

Freshman Application Guide for International Students (for Applicants Living outside Japan)

**2026 Academic Year
Department of Japanese Studies
Faculty of International Studies**

2026年度

日本学科留学生選抜要項

国際学部日本学科

＜国外在住者用＞

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Admission Quota

The program of Japanese Studies has an admission quota of forty students per year.
For the Academic Year 2026 - 2027, four applicants living overseas will be accepted.

Qualifications for Admission

The applicant must be able to meet either Item 1 or Item 2, in addition to Item 3, of the following requirements.

1. A bona fide foreign national who has completed, or is scheduled to complete by March 2026, twelve years of (elementary and secondary) education under a foreign education system, or the equivalent as recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan.
2. A person recognized by the University as meeting the equivalent of the qualifications given under Item 1.
3. A person living outside Japan.

Persons wishing to apply for admission based on Item 2 must first apply to the University for recognition of their qualifications before one month prior to the beginning of the application period.

Application Procedure

1. Application Period
From Wednesday, 1 October 2025 through Friday, 31 October 2025
All application documents must be received by the Admissions Office no later than 31 October 2025.
2. Method of Submission
The application documents must be sent **by registered mail**.
3. Address
All application documents must be submitted to the following address:

Admissions Office
Tenri University
1050 Somanouchi-cho, Tenri City, Nara Prefecture 632-8510 Japan

Telephone: (international) (81) 743-62-2164
(international) (81) 743-63-9004
Fax: (international) (81) 743-63-7368
E-mail: nyushi@sta.tenri-u.ac.jp

4. Application Documents
 - a. Completed Application for Admission (supplied by the University).
 - b. Diploma/Certificate from the institution last attended, or a letter indicating the expected graduation date, either in English or Japanese, otherwise a Japanese translation must be attached.
 - c. Official transcripts from schools previously attended, including high schools, vocational schools, colleges and universities, either in English or Japanese, otherwise a Japanese translation must be attached.
Individuals who have attended Japanese language schools or special language training institutions must provide transcripts from those institutions as well, including Japanese Language Proficiency scores.
 - d. One Letter of Recommendation (on University-supplied forms, written in Japanese or English) from

either a homeroom teacher, principal, university dean, department chair, professor, instructor, or employer.

e. A copy of the photograph page of the applicant's passport.

If the applicant does not possess a passport, a copy of a document attesting to his/her citizenship issued by a governmental agency of his/her country must be submitted.

f. An ID photograph (3 x 4 cm), hatless, clear image, taken within the last 3 months.

This photograph should be securely pasted to the Application for Admission where indicated.

* We may inquire directly to the applicant about the application documents.

5. Application Fee 35,000 yen

If you wire the fee to the University from a bank outside Japan, please make sure to transfer the correct amount in Japanese yen.

The information necessary for transaction, such as the bank account, is on the "Bank Account Information for Application Fee Transaction" attached to this Application Guide.

If you are wiring the fee from a bank within Japan, please use the transfer form provided by the University.

* Once paid, the application fee is non-refundable for any reason.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based upon application documents.

Notification of Results

Notification of selection results will be sent to the applicant on Friday, 21 November 2025. Notification will be limited to a statement of acceptance or rejection only. No telephone inquiries concerning selection results will be accepted. Selection results will be posted on the official Tenri University home page for three days from noon Friday, 21 November 2025.

Enrollment Procedure

The following procedures must be completed in order to secure enrollment:

1. Procedural Periods

a. First Period

The Entrance Fee must be received by Wednesday, 10 December 2025. The Letter of Admission will not be issued until the Entrance Fee and all Spring Term fees have been paid in full.

b. Second Period

Spring Term fees and all necessary documents must be received by Tuesday, 20 January 2026.

2. Method of Enrollment

Please refer to the Enrollment Handbook, which will be sent together with the Notification of Acceptance.

Note:

If a decision is made to withdraw after the enrollment procedure is completed, the Spring Term fees which have been paid will be refunded. Application must be made according to the University regulations by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 31 March 2026. No refund can be made in response to requests after this date.

Privacy Policy

All personal information such as the name and address submitted with the application is only used in the selection process and the announcement of the results, and in clerical matters connected with these procedures.

Estimated Fees

(The figures are for the 2026 Academic Year.)

	Spring Term April-September	Fall Term October-March	Total for year
Entrance Fee	200,000 yen	—	200,000 yen
Tuition	410,000 yen (287,000 yen)	410,000 yen (287,000 yen)	820,000 yen (574,000 yen)
Fee for Educational Facilities	110,000 yen	110,000 yen	220,000 yen
Fee for the Parents' Association (<i>Kōenkai</i>)	15,000 yen	15,000 yen	30,000 yen
Fee for Alumni Association	10,000 yen	10,000 yen	20,000 yen
Student Body Activity Fee	18,000 yen	—	18,000 yen
Total	763,000 yen (640,000 yen)	545,000 yen (422,000 yen)	1,308,000 yen (1,062,000 yen)
Payment Period	Refer to Enrollment Procedure above	1 September– 31 October	

Notes:

- All international students (those holding a student visa) can apply for tuition reduction of thirty percent in accordance with the University regulations. Actual costs upon approval of the tuition reduction are indicated in bold and parentheses in the above chart. As application for tuition reduction can be made only after entrance to the University, **a total of 763,000 yen must be paid at the time of the enrollment procedure.** From the second year onward, the annual tuition will increase by 40,000 yen.
- The Fee for Educational Facilities has been reduced by 50,000 yen for the first year of enrollment.
- As indicated in the above chart, the University collects fees on behalf of the Parents' Association, Alumni Association, and Student Body.
- In addition to the above payments, there will be additional charges borne by individuals who choose the (elective) classes, "Japanese Culture Experience Practicum I" and "Japanese Culture Experience Practicum II."

Points of Caution Regarding the Application Documents

1. All documents must be filled by the applicant him/herself in either English or Japanese.
2. The applicant's name must be identical to the one in his/her passport.
3. Application documents are non-returnable; the Application Fee (35,000 yen) is non-refundable.
4. The Emergency Contact Person indicated on the Application for Admission form should be someone residing in Japan who can be contacted in case of emergencies.
5. Results of the following exams should also be submitted if available: Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), TOEFL, SAT, GCE, Abitur, Baccalaureate, and exam results of other pertinent Japanese or English language proficiency tests.
6. Fraudulent statements made on application documents may result in denial of admission to the University.

Miscellaneous Notes

If there are any letters or characters in the name or address of the applicant that cannot be displayed by computers, they will be handled on the admission ticket or examination results by using letters or characters that can be displayed by Japanese computers. After entrance into the University, for requests to utilize letters or characters in one's name or address that are outside the processing capacity of Japanese computers, please consult with the Office of International Exchange Center.

The Founding Spirit

According to the teachings of Tenrikyo religion, God the Parent created humankind and the world out of a desire to have humankind share in the "Joyous Life." Oyasama, the Foundress of Tenrikyo, revealed the existence of God the Parent, clarifying the truth that human beings are all brothers and sisters, and demonstrating a way of life of helping one another through the path of the "Divine Model." The mission of the University, based upon the teachings of Oyasama, is to cultivate human resources that will contribute to the construction of a world based on the "Joyous Life."

Admission Policy (excerpts from the main part only)

(Department of Japanese Studies)

In order to achieve the educational goals, the Department of Japanese Studies is seeking the following people:

1. (Skills, Knowledge, Thought) Those who have developed logical thinking and communication skills, with a focus on {Language Arts / their native language} and foreign languages studied in high school, and Japanese learned in Japanese Language School, and have comprehensive basic academic skills in geography and history.
2. (Motivation) Those who are interested in the Japanese language, Japanese society and culture, as well as the geography and history of the local community, and who have a deep interest in the use of these cultural resources in society.
3. (Attitude, Action) Those who wish to acquire advanced Japanese language skills and engage in Japan-related work in the future.