



Welcome to the School of Global Japanese Studies at Meiji University.

This is the English Track new student guidance.

Please watch to the end, as we will be covering some important topics about the curriculum.

Please have ready the English Track Catalog and English Track Syllabus <Important Notes for Course Registration> and refer to the relevant page when necessary.

This guidance will only cover the main parts.

So please check the Catalog and Syllabus<Important Notes for Course Registration> for details.

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Today, we will mainly cover two topics.

First, we will explain about the Mission and Educational Objectives of the School of Global Japanese Studies.

Second, we will explain about the curriculum.

For the curriculum, we will look at the courses held in the SGJS, and courses that are held in other faculties.



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1. Our Mission / Educational Objectives

Our Mission


International education based on an understanding of Japanese and international studies

Educational Objectives

Japan from a global perspective

- Traditional/contemporary Japanese culture
- Japanese social systems: business, industry, and society
- International studies
- Language education: Japanese and English

Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy
https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/undergraduate/nippon/school_policy.html



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Mission and Educational Objectives

Please see the Mission and Educational Objectives of SGJS. They are based on the Diploma Policy and the Curriculum Policy.

Our goal is for you to nurture a deep understanding of the cultures and societies of Japan and the world, and develop the ability to communicate this knowledge.

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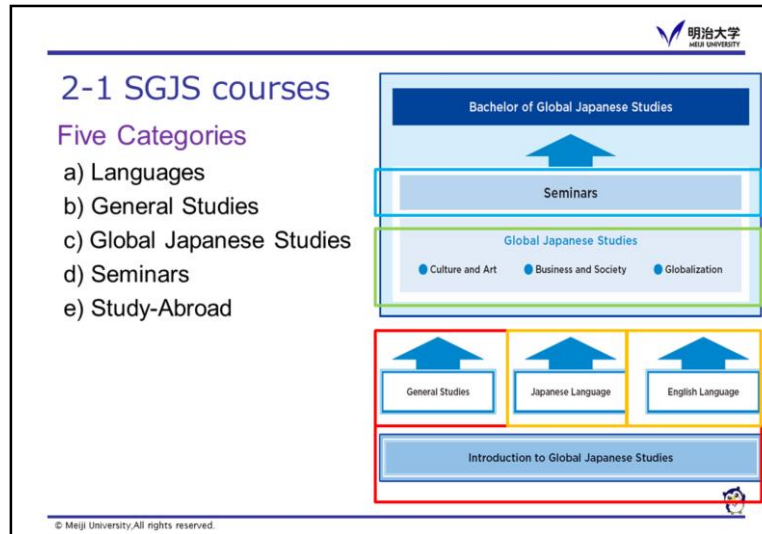
2. Curriculum

2-1 SGJS courses

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Next, is about SGJS courses.



At the SGJS, we have a Curriculum Policy to reach our educational goals.

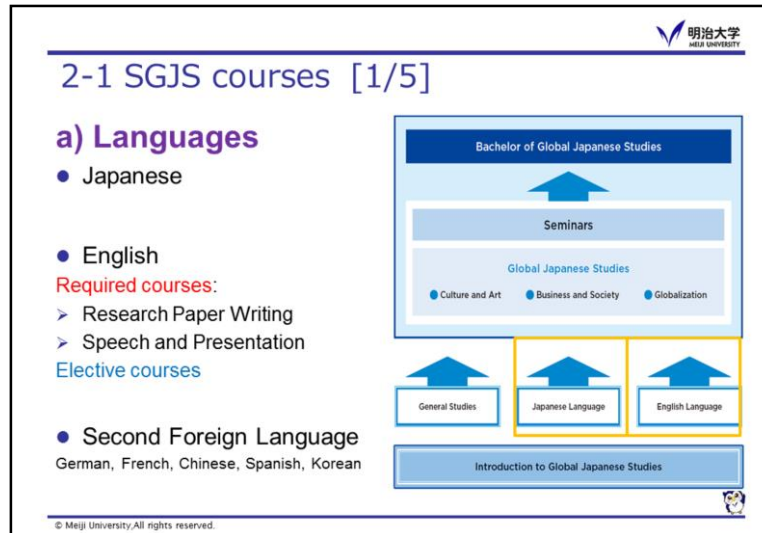
The curriculum is divided into these five categories.

You will be studying these categories during your 4 years of enrollment.

The figure on the right shows how you will generally be taking courses.

In your first two years, you will mainly be focusing on required courses such as Japanese or English, ICT subjects, and General Studies.

On your third and fourth year, you can join a “Seminar,” generally known as “zemi.” Those of you who join a seminar will continue the same seminar for 2 years.



Next, about languages.

At SGJS, we have Japanese courses, English courses, and 5 other languages offered as a second foreign language.

These two English courses you see here are required courses for English Track Students. These courses are mandatory, and you need to earn credits for them. There are also some other English courses that English Track students can take as electives.

Japanese language courses are not required, but we encourage you to take them.

Although you are in the English Track program, strengthening your Japanese language skills will add value to your student life in Japan and your studies.

If you get a job in Japan, or continue education in Japan, you will probably need to use your Japanese language skills in many situations.

For Japanese language classes, you will take a placement test. You will be placed in a level and course according to the results.

For details, please see the notice about the placement test.

Second Foreign Language classes are held in two levels: elementary and intermediate.

Please note that the second foreign language classes are instructed using the target language and Japanese.

2-1 SGJS courses [2/5]

b) General Studies

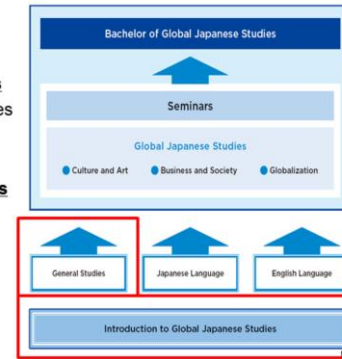
General knowledge and skills

Required courses for 1st-year students

- Introduction to Global Japanese Studies
- ICT Basic

Required courses for 2nd-year students

- Introduction to Academic Studies and Career Development



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General Studies courses are provided so that you can acquire knowledge and skills which you will need for any field or specialized areas.

In lecture style classes, instructors will speak to the students.


There are also many other course styles that you can take. In the Practicum in Global Japanese Studies, students plan and do research on various themes. Liberal Arts Studies is conducted in a small seminar format.

You can take many of the courses from your first year, so we recommend that you look into these courses and start soon.

Please note that as a English Track student, you are required to take two General Studies courses in your first year, and one General Studies Course course in your second year. We will explain about Introduction to Global Japanese Studies in the next slide.

ICT Basic I is a practical course which shows you ICT basics and PC literacy policies of Meiji University. This includes topics such as how to use the university email and the portal system, “Oh-o! Meiji.”


The aim of Introduction to Academic Studies and Career Development is to prepare you for your third and fourth year, and for you to acquire the knowledge and skills for studying and researching in specialized fields.



2-1 SGJS courses [2/5]

Required course:
Introduction to Global Japanese Studies

Coordinator:
Prof. Emi
Yanagisawa



- > Monday 3rd period in Spring
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1. Introduction
 2-4. Campus life
 5. Community life
 6. Careers in Japan

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Providing support for daily and campus life in Japan to transit to university life smoothly.

AND

7. General Studies
 8-9. Business and Society
 10-11. Culture and Art
 12-13. Globalization
 14. Review

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Providing overview of the specialized areas of SGJS.

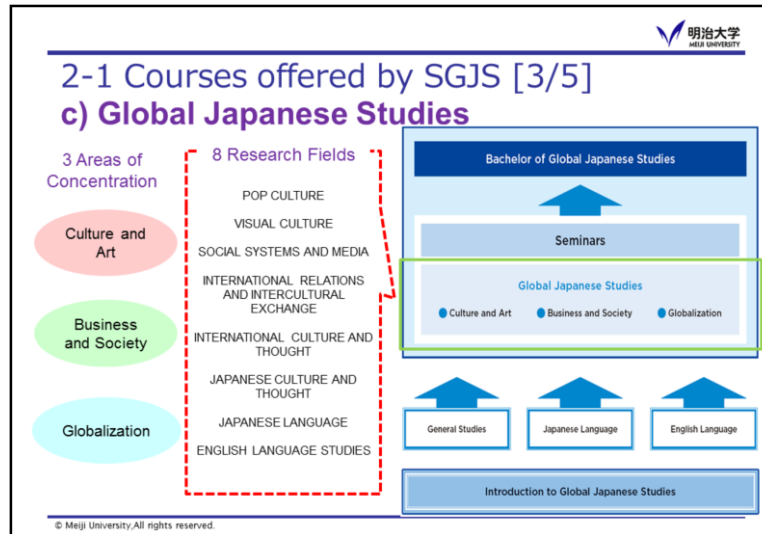


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Next, about the Introduction to Global Japanese Studies

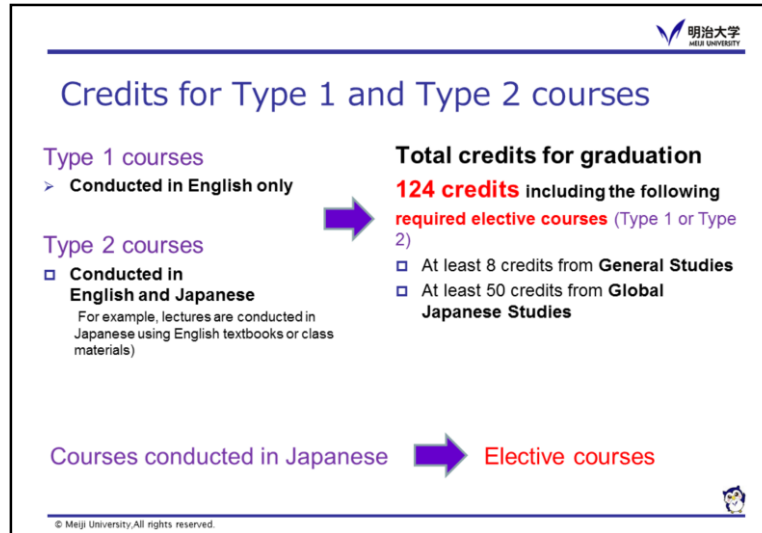
Introduction to Global Japanese Studies is a course which provides first-year students an overview of Global Japanese Studies and your student life at the university. It is a introductory course which is intended to give you a common understanding of the educational goals and each area of study.

The latter half of each course will be held in omnibus style, and will have different instructors for each course.



Global Japanese Studies courses are designed to give you a deep understanding of Japan's industry, society, culture and international relations.

Global Japanese Studies has eight areas of study. The number of credits you need to earn from each area of study is not determined, so please choose courses based on your research theme and interests.



There are three language types for courses in the General Studies field and Global Japanese Studies field.

Type 1 courses are conducted only in English.

Type 2 courses are conducted with a mixture of English and Japanese.


For example, lectures may be conducted in Japanese using English textbooks or class materials.

The amount of Japanese language used in type 2 courses, and how Japanese is used depends on each course.

Finally, the third type of courses are the courses conducted in Japanese.

You can take any of these courses as an English Track student, but you will need to earn a certain amount of credits as required elective courses from Type 1 or Type 2 courses. This is one of the graduation requirements.

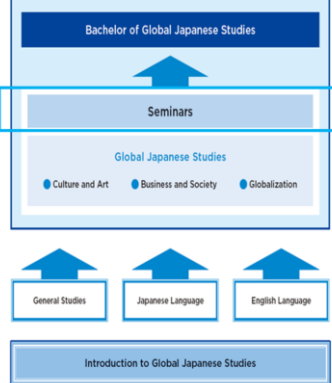
Courses conducted in Japanese are elective courses, and will not be counted as required electives.



2-1 SGJS courses [4/5]

d) Seminars

- ❑ Small size classes
- ❑ The same seminar for both your third and fourth year
- ❑ Set your research theme
- ❑ Graduation thesis / Presentation
- ❑ Some seminars are held in English, or in English and Japanese
- ❑ There will be a screening in the Fall Semester of your second year



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    A[Introduction to Global Japanese Studies] --> B[General Studies]
    A --> C[Japanese Language]
    A --> D[English Language]
    B --> E[Seminars]
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    D --> E
    E --> F[Bachelor of Global Japanese Studies]
    
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Seminars are small sized interactive courses, and are taught by a professor in that particular field of study.

Students belong in the same seminar for both their third and fourth years.

Students decide their research themes, discuss them, and conduct their research.

To join a seminar, you need to go through the Screening which will be held in the fall semester of your second year.

Some seminars are held in English, or a combination of English and Japanese.

2-1 SGJS courses [5/5]

e) Study-Abroad courses

- ❑ Partner universities in the US, Sweden and Indonesia
- ❑ There may be some conditions (such as the countries and areas) for English Track students

Next about study abroad courses.

If you join a Meiji University study abroad program, or an SGJS study abroad program, the credits you earn at the host institution may be approved as SGJS credits. Internships and volunteer programs may also qualify for approved credits. Please note that there are certain requirements.

The name of the approved course and number of credits that will be approved depends on the program you join, and the course you complete.

English Track students can join Study Abroad programs, but there may be restrictions. For example, there may be certain countries or areas that you cannot join. Please inquire at the office if you are interested.

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Next, let's look at courses that are not held by the School of Global Studies.

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2-2 Other courses

Courses in English

- a) International Undergraduate Program
 - ▣ Offered by other faculties on Surugadai or Izumi Campus
 - ▣ 4 categories: *International Communications, Culture and History, Law and Political Sciences, and Economics*

Courses in Japanese

- b) Elective Courses from Other Faculties
- c) Inter-faculty programs
- d) Certification Program
 - ▣ Five Certification Courses valid in Japan



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We will look at courses that are not held by SGJS, based on the language they are held in.

The International Undergraduate Program is conducted in English.

This program is a collection of English courses which are held in other faculties.

The program has 4 categories.

Many of the courses are held in either Surugadai campus or Izumi campus.

For courses held in Japanese, there are mainly 3 types of courses.

Elective courses from other faculties are courses you can take from faculties outside SGJS.

Inter-faculty programs are courses that are open to students of all faculties.

The Certification Program has programs for 5 types of certifications in Japan, such as the course for secondary school teachers. Students can get the certification by earning credits for the courses.

These courses are all held in campuses other than Nakano.

For details, please see the English Track Syllabus<Important Notes for Course Registration>.

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How to find courses held in English

English Track Syllabus <Important Notes for Course Registration>

- See "Course list"

国際日本学部シラバス<講義内容及び授業計画> Japanese Track Syllabus

- See notes in "Subject Title"

Class Schedule <For English Track Students>

- See "Course list"

International Undergraduate Programs Course List

- A list is available on the SGJS website
- See the last page of Class Schedule

Student Portal: Oh-o! Meiji System

<https://oh-o2.meiji.ac.jp/portal/index>

- Menu bar "Search" ⇒ "Language": check "English"



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Before we end, here is a tip on how to find the courses held in English.

For the School of Global Japanese Studies Type 1 courses and Type 2 courses, please see the English Track Syllabus, the Japanese Track Syllabus or Class Schedule.

For courses in the International Undergraduate Programs, please see the course list and the last page of class schedule on our website.

If you would like to search courses in the university as a whole, please use Oh-o! Meiji.

You can filter the search according to items such as Faculty, campus, and Language type.



This is the end of the English Track New Student guidance.

Please make sure to check other guidance materials.

We hope you will make the best of your student life.

Thank you!