

## Tenri University

Tenri University's origins lie in the Tenri Foreign Language School established in 1925 by the Reverend Shozen Nakayama of the Tenrikyo religion. Its aim was to provide students with Tenrikyo doctrinal studies and foreign language education, as well as to foster them to engage in missionary work.

In 1949, the school became Tenri University and the 1992 departmental reform organized the University into four Faculties: Humanities, Letters, International Culture Studies, and Budo & Sport Studies. In 2004, the Graduate School of Clinical Human Studies was established. Furthermore, in 2010, the Faculty of International Culture Studies was reorganized as the Faculty of International Studies. The objective of the University is to provide students with expertise in specific areas within the broad spectrum of a liberal arts education, through the interaction of a faithful and dedicated faculty, staff, and students, in a favorable educational environment.

Tenri University is located amidst beautiful natural surroundings in the center of Nara Prefecture, cradle of the ancient Japanese state. Many famous temples, shrines, and archaeological sites from the ancient capital lie in the vicinity, and are visited annually by large numbers of tourists. The vitality of the Osaka and Kyoto urban centers can be reached within an hour by train, and the fashionable city of Kobe, with its widespread appeal to the young, can be reached by train in an hour and forty minutes.

The University's home city of Tenri is the birthplace of the Tenrikyo religion, and is known to followers as their spiritual home, "Jiba." As an international religious center where millions of believers from all over the world gather for worship, it is filled with a spirit of friendliness towards overseas guests, and is thus a place where international students feel readily at home.

## Faculty of International Studies

The Faculty of International Studies was established in 2010, consisting of the Department of Foreign Languages and the Department of Area Studies. The Department of Foreign Languages is comprised of the following four language majors: English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese. Through a thorough training in one of these languages, the Department's aim is for students to achieve an advanced level of linguistic proficiency. The Department of Area Studies is

comprised of the three geographical areas of “Asia-Oceania,” “Europe-Africa,” and “the Americas,” and through the study of each area as an extensive cultural sphere, a unique Tenri University-developed world vision will be nurtured.

## Japanese Language Major

The Japanese Language Major provides an ideal opportunity for students to study Japanese language and culture while living in Japan. Through good teacher-student rapport, the prime objectives of this major are to broaden the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation that transcends national and cultural differences and to foster students who can contribute to a peaceful world community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Admission Quotas and Deadlines

- I) The admission quota for the Japanese Language Major is thirty students per year.
- II) For enrollment in April 2012, information on quotas and application deadlines is as follows :

**FIRST APPLICATION PERIOD** (applications submitted by mail or in person by Thursday, 27 October 2011)

Admission quota for applicants living in Japan: 20 students

Attendance is required for an essay exam and an interview, held on campus on Saturday, 19 November 2011. Notification of the results will be made to the applicant on Friday, 25 November 2011. Successful applicants must make a payment of the entrance fee by Thursday, 15 December 2011. Spring Semester tuition and other fees are due by Wednesday, 25 January 2012.

Admission quota for applicants living overseas: A few students (The number fluctuates yearly.)

Selection will be based on application documents. Notification of the results will be made to the applicant on Friday, 25 November 2011. Successful applicants must make a payment of the entrance fee by Thursday, 15 December 2011. Spring Semester tuition and other fees are due by Wednesday, 25 January 2012.

**SECOND APPLICATION PERIOD** (applications submitted by mail or in person from Tuesday, 10 January through Wednesday, 18 January 2012)

Admission quota for applicants living in Japan : 9 students

Attendance is required for an essay exam and an interview, held on campus on Wednesday, 8 February 2012. Notification of the results will be made to the applicant on Thursday, 16 February 2012. Successful applicants must submit the entrance fee, Spring Semester tuition and other fees, and documents required for the entry process by Friday, 9 March 2012.

III) The following chart indicates information regarding the selection process :

### For applicants living in Japan

Evaluation process	Time	Points	Total points
Application (documents)	—	50	} 150
Essay exam* (topic assigned at exam time)	60 min	50	
Interview	—	50	

\*In Japanese, approximately 600 characters in length

### For applicants living overseas

Evaluation is based on the application documents.

IV) The applicant must meet either Item (1) or Item (2), in addition to Item(3) of the following requirements in order to apply to the Japanese Language Major.

- (1) A bona fide foreign national who has completed, or is scheduled to complete by March 2012, twelve years of elementary and secondary education under a foreign educational system, or the equivalent as recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (2) A person recognized by the University as meeting the equivalent of the qualifications given under Item (1)
- (3) A person living outside Japan, who is eligible for a student visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, or a person holding a residence status of student in Japan, or holding a status from which change to student status is possible

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Persons wishing to apply for admission based on Item (2) must first apply to the University for recognition of their qualifications during the following periods: (1) between 8 July and 5 August 2011 for the First Application Period, and (2) between 17 October and 16 November 2011 for the Second Application Period.

V) Application documents (required for submission)

- (1) Completed Application Form (supplied by the University)
- (2) Diploma/Certificate from the institution last attended, or a letter indicating expected graduation date
- (3) Official transcript from applicant's high school and/or the institution last attended. In addition, students attending a Japanese language academy, must also submit a transcript or record of progress from that academy.
- (4) A Letter of Recommendation (on University provided form, written in Japanese or English) from either a homeroom teacher, principal, university dean, department chair, professor, instructor, or employer
- (5) A passport photo pasted on the form supplied by the University
- (6) For applicants living in Japan : copies of the front and back of the alien registration card

For applicants living overseas : a copy of an official document, such as a passport, which certifies the applicant's nationality

VI) The application fee of ¥35,000 must be wired to the University bank account. A Transfer sheet will be provided.

For more information on the selection process, refer to *Nyushi Gaido (Handbook for the Entrance Exam)* and *Freshman Application Guide for International Students*. For application materials and inquiries about the application procedure, contact the Admission Office.

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## Expenses

### *Tuition and Fees*

The University offers tuition reductions to those holding a student visa. The reduction applies to tuition covering four years of study and is maintained at a level of thirty percent. Because this reduction is applied only after entrance to the University, it is necessary for the full tuition to be remitted during the entry process. The amount of the reduction difference is subsequently refunded after entrance to the University.

Costs after the tuition reduction are given in **bold type** (see below). Data are for the 2012 Academic Year.

	First year	From second year on
Entrance Fee	¥150,000	—
Tuition	¥660,000 <b>(¥462,000 after tuition reduction)</b>	¥660,000 <b>(¥462,000 after tuition reduction)</b>
Facilities Enhancement Fee	¥150,000	¥200,000
Student Activity Fee	¥18,000	¥10,000
Parents' Association Fee	¥30,000	¥30,000
Alumni Association Fee	¥40,000	—
Total	¥1,048,000 <b>(¥850,000 after tuition reduction)</b>	¥900,000 <b>(¥702,000 after tuition reduction)</b>

### *Other Expenses*

Figures given below indicate standard levels of cost. Actual costs will vary according to individual needs.

#### HOUSING

Dormitory (approximate) : ¥39,000–44,500/month (includes three meals daily)

Nara International Exchange Center : ¥15,000/month (key money extra)

Apartment (approximate) : ¥30,000–50,000/month (key money and deposit extra)

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## PERSONAL EXPENSES

Approximately ¥40,000–50,000 monthly is needed for various expenses such as food, books, clothes, and transportation.

## INSURANCE

Students are obligated to be covered by the National Health Insurance Program and may apply for the Medical Fee Reimbursement Program through the University. The annual cost for the National Health Insurance Program is approximately ¥18,000.

**Scholarships**

- I) Japanese Government Scholarship for International Students  
¥125,000/month plus full tuition support for one year
- II) Tenri University Foreign Student Scholarship  
¥140,000/year awarded to ten individuals at each level of study from the first through the fourth years
- III) Tenri University Special Foreign Student Scholarship  
¥20,000/month for one year awarded to six individuals. Eligibility is limited to second through fourth year students.
- IV) Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students, by Japan Student Services Association  
¥48,000/month for one year, awarded annually to ten or more individuals. Eligibility is limited to second through fourth year students.
- V) Yoneyama Undergraduate Course Scholarship, by Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation  
¥100,000/month for one or two years, awarded annually to one or two individuals. Eligibility is limited to third and fourth year students.

Additional scholarships include the Tenri Yoki Scholarship funded by the University faculty members and workers and the Nakajima Peace Foundation Scholarship. In addition, a University short-term loan program is available to assist students facing unexpected financial difficulties.

## Course Outline

Students of the Japanese Language Major pursue the improvement of the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, through a well-balanced education, as well as the comprehensive study of Japan, and the deepening of their understanding of Japanese culture. In addition, students expand their knowledge of Japan through various specialized areas of study and develop both subjective and objective understandings of Japanese culture.

### I) Faculty (the full-time staff, in alphabetical order)

Matthew J. Eynon Ph.D., Indiana University (1992)

Yasuaki Katada M.A., Kangwon National University (1987)

Patricia A. Kataoka M.A., University of Oregon (1988)

Noriyuki Kikuchi M.A., Tsukuba University (1998)

Emiko Otake Ph.D., Indiana University (1997)

Tomoko Tsutsumi M.A., Osaka University of Foreign Studies (1983)

(Member of the Center for Language Education and Research)

### II) Courses and Degree Requirements

The Faculty of International Studies requires the completion of at least 124 credits for the Bachelor's degree. The numbers of credits required for separate course categories are given in the following table, along with a partial listing of courses.

Course Categories	Course Titles (partial listing)	Credits	
		Re-quired	Elec-tive
<i>Comprehensive Education Courses</i>			
Tenrikyo Subjects	Tenrikyo Theology A 1, A 2	4	—
Tenri Spirit Course	Tenri Spirit and Modern Society	2	—
<i>Basic Education Courses</i>			
Freshman Seminar	Freshman Seminar	2	—
Health Education Courses	Health Sports Science 1	2	—
Information-Society Courses	Introduction to Computers The Basics of Modern History	2	—

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		Re-quired	Elec-tive
<i>General Education Courses</i>			
Thematic Topic Courses	Nature & Humanity 1 Culture & Humanity 1	4	—
General Courses	Introductory Topics on Japan 1	2	—
<i>Specialized Subjects</i>			
Shared Courses	Introduction to Japanese Culture International Culture Theory Intercultural Communication 1,2	8	14
Japanese Language Courses	Japanese A-B (Conversation) Japanese A-B (Reading) Japanese A-B (Grammar A) Japanese A-B (Grammar B) Japanese A-B (Composition) Japanese A-B (Orthography) Japanese A-B (Comprehensive)	34	
	Japanese C-D (Conversation) Japanese C-D (Reading) Japanese C-D (Grammar A) Japanese C-D (Grammar B) Japanese C-D (Composition) Japanese C-D (Orthography) Japanese C-D (Comprehensive)		
	Japanese E-F (Reading) Japanese E-F (Business Japanese) Japanese E-F (Conversation) Japanese E-F (Composition) Japanese E-F (Practicum) Japanese Cultural Theory Japanese Social Theory Introduction to Japanese Linguistics 1,2 Introduction to Japanese Literature 1,2 Japanese Communication Theory 1,2		
	Japanese History for Foreign Students Japanese Religious History for Foreign Students Japanese Economics for Foreign Students Overseas Information Exchange Seminar		

Course Categories	Course Titles (partial listing)	Credits	
		Re-quired	Elec-tive
Japanese Language Courses	Introduction to Japanese Studies	4	—
	Seminar on Basic Japanese Language	2	
Seminar on Japanese Language 1-4	8		
Japanese Cultural Field Experience	2		
	Graduation Thesis	4	—
	Graduation Research Project	(2)	
	Courses taken in excess of the minimum credits specified for Comprehensive Education Courses and Specialized Subjects	—	30

## Campus Life

### I) *Academic Calendar*

The academic year is comprised of two semesters. The Spring Semester begins in April and continues until the end of July, and the Fall Semester begins in September and continues until the beginning of February.

### II) *Extracurricular Activities*

There are various clubs at Tenri University, such as ESS (the English Speaking Society), Gagaku (traditional court music), Calligraphy, Tea Ceremony, Archery (Japanese and Western), Judo, Aikido, Karate, and Kendo. Many international students participate in activities of clubs and the Student Government with fellow Japanese students.

## Graduate School and Employment Placement of Recent Graduates

### I) *Graduate Schools*

Osaka University, Osaka Kyoiku University, Osaka University of Economics, Osaka Prefecture University, Kyoto University, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, Kyoto Sangyo University, Kobe University, Nara Women's University, Nara University of Education, Hiroshima University, Poole Gakuin University, etc.

### II) *Employment*

Estate Chemicals Co., Ltd., Kuretake Co., Ltd., Delta Kogyo Co., Ltd., Trial Co. Inc., Nakabayashi Co., Ltd., Nihon ST Seiko, Co., Ltd., Hoshizaki Electric Co., Ltd., Yodobashi Camera Co., Ltd., Leopalace 21 Corporation, MST Corporation, Sumitomo Corp. Taiwan, Kuozui Motors Ltd. (Taiwan), etc.

## Affiliated Institutions

### I) *Tenri University Library*

Established in 1925, the Library's current holdings of over 2,000,000 volumes include materials especially noteworthy in the areas of religion, literature, and East Asian studies. Its collection of rare books, which includes over one hundred items designated as National Treasures, Valuable Cultural Properties and Important Artworks, is internationally well-known.

### II) *Tenri Sankokan Museum*

Established in 1930, the Museum holds over 300,000 items, three thousand of which are always on display, of various ethnological, archaeological, and art materials, not only from Asia, but from Europe, the Americas, and Africa. The Museum promotes understanding of the cultures of the world by focusing on artifacts that were in actual daily use.

### III) *Oyasato Institute for the Study of Religion*

Formerly The Tenrikyo Research Institute for Asian Cultures the Oyasato Institute for the Study of Religion was established in order to examine and research religions and religious affairs of Asia. The name was changed to its present form in 1956. Publications issued from the Institute include *Tenrikyo jiten* (Tenrikyo Encyclopedia) and the periodicals, *Tenri Journal of Religion* and *Glocal Tenri*.