

# JAPAN

## Higher Education

Japanese universities offer four-year bachelor's degrees and six-year medical degrees. Japanese universities require at least 124 credits for graduation.

## Academic Calendar

The Japanese academic calendar runs from April to March, the first semester from April to September and the second from October to March. These include three major vacation periods (winter, spring and summer).

Toyo operates on a quarter system in some departments. Each semester is divided into two 8-week quarters. The course are worth 2 credits.

Special arrangements and some ISEP member institutions allow students to finish exams in December. Some ISEP members follow the U.S. academic calendar.

## Grading

Japanese Grade	U.S. equivalent
S/A+	90+
A	80-90
B	70-79
C	60-69
F/D	59-40
F/E	39-0

## Course Load and Credit Equivalency

University	Classes/term	Hrs./week
Chukyo	10-15	18-24
Kansai Gaidai	4-5	14-17
Nanzan	6-7	18-21
Nihon	7-10	10-15
TIU	3-4	12-18
Toyo	10-12	15-18
Rikkyo	7-12	10-18

If a student fails a course for any reason (low attendance, low grades), the course may appear on the transcript with a \* or is left blank.

Chukyo, Rikkyo: One credit equals 15 hours of class per semester. Most regular courses are assigned to two credits (30 hours). Some language, physical education and laboratory courses are only assigned one credit, although they may meet for 30 hours. Language courses require at least 15 hours per week and earn up to 6 credits.

Toyo: Academic courses are worth 2 credits. Sports courses, lab work and foreign language are worth 1 credit. Academic courses meet once a week for 90 minutes, which they calculate as 2 hours (45 minutes = 1 hour). Students are expected to do two hours of preparation for each hour of lecture. A two-credit course is considered to be 90 hours of work.

Kansai Gaidai and Nanzan: Japanese language courses meet three to five times a week for 50 minutes. Lecture courses meet for 90 minutes once or twice per week.

Nihon: 1 credit = 15 hours of class per semester. Most lecture courses are assigned two credits (30 hours). Some language P.E. and laboratory courses are also assigned two credits; however, they require 60 hours per semester. Exchange students are offered two Japanese language courses and they can earn up to four credits.

Nanzan: Japanese language courses meet three to five times a week for 90 minutes per class. Japanese seminar courses, open courses and practical courses in Japanese arts are 2 credits. Lecture courses in Japanese areas studies are 3 credits.

Number of classes a typical student takes per term: 4-6

Number of hours per week a typical student spends in class: 12-18

Number of weeks per term: 15-16