The program is offered to improve both the students’ Japanese communicative competence and the understanding of Japanese culture and way of life through studying with Japanese students and living in Japanese society.

University Overview
1. Characteristics and Outline
(1) Characteristics and History
Ibaraki University was established in 1949 and is comprised of five colleges (Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture) and four graduate schools (Humanities, Education, Natural Sciences and Engineering, and Agriculture), with an emphasis in addressing current and local issues from a practical perspective.

(2) Faculty and Students (as of May 1, 2019)
Faculty members: 531
Undergraduate Students: 6,818
Graduate Students: 1,166

2. International Exchange
Ibaraki University has international exchange agreements with 69 universities and institutions across 22 countries, hosting scholars and students from around the world.

3. Number of International Students and Japanese studies program students
2019 International Students 298
Japanese studies program students 2
2018 International Students 297
Japanese studies program students 2
2017 International Students 280
Japanese studies program student 1

4. General Information about Mito City
Mito City is situated 100 km northeast of Tokyo, and is the political, economic, and cultural center of Ibaraki Prefecture. Mito is also the home to many historical and cultural sites such as Kairakuen, a plum tree garden constructed in the Edo period.

Outline of the Japanese Studies Program
1. Purpose of the training
(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture
Students will deepen their understanding of Japanese society and Japanese culture by enrolling in specialised classes offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Additionally, students will enhance their Japanese skills through Academic Japanese among other Japanese language classes.

2. Characteristics
The program is designed to improve the student’s communicative competence in Japanese as well as to enrich their understanding of Japanese culture through studying and living among Japanese students. The program is composed of:
- Japanese and Japanese Affairs (Center for Global Education): Designed specifically for the student to learn the Japanese language and to understand Japanese society.
- Japanese Culture (Liberal Arts):
Learning Japanese culture together with Japanese students.
- Japan-related courses (the College of Humanities and Social Sciences)

3. Number of Students Accepted:
Two students: Embassy recommendation 1
University recommendation 1

4. Application Requirements
It is desirable that the applicant has studied Japanese and is capable of following lectures, take part in seminars, as well to read and write reports in Japanese.

(Equivalent to at least N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.)

5. Program Objectives
The objective of the Japanese Studies Program is for the student to enhance his/her Japanese language proficiency as well as to deepen their understanding about Japan and Japanese culture through coursework as well as through establishing close relationships with Japanese students.

6. Program Period
From September 21, 2020 to August 31, 2021
Expected date of completion: August 31

7. Scholarship Period
From October 2020 to August 2021

8. Events
Late September: Arrival (In 2019, on 22 September)
October: International exchange activities with organizations supporting overseas students and the local community. International Party
February: External activity
May: External activity
July: Field trip to the Kanto or Tohoku area with other overseas students
TBD: Japanese cultural experience (tea ceremony, Kabuki)
TBD: Exchange activity with high school or junior high school students
End of August: Completion of Program
End of August or beginning of September: Departure
9. Completion Requirements
a. Mandatory classes (8 credits)
Students are required to enroll in mandatory Japanese classes offered by the Japanese Studies Program in accordance with their performance on a placement test.

b. Elective classes (24 credits)
Students are required to attain 24 credits from the classes offered below.
* General Education Courses (includes Academic Japanese)
* Specialised classes offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

All students enrolled in the Japanese Studies Program are required to fulfill the above criteria. Grades of attained credits can be issued upon request.

10. Program Description
1) Characteristic of Program and courses
Students will enroll in Japanese language classes that correspond to the student’s Japanese level, and will also be provided the option to enroll in classes related to Japanese language and culture, etc. as electives. The academic year is comprised of two semesters: the first semester starts in April and ends in early August, the second semester starts in late September and ends in late February. Each semester runs for sixteen weeks, which also includes one week of examination.

2) Classes offered by the Program
I) Mandatory
Courses offered by the Center for Global Education
Level 4-General (2 credits): Grammar
Level 4-Speaking (approx. 4 credits): Presentation
Level 4-Kanji (approx. 2 credits): Advanced Kanji
Level 5-General (approx. 2 credits): Grammar
Japanese affairs (approx. 2 credits): Japanese culture and tradition
Japanese Field Studies (approx. 2 credits): Japanese community engagement

Students will be assigned to a language class in accordance with their performance on the placement test. Credits shown above are not recognised as official credits of Ibaraki University.

II) Elective classes
a. General Education classes
Academic Japanese I (1 credit): Basic academic Japanese
Academic Japanese II (1 credit): Advanced level academic Japanese

b. Upon consulting their supervisor, students may enroll in classes offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences if the class is recognised to deepen the students’ understanding of Japanese and/or Japanese culture.

3) Activity-based courses that include a study tour, interaction with the local community, etc.
The following course is included in (1) Compulsory courses.
- Japanese Field Studies
The following course is offered as an elective course.
- Project Based Learning (PBL) in collaboration with local community:
PBL is a cross-faculty class undertaken primarily through group discussion and activities that aims to resolve a particular issue within the local community.

4) Opportunity to study with Japanese Students
Other than the courses specified under 1) Compulsory courses, the student will have the opportunity to choose and enroll in regular courses and study together with Japanese students.

11. Academic Supporting System
The student will be assigned a faculty member as an academic advisor with a specialization in conjunction with the area of interest of the student. The faculty members of the Center for Global Education will also provide support to the student for the duration of his/her stay.
In addition, the student will be paired with a Japanese student tutor who will support him/her adapt to the new environment, in and outside of campus.

Accommodations
The International House
- Number of rooms
  Single: 38 (Building A,B), 12 (Building D), 23 (Building E,F,G,H,I)
  Couple: 2 (Building C)
  Family: 2 (Building C)
- Rent (per month) * Advance payment: None
  Building A,B 5,900yen
  Building D,E,F,G,H,I 20,400yen
  Building C 14,200yen
- Information for daily life and commute time
  The maximum period of stay is one year
  About 15-minute walk from the university

Follow-up after Completion
Upon request, the teaching staff will extend advice and cooperation to the research of the graduates after their completion of the program by email etc.

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