



MEIJI UNIVERSITY

School of Global Japanese Studies

English Track

Starts in April, 2011



COOL JAPAN IN ENGLISH!

The School of Global Japanese Studies (SGJS), Meiji University, will start a new English-based program, English Track, in spring 2011. In this program, students are able to earn all the credits of the SGJS in English and obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in 4 years.

This program features a curriculum that concentrates on traditional and modern Japanese culture, as well as Japanese society in the global community, all of which are currently attracting worldwide attention. The

curriculum is unique in that it includes subjects analyzing Cool Japan.

The school also provides total support for students' careers in Japan or in Japan-related fields. They will have opportunities to learn Japanese as a second language, which will be included in the credits necessary for graduation. They will also have hands-on experience in the real world through workshops, extracurricular activities, and internships.

ENGLISH TRACK

Meiji University was founded in 1881 as the Meiji Law School by three young lawyers: Tatsuo Kishimoto, Kozo Miyagi, and Misao Yashiro. It was an era characterized by Japan's urgent need to develop as a modern, independent



nation. 130 years since its foundation, the university still works towards the founders' ideals: "Rights, Liberty, Independence and Self-Government".

In 2009, Meiji University was accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology as one of 13 universities to serve as global centers that will make Japanese universities more competitive internationally, and nurture individuals who will be successful on the global stage. As one of the features of the project, the SGJS will start in 2011 a unique undergraduate program focusing on Cool Japan.

The SGJS is at the forefront of research in the field of global Japanese studies and offers the English track leading to a Bachelor of Arts.

CURRICULUM

The English Track requires a minimum of 124 credit hours for graduation.



Japanese Studies

Japanese Studies is divided into the Japanese Culture Program and the Social Systems Program. The Japanese Culture Program concentrates on contemporary Japanese culture along with traditional Japanese arts. In the Social Systems Program, students will explore Japanese business culture, mass media, and digital/mobile media.

Unique Curriculum

"COOL JAPAN"

Meiji University is located in the midst of downtown Tokyo, close to fashionable areas such as Shinjuku, Shibuya, and Shimokitazawa. It is an ideal place to study and experience cutting-edge Japanese culture as well as society. The English Track offers subjects that focus on the state-of-the-art Japanese Pop culture such as *manga* (Japanese comics), animation, fashion, and games, all of which have drawn worldwide attention. The faculty members for Cool Japan subjects are recognized widely for their research.

International Studies

Through international studies subjects such as cross-cultural communication and multicultural information and assistance, students become aware of Japan's position in the world and also understand other cultures, societies, economies, and histories in order to contribute to the global community.



Japanese Practical Studies

The English Track has developed a practical curriculum in order to provide an opportunity for students to use their academic knowledge in the real world. To promote this, a field trip is incorporated into “Japanese Practical Studies”.

〈2011 Tentative Schedule〉

Fieldtrip to Toyota and Denso Factories in Aichi Prefecture

Students will visit the TOYOTA Museum and tour the company plant, where they can see how vehicles are assembled. They will also visit Denso, a leading supplier of automotive technology.

Japanese as a Second Language Program

The English Track provides a Japanese language program for all international students. These classes are organized for different levels, beginner to advanced, so that students are able to study at their own level.

〈Japanese Language Classes〉

- Beginning-level Japanese
- Low-intermediate Japanese
- High-intermediate Japanese
- Advanced-level Japanese
- Japanese classes (oral and written Japanese) with native-speaking students



Meiji University Surugadai Campus

MEIJI AS No.1!!

According to surveys by reputable institutions such as the Nihon Keizai Shimbun Inc., Meiji University ranked number one as the university that high school students in Japan would most like to attend. Underscoring this popularity, more than 100,000 people take the entrance examination for Meiji University each year.

ADMISSIONS

If you need a college student visa to study in Japan or are currently living in Japan, you are eligible to apply for the English Track of the SGJS. Students also must meet all the following criteria.

Admission Qualifications:

- 1) Completion of high school or equivalent
- 2) Official standardized test results (SAT, Baccalaureate, Abitur, etc)
- 3) TOEFL iBT 62, TOEIC 640, or IELTS 5.0 (for Non-native speakers)

# of Students	12
Application Period	October 1st, 2010 — October 15th, 2010
Announcement of Admission Decision	January 25th, 2011

※ The admission decision is made on the basis of a complete set of documents.

※ For further details, please check the brochure of the SGJS.



FAQ

Q1: I have never studied Japanese before. Am I still able to apply?

A1: Yes. Japanese language proficiency or previous Japanese experience is not required for the English Track.

Q2: I am a student at an international school in Japan. Am I eligible to apply for the English Track?

A2: If you have a non-Japanese citizenship (or dual citizenship), you qualify as an applicant.

Q3: Is a student who is admitted for the English Track allowed to take classes that are given in Japanese?

A3: Yes. You will have to take a minimum number of credits from the English Track curriculum. However, you are allowed to take any elective classes for the remaining credits.

Q4: I am a native English speaker. Do I still have to have a TOEFL score to apply?

A4: No. If English is your native language, you are eligible for a waiver.

Q5: When can I enter SGJS?

A5: Students are able to enter only in April.

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※ The SGJS is scheduled to move to a new campus, Nakano Campus, in 2013



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