in the World Today (GE) Masaki Yahagi (Fall)
- ◆ Cross-cultural Communication (GE) Ikuko Aoyama (Fall)
- ◆ Race, Ethnicity and Gender (GE) Yutaka Kubo (Intensive course in Fall)
- ◆ Comparative Study of Religion (GE) Reiko Maejima (Fall)
- ◆ Conflict resolution (GE) Reiko Maejima (Fall)
- ◆ International Communication Seminar (JL) Petr Holy (Spring/Fall)
- ◆ Culture and Society in Asia (CC) Mitsuaki Mizuno (Spring)
- ◆ International Relations (CC) Mitsuaki Mizuno (Fall)
- ◆ Study Tour (CC) Midori Saito (Fall)



5. Internship/Teaching Practicum

Teaching Assistant in English classes at High School
(Spring & Fall Program 15-week regular course/once a week/2 credits)

6. Independent Study

Pursuing academic interests with support from a faculty member. Student are to submit a research objective prior to registration. They are to meet supervisors every week to discuss the research progress. The outcome of the research should be presented at the end of a semester in writing.(2 credits)

NOTE: *The courses are subject to change and may be closed or limit the enrollment, depending on each semester or academic year.
*Students must take a minimum of 7 courses per semester to obtain a student visa.

Extracurricular Activities and Support System

One of the strong points of the TISP program is that participating students can benefit from the close relationship between the university and the community, almost impossible to experience in big city life. We have developed a program that connects students and the community in the most effective way by having student volunteers, staff, and the local community working together.



Cultural Experiences

Students can participate in traditional festivals and ceremonies such as tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, Zazen (Meditation) sessions at a temple, Mt. Fuji Study Tour, etc.



Hassaku Festival: It is an annual autumn festival in Tsuru City. International students are welcome to join the parade called “Daimyo Gyoretsu” in costumes of the Edo period.

Student Tutor

All international students will have tutors, student volunteers, who will help them with academic work and daily life as well as with other fun activities.

Accommodation



International students will be placed in Tsuru International House = *Kaikan*. The four-story building houses 48 students. Each floor has four four-room-in-one-unit components with a common space, a mini kitchen in each unit. Showers, restrooms and laundry facilities are to be shared with people on the same floor.



Access Map



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