

Planning Your Studies in Japan

Making a plan is the key to success!

Key points!

Why

Where

How long

What

Why do you want to study in Japan?

What qualifications and abilities are needed for the job you want to do?

Where and at what kind of educational institution do you want to study?

How long will your studies require?

What do you want to study?

What will be your specialty or major?

1 Academic degrees and titles	Bachelor's degree	University	4 years (6 years for some)	Economics, physics, medicine, architecture, agriculture, welfare, design, art, education, sociology, information science, environmental science, anime, games
	Master's degree	Graduate school	2 years–	
	Doctoral degree	Graduate school	3 years–	
	Associate degree	Junior college	2 years (3 years for some)	
	Diploma	Professional training college	2–3 years	
	Advanced diploma	Professional training college	4 years	
2 Short-term study experiences	Short-term study	Japanese language institute, short-term university program	Several months–1 year	Japanese language, Japanese culture, comparative culture
	Student exchange program	University	Up to 1 year	
3 Japanese language learning	Language acquisition	Japanese language institute	Up to 2 years	University entry course, Japanese conversation, business Japanese
	University entry	Japanese language institute	Up to 2 years	
		Preparatory Japanese language programs offered at private universities and junior colleges	1–2 years	

When

When will you go?

When does the program you are interested in start?
How much time do you need for preparation?

How much

How much will things cost?

Travel costs? Living expenses?
Apartment rent? Food expenses?
Do you have enough savings?
Will your family be sending you money?
Will you take a part-time job?
Are there any scholarships?

Make your plan while viewing the schedule on pages 4–5.

Make your calculations while looking at pages 28–36.