

# Degree Programs in English

As Japanese universities become more globalized, there have emerged programs at universities and graduate schools in which students can obtain a degree by taking classes only in English, and Japanese language learning poses no obstacle. However, no such programs exist at colleges of technology and professional training colleges.

## 1 Find a school

### University Degree Courses Offered in English (JASSO)

**i** [http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study\\_j/search/daigakukensaku.html](http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/search/daigakukensaku.html)

### Search for universities and junior colleges (Japan Study Support)

**i** <http://www.jpss.jp/en/>

## 2 Check application materials required

In addition to the usual materials (see pages 9 and 11), the following are often required to be submitted:

- 1) Certificate of proficiency in English (transcript of an accredited English proficiency test such as TOEFL® or IELTS)
- 2) Certificate of academic achievement (for an undergraduate course, an official transcript, such as that of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) scores, Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores, or the scores of a high school graduation standardized examination in your home country)

## 3 Check screening methods

- 1) Screening of application documents; 2) interviews (interview in the country or region where you live, online interview); 3) other methods

Guideline for required English language proficiency

	TOEFL iBT	IELTS
Graduate schools	75–80	6
Universities (undergraduate)	71–80	5.5–6

### Top 3 universities with a high ratio of classes conducted only in English (excluding language classes) out of all university classes

Rank	University	%
1	Akita International University (Akita Prefecture)	98.0
2	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Oita Prefecture)	88.9
3	Miyazaki International College (Miyazaki Prefecture)	40.3

Source: Times Higher Education World University Rankings Japan edition

### Number of university degree courses offered in English

Major	Undergraduate	Graduate school
Humanities	12	15
Social science	11	81
Education	0	4
Science	8	85
Engineering	17	265
Agriculture/fisheries/veterinary	3	66
Medicine/health science	0	62
Home science	0	0
Arts	0	3
Interdisciplinary	16	65

Source: JASSO survey (as of May 2017)

A little advice

### For those also interested in learning Japanese

Some universities provide Japanese language education programs for international students. However, these classes may or may not award university credits. In addition, additional course fees may be required.

Advice from a student studying in Japan

Even if you enroll in a course in which you can earn a degree taking classes only in English, learning conversational Japanese, Hiragana and Katakana will make life in Japan much easier. It will also be an advantage when looking for a job.