2025 SAPPORO UNIVERSITY WINTER PROGRAM PROGRAM GUIDE

Sapporo University will offer a 11-day short-term program to study Japanese language and culture in February 2025. This program consists of Japanese culture experience, off-campus learning, and interact with our students along with Japanese language study.

Come to study live Japanese language and culture at Sapporo University, located in the heart of Hokkaido!

[1] Capacity

The program will be limited to 20 participants in principle.

* Minimum number of participants: If the number of participants is less than 12, the program will not be held.

If you wish to apply, please contact the International Exchange Division of your university. Partner universities are requested to send a list of applicants. If the number of applicants exceeds the limit, each partner university may be asked to adjust the number of applicants.

(2) Program Period

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - Saturday, February 22, 2025 (11 days)

- ① Wednesday, February 12: 16:00 gather at Sapporo University
- ② Thursday, February 13 ~ Friday, February 21 :
 Opening Ceremony Guidance ~ Classes, etc. ~ Closing Ceremony
- 3 Saturday, February 22: Depart from Sapporo University in the morning

(3) Location

Sapporo University

3-7-3-1, Nishioka, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido Japan

Website: <u>札幌大学(sapporo-u.ac.jp)</u>

(4) Eligibility

Students enrolled at the partner institution during the program period

[5] Application Qualification

- ① Students who have studied Japanese before.
- ② Applicants must be able to read and write 'Hiragana' and 'Katakana'.

 Learning 'Hiragana' and 'Katakana' in advance will make the program more effective and meaningful. < If your Japanese is at an introductory level, a basic understanding of English is desirable. >
- % Students who have NEVER studied Japanese are not eligible to apply.

[6] Program fee

330,000 yen (JPY)

- * <u>Included in the program fee</u>: tuition, textbooks, observation/experience fee, and accommodation (with breakfast).
- * Not included in the program fee: Air tickets, transportation within Japan, meals (except breakfast), and other living expenses.

[7] Program contents

- ① Japanese language classes : 90 min. × 17 sessions
- ② Japanese Salon (Conversations or activity with students and/or Japanese language volunteers): 90 min. × 1 sessions
- 3 Japanese culture experience: 180 min. × 2 times
- 4 Off-campus bus tour: 2 Days 1 Night

(8) Japanese language classes (*The language used in classes is Japanese only.)

Students are divided into three classes based on a placement test after their arrival in Japan. 3 classes are planned, but this may change depending on the level and a number of participants.

(9) Dormitory

Sapporo University Seminar House

(located on the campus of Sapporo University)

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[10] Visas

For those who need a visa, we will issue the necessary documents for visa application.

[11] Overseas travel accident insurance

Please be sure to purchase travel insurance in advance that covers the duration of the program.

(12) Application period

October 23, 2024(Wednesday) - November 8, 2024(Friday)

- ① We will let you know whether the program will be held or not by email approximately 10 days after the deadline.
- ② The program is subject to change or may be cancelled due to natural disasters or other circumstances, even if the courses are scheduled to be held.

[13] Process from Application to Enrollment

1. The partner university sends the nomination form to Sapporo University by e-mail.

Please fill in the following information ①~⑫ on the nomination form and send it to our International Communication Center by email (suicc@ofc.sapporo-u.ac.jp) along with the "Certificate of Enrollment" of your university:

- ① name of university ② major ③ grade ④ name (in passport)
- ⑤ name of Chinese character (If you have a name of Chinese character)
- ⑥ gender ⑦ date of birth ⑧ age ⑨ hours of Japanese language study
- ① textbooks used (including the number of lessons studied)
- ① basic English proficiency ② whether or not a visa is required



2. Payment of course fees

① Accepted applicants will receive an e-mail with guidelines for payment of fees after the application is closed. Follow the guidelines and pay the required fees to the designated bank account in Japanese YEN by the deadline.

A money transfer from outside of Japan may take time (about 7 days). Be sure to make the payment well in advance so that it will be completed by the deadline.

② As a rule, the fees once paid will not be refunded in the event of cancellation for personal reasons. In the event that the Sapporo University is unable to hold the program for any reason, all fees are refunded.



3. VISA – only for those who need it

Applicants are responsible for obtaining the Visa. We will prepare and send by e-mail the applicants documents required for visa application after confirming the payment of the fees. If you cannot obtain a visa, you will not be able to participate in the program. Be sure to consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for more information before applying for our program, https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

4. Schedule until starting date of the program

Oct 23 - Nov 8	Application period
Early - Nov	·Announcement of availability of the program. ·Announcement of payment.
	·For those who need a visa, we will ask for necessary
	information to prepare for the visa. (schedule in Japan,
	flight information, etc)
	* Limit your length of your stay to the minimum necessary
	for participation in the program.
Mid - Nov	Pre-program information ①(how to get to Sapporo Univ.,
	what to bring, etc.)

Mid - Dec	Sending documents to those who need a visa.
Mid - Jan	Pre-program information @(information on domestic
	transportation, recommended personal items.)
Feb 12	Start of the program.

◆ Schedule is subject to change except program starting date.

[14] Others

1. Certificate of Completion

Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certificate of completion*(original), but no credits will be awarded by Sapporo University.

2. Airport pick-up

- ① There is a FREE pick-up bus provided by Sapporo University between New Chitose Airport and Sapporo University accommodation only once on the program start date (Wednesday, February 12). The estimated time of departure is scheduled at around 3:00 pm. (Reservation is REQUIRED).
- ② If you do not use the bus, please make your own way to Sapporo University.
 - 1) Meeting place: Sapporo University Central Building 1st floor.
 - 2) Gathering time: 16:00 on the program start date (Wednesday, February 12). After gathering, you will be guided to your accommodation.
- ★ Transportation route from New Chitose Airport to Sapporo University and the time required
 - <Airport shuttle bus>
 - ① Take "Hokuto Kotsu" Bus bound for "APA Hotel & Resort <Sapporo>" and get off at "Sapporo Daigaku-mae" Bus Stop. (60 minutes ride / 1,400 yen one way)
 - ② Take "Hokuto Kotsu" Bus bound for "Maruyama Bus Terminal" and get off at "Satsudai Minamimon" Bus Stop. (60 minutes ride / 1,400 yen one way)
 - 3 Other options are to take the railway (JR line), the subway, or a cab.

3. Flight cancellations due to inclement weather, etc.

- ① If your arrival in Japan is delayed due to flight cancellations or other reasons, you can still participate in the program. However, the program participation fee will not be refunded.
- ② If you need to change/transfer or re-purchase your airline ticket, purchase a ticket, and/or stay in Japan for extra days, please make necessary arrangements by yourself and pay the cost by yourself.
- ③ If you cancel your participation in the program due to flight cancellation, the participation fee will not be refunded.
- 4. Communication devices available in Japan (SIM card, rental WI-FI, etc.)

 Be sure to prepare a SIM card or rental WI-FI when you arrive at New Chitose Airport and during your stay so that you can keep in touch with Sapporo University. For your information free Wi-Fi is available in the dormitory.

For inquiries, please contact

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