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# Specialized Studies Course Course Catalog



## I Course Description

This course is designed for international students who wish to enroll in regular courses offered by the faculties and General Education Program of Hirosaki University. They must have advanced levels of Japanese language proficiency in order to attend lectures taught entirely in Japanese and may also choose to complete internship or undertake other career-oriented projects in tandem with local communities. This course can be enrolled in for up to two semesters.

The students who join this course will study not only practical Japanese, but will participate in the mainstream courses given in Japanese to study and have experience in their special interests' field.

They are expected to listen to the lectures in Japanese and additionally join the seminar, if possible.

It offers:

- \* ***Japanese language classes*** at upper-intermediate and advanced levels
- \* ***Regular courses*** except those offered by Faculty of Medicine. Some Classes are taught in English or with English language support.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of seven classes each semester.

## **II List of classes**

### **Spring Semester**

#### **1-1) Regular course**

Regular courses are offered by each faculty for mainly Japanese students. The following majors have accepted International students recent years.

Japanese literature (modern, classical), Theoretical linguistics, Japanese linguistics, Modern Japanese history, International relations theory, Economics, Business administration, Tourism, Sociology, Folklore studies, Psychology, Intercultural communication, Physics, Environmental chemistry, Biochemistry, Molecular biology, Food science, Materials engineering, Computer science, Information engineering

#### **1-2) Internships**

- Regional tourism in Japan
- Internship IA - implementing regional tourism Internship IB – planning regional tourism
- Internship IC – developing regional tourism
- Internship ID – customer service in the accommodation industry
- Internship IE - English teaching practice
- Internship IF – developing regional tourism (intensive)
- Internship IG – City promotion (intensive)

#### **2) Optional classes**

##### **Classes related to Japanese culture taught in English or with English language support**

- Crafts of the Tsugaru region
- Japanese war literature
- The world of Japanese picturebooks
- Traditional Japanese sports
- Japanese food culture and green tourism
- Anthropology of Japanese Social Structure

### **Japanese Area Studies classes**

- Anthropology of Japanese Social Structure
- Excursions in Aomori: Cultural Anthropology of Exhibitions
- Excursions in Aomori: Research in Communal Sustainability
- Excursions in Aomori: Train and Cultural Tourism
- Food and Industrialization in Aomori: Cultural Anthropology of Local Food and Dietary Practice (A)
- Regional-Project Seminar-an introduction to soundscape studies

### **3) Japanese Language**

- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Oral expression A)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Reading A)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Writing A)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Grammar A)
- Advanced Japanese (Oral expression A)
- Advanced Japanese (Writing expression A)
- Communicating with Native Speakers of Japanese in Easy Japanese

# Fall Semester

## **1-1) Regular course**

Regular courses are offered by each faculty for mainly Japanese students. The following majors have accepted International students recent years.

Japanese literature (modern, classical), Linguistics, Japanese language, Modern Japanese history, International relations theory, Economics, Business administration, Tourism, Sociology, Folklore studies, Psychology, Intercultural communication, Physics, Environmental chemistry, Biochemistry, Molecular biology, Food science, Materials engineering, Computer science, Information engineering

## **1-2) Internships**

- Regional tourism in Japan
- Internship IIA - implementing regional tourism Internship IIB – planning regional tourism
- Internship IIC – developing regional tourism Internship IID – customer service in the accommodation industry
- Internship IIE - English teaching practice Internship IIF – developing regional tourism (intensive)
- Internship IIG – City promotion (intensive)

## **2) Optional classes**

### **Classes related to Japanese culture taught in English or with English language support:**

- Survey of the modern cultural history of Tsugaru
- Modern Japanese literature and the formation of identity
- Japanese women writers and their literature
- Japanese food culture and white tourism
- Japanese consumption culture

## **Japanese Area Studies classes**

- Anthropology of Japanese Consumer Culture

- Excursions in Aomori: Making Ethnography in Local Issues
- Dance, Image and Body: An Introduction to Anthropology of Dance with regional perspective
- Human Conditions: An Anthropological Perspective
- Food and Industrialization in Aomori: Cultural Anthropology of Local Food and Dietary Practice (B)
- Regional Project: An Introduction to the Tsugaru Shamisen

### **Independent studies**

Students who wish to carry out a research project of their own may consult with an instructor and receive supervision if their proposal is approved.

### **3) Japanese Language**

- Basic Japanese B
- Everyday Spoken Japanese IIA
- Everyday Spoken Japanese IIB
- Upper Elementary Japanese B
- Intermediate Japanese (Oral expression B)
- Intermediate Japanese IB (Reading B), E (Intergrated B)
- Intermediate Japanese (Writing B)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Oral Expression B)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Reading B)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Writing A)
- Upper Intermediate Japanese (Grammar B)
- Advanced Japanese (Oral expression B)
- Advanced Japanese (Writing expression B)
- Communication Using Language We are Learning