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Abstract

Short-term Programs for Japanese Language and Culture at Osaka University

One of the most notable recent changes at Osaka University was the merger with Osaka University of Foreign Studies in 2007. The combination and effective use of resources of these two universities enhanced international cooperation and research on global issues of the new Osaka University. The merger also proved very beneficial in improving and expanding existing short-term exchange programs for international students and in designing new ones. This presentation will give an overview of the different short-term programs for international students at Osaka University and will concentrate on the programs for Japanese language and culture: the Japanese Studies Program and the OUSSEP-Maple Program.

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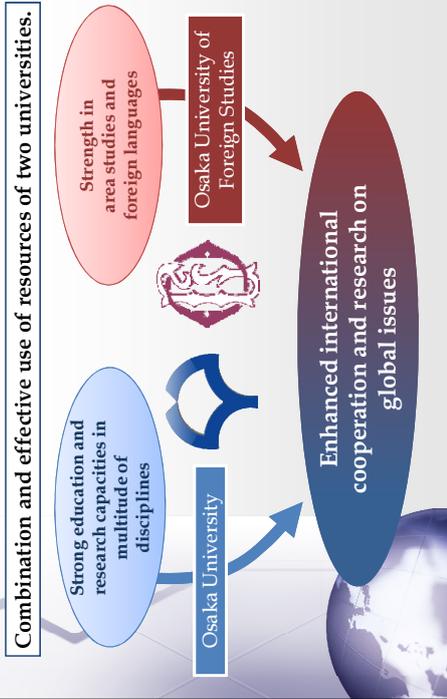
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1. Osaka University and the Merger with Osaka University of Foreign Studies
2. Overview of Short-term Programs for International Students at Osaka University
3. Japanese Studies Program
4. OUSSEP-Maple Program

The Merger of Osaka University with Osaka University of Foreign Studies (Oct. 2007)



Developing Short-term Programs for International Students

Short-term Programs for International Students at Osaka University

OURSEP
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OUSSEP-Maple
Japanese Studies
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OURSEP

- Regular Short-term Exchange Program
- Short-term study program for overseas students, organized independently by each school/faculty or graduate school.
- Students can freely choose classes from various courses offered by each school/faculty or graduate school.

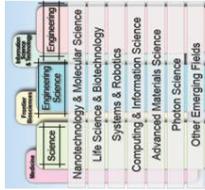
OUSSEP

English-language Program for Exchange Students



- Almost 30 students
- 3rd year undergraduates
- Full-year (2 semesters) or Half-year (1 semester)
- Students are expected to take more than 15 credits per semester by attending English-language lectures/classes.
- They may take Independent Study and Japanese classes.
- Out-of-class activities.
- OUSSEP coordinators

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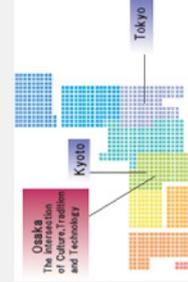
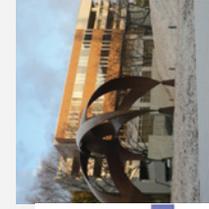
Launched in October 2008

- For students seeking to upgrade research and analytical skills
- Emphasizes hands-on laboratory experience
- Interactive, experimental learning
- In English or Japanese
- Both undergraduate and graduate level

Inside Japan

Spring Intensive Program at Osaka University
February 9-16, 2009 (New)

- Program
 - Course A : Manga/ Anime, Social Welfare for the Elderly and Robotics
 - Course B : Cutting Edge Nanotechnology
- All lectures in English



The Center for Japanese Language and Culture



Location: Mino Campus
Teaching Staff: Full-time 18
Part-time 100
Number of Students: max. 175

CJLC Facts and Figures

- Leading national institute for Japanese Language and Culture
- Apr. 1991: Established as the Center for Japanese Language of Osaka University of Foreign Studies
- Apr.2005: Renamed Center for Japanese Language and Culture
- Oct.2007: Osaka University Center for Japanese Language and Culture



Director Prof. Shunsuke Okumishi

Japanese Studies Program (J-Course)

For undergraduate-level MEXT scholarship students specializing in Japanese Studies

- Launched at Osaka University of Foreign Studies in Oct.1985
- Max. 60 Students (average 45 students)
35 through recommendation by Japanese embassies
10 from partner universities recommended by CJLC
- One year
- Program Certificate (Japanese Studies Course)

Japanese Studies Program (J-Course)

Enriched Program for Japanese Language / Japanese Studies

- **Individualized Program**
 1. Practical Japanese Course
 2. Research Course:
 - Japanese Language Research Sub-course
 - Japanese Cultural Studies Research Sub-course

Research Paper Writing Track
Independent Research Track *more than 100 elective courses*
- **Individual Guidance**
Directed Research and Reading (DR) with advisor (once a week)
Japanese student tutor
- **Interaction with Japanese Students and Local Community**
Classes at other faculties with Japanese students (from Oct. 2009)
Host family program
University dorm on campus

OUSSEP-Maple Program

For undergraduate-level students studying Japanese language and/or Japanese culture

- Built on "Japanese Studies Program" experience
- Launched as "Maple Course" in Oct. 1999
Renamed OUSSEP-Maple in Oct. 2008
- Max. 40 Students
From universities having an exchange agreement with
Osaka University
- One Year

OUSSEP-Maple Program

Training Program for Japanese Language and Culture

- **Language Courses according to Japanese Proficiency Level**
 1. Upper-Elementary Course
 2. Intermediate Japanese Course
 3. Advanced Course
- **More than 80 Subjects offered**
Japanese language and culture subjects

Some research subjects in Japanese Studies offered in English
Some classes attended by Japanese students.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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