

1. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS and NAGAOKA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

1. Support for International Students

(1) Global Education Center and Section of International Student Affairs (Int'l Student Affairs)

NUT's Global Education Center offers opportunity of learning Japanese Language for international students and plans exchange events with NUT students.

Global Education Center's website: <https://www.nagaokaut.ac.jp/e/center/ciee/index.html>

Int'l Student Affairs offers various assistance on affairs related to the international students, including their acceptance, scholarship and visa procedures, and selection of student dormitories.

Int'l Student Affairs, Ryugakusei Shien Gakari TEL: 0258-47-9285, 0258-47-9286

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Website: https://www.nagaokaut.ac.jp/gakusei/ryugaku_shien/ryugakusei/index.html



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(2) Tutoring System

For new international student, a senior student appointed by your supervisor/class teacher will assist you as a tutor on your academic and daily life for **3 months** the longest. If you don't get along with the assigned tutor, feel free to discuss the matter with your supervisor or Int'l Student Affairs staff.

(3) Courses of Japanese Language and Culture

A guidance and placement test are held every April and September for students who wish to take a Japanese class. In that case, you must attend the guidance and take the test. The test schedule will be announced at an international student and Japanese class guidance and per e-mail.

1. Japanese Language classes and General Affairs of Japan class with Credit

Japanese Language classes (Intermediate/Advanced) and General Affairs of Japan class are offered as regular university courses throughout the year for graduate and undergraduate students. In order to take these classes, you must take a placement test and complete registration.

2. Japanese Classes for Beginners with No Credit

Intensive Japanese and Basic Japanese classes are offered for those who study Japanese for the first time. In both classes, you will be learning useful Japanese expressions to communicate with others in your daily life. If you wish to take the class, contact a Global Education Center's teacher personally, and must attend the first class. If the class has extra seats available, family member of international students may be permitted to attend the class with a charge of 14,800 yen.***Intensive Japanese, Basic Japanese, and Kanji class are non-credit courses.**

◆ Intensive Japanese, *Kenshu Course*

This course is designed for Non-regular students. Intensive 1 is for beginners and Intensive 2 is for intermediate-beginners. Starts in April and in October. Five days a week (90 min×15 per week) for 16-17 weeks.

Contact: Prof. NAGANO, Kenjiro (knaga@vos.nagaokaut.ac.jp, ext. 9808)

◆ Basic Japanese, *Kiso Course*

Two classes: Basic 1 and Basic 2. Students who complete Basic 2 would be about at the same level as those who have completed Intensive 1. Starts in April and in September. Four days a week (90 min×4 per week) for 1 academic term.

Contact: Prof. KATANO, Yohei (y_katano@vos.nagaokaut.ac.jp, ext. 9846)

◆ Basic and Intermediate *Kanji* Class

Starts in April and in October. Intermediate class in the second semester starts in September. Twice a week (90 mins×2 per week) for 1 academic term. You can take this class along with the aforementioned Japanese classes. If you wish to take the class, please attend the first class and guidance at the beginning of a term.

Contact: Prof. KATANO, Yohei (y_katano@vos.nagaokaut.ac.jp, ext. 9846)

◇ Off-Campus Opportunity to Study Japanese

Nagaoka city provides Japanese classes to international residents living in the city according to one's level and need. You can take those classes and/or attend Japanese-learning activities at the Civic Center near Nagaoka Station. For the latest information, please contact Nagaoka City International Affairs Center, *Chikyu-Hiroba*. Please see bottom of this page for details.

(4) *MUTSUMI-kai*

Besides the counseling offered as above, *Mutsumi-kai*, which is a voluntary group organized to support NUT international students, holds a weekly counseling at International Friendship Lounge. It was established in 1988 for the purpose to support 63 international students NUT had at the time.

It holds a general counseling every Wednesday from 13:30 to 16:30. It is 13:00 to 16:00 from December to February. *Mutsumi-kai* also sponsors several events and activities for international students such as a speech contest, a bazaar of daily supplies, and an *Onsen* trip on an annual basis. If you are interested in joining these events, please go visit them on Wednesday afternoon and freely ask to any *Mutsumi-kai* staff.

◆ International Friendship Lounge

The International Friendship Lounge is for international and Japanese students to interact and communicate. It can also be used to conduct individual studies or meetings.

Location: 2nd floor of the Materials Science & Management Information Systems Building

Open Hours	Monday to Friday 9:00-20:00
Closed	• Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays • December 29 to January 3 *Those days are subject to change.

(5) Cultural Exchange

There are many international exchange activities organized by local schools etc. throughout the year. These are great opportunities for you to get to know the culture and people from diverse age groups.

NUT announces upcoming events to international students by e-mail and on the website.

◇ Nagaoka International Affairs Center: *Chikyu Hiroba*

Chikyu Hiroba organizes cross-cultural events. They provide important and useful information to international residents in various languages. They also offer Japanese language programs.

Chikyu Hiroba TEL: 0258-39-2714 <https://www.city.nagaoka.niigata.jp/kurashi/cate13/chikyuhiroba/>



2. Classification of International Students

The following describes a classification of international students in Nagaoka University of Technology.

(1) Regular Students

◆ Undergraduate Students (B), *Gakubu-sei*

If a student attend NUT's School of Engineering for required academic years and earn required credits in both general education and a major, the student will be awarded a Bachelor's degree of Engineering.

Standard study period for those who enrolled to NUT at their 1st undergraduate year is 4 years.

For those who enrolled to NUT at their 3rd undergraduate year is 2 years.

◆ Graduate Students (M/D/GD), *Daigakuin-sei*

Graduate School of Engineering consists of Master's Program (M: *Shu-shi*, standard study period of 2 years), Doctoral Program (D: *Hakase*, standard study period of 3 years), and 5-year Integrated Doctoral Program (GD: *Gigaku* Innovation, standard study period of 5 years).

The Master of Engineering degree is awarded upon completion of the master's program, and the Doctor of Engineering degree is awarded upon completion of the doctoral and GD program.

◇ Terms and Systems

Ryu-nen (Repeating a program): To not complete the course within the standard study period.

Kyu-gaku (Registered absence): To take a leave of absence from NUT for a long time for a medical treatment or other reasons, with a prior notice. You must go back to your home country during Kyu-gaku period.

Fuku-gaku (Returning to study): To end *Kyu-gaku* period and return to NUT to study.

Tai-gaku (Withdrawal): To withdraw your studentship from NUT.

Joseki (Expulsion): To be expelled from NUT for a reason such as unpaid tuition.

Tsuu-gaku Teishi (Permitted absence): To be asked not to come to school when being diagnosed with influenza, measles, or other infectious diseases to prevent the spreading. If you inform this to NUT in advance, your missing classes will be considered as permitted absence.

(2) Non-regular Students

◆ Exchange Students

An undergraduate or graduate student of other university/institution that has an academic agreement with NUT may earn credits by conducting research and/or taking classes at NUT as an exchange student.

You can only take classes which were approved by NUT. Without this approval, your academic transcript will not be issued either. When you wish to revise your subject selection, please discuss with Int'l Student Affairs.

◆ Research Exchange Students (non-credit)

A graduate student of other university/institution that has an academic agreement with NUT may research at NUT as a research exchange student. No credit can be earned after completion of the study period of research exchange student.

◆ Research Students (non-credit)

A student who has completed undergraduate study may be admitted as a research student upon approval of NUT, to study a specific topic of research. No credit can be earned and no degree will be awarded after completion of the study period of research student.