

## The Founding Spirit

According to the teachings of Tenrikyo religion, God the Parent created humankind and the world out of a desire to have humankind share in the “Joyous Life.” Oyasama, Tenrikyo’s foundress, revealed the existence of God the Parent, clarifying the truth that human beings are all brothers and sisters, and demonstrating a way of life of helping one another through the path of the “Divine Model.” The mission of the University, based upon the teachings of Oyasama, is to cultivate human resources that will contribute to the construction of a world based on the “Joyous Life.”

### 建学の精神

親神おやがみは、「陽気ぐらし」を共に楽しみたいと思召されて、人間世界を創造された。  
教祖おやさまは、この元なる親神おやがみの存在と、世界一列きょうだいの真実を明かし、「ひながた」の道を通して、互いにたすけあう生き方を示された。

本学は、教祖おやさまの教えに基づいて、「陽気ぐらし」世界建設に寄与する人材の養成を使命とする。

### 建校精神

父母神感召共享“康乐生活”世界，创造了人类世界。教祖探明父母神的存在和世界皆为兄弟的事实，以“典范”的社会之道，示出了相互帮助的生存方式。天理大学基于教祖这样的教导，以培养“康乐生活”世界的建设人才为使命。

### 建校精神

父母神出自於想看著人類過著「康樂生活」與人共享快樂，而創造了人類的神意。透過教祖明示了創世父母神的存在和全世人皆兄弟姊妹的事實，並親身走過「典範」之道，諭示互助、和睦相處的生存方式。本校根據教祖的教導，以培育能够建設「康樂生活」世界的人材為使命。

### 건학정신

아버이신님께서는 ‘즐거운 삶’을 함께 누리고 싶다고 의도하시어 인간세계를 창조하셨다. 교조님께서는, 이 으뜸이신 아버지신님의 존재와, 세계 일렬형제의 진실을 밝히시고, ‘모본’의길을 통해 서로가 서로를 돕는 삶의 태도를 가르쳐 주셨다.

본교는, 교조님의 가르침에 의거하여, ‘즐거운 삶’의 세계 건설에 기여하는 인재의 육성을 사명으로 한다.

### Tinh thần thành lập trường

Thần Phụ-Mẫu sáng tạo con người để Thần theo dõi Đòi sống Vui sướng của con người và muốn chia sẻ niềm vui đó. Oyasama, Giáo tổ Đạo Tenrikyo, đã cho chúng ta biết sự tồn tại của Thần Phụ-Mẫu và tiết lộ sự thật, đó là tất cả mọi người trên thế giới đều là anh chị em một nhà. Oyasama đã biểu hiện cách sống giúp đỡ lẫn nhau thông qua con đường “Gương mẫu” của Oyasama. Dựa vào sự giảng dạy của Oyasama, Trường Đại học Tenri có một sứ mệnh là việc đào tạo nguồn nhân lực có thể tham gia vào việc xây dựng Thế giới “Đòi sống Vui sướng”.

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## Tenri University

Tenri University's origins lie in the Tenri Foreign Language School established in 1925 by the Reverend Shozen Nakayama of the Tenrikyo religion. Its aim was to provide students with Tenrikyo doctrinal studies and foreign language education, as well as to foster them to engage in missionary work.

In 1949, the school became Tenri University and the 1992 departmental reform organized the University into four Faculties: Humanities, Letters, International Culture Studies, and Budo & Sport Studies. In 2004, the Graduate School of Clinical Human Studies and in 2015 the Graduate School of Physical Fitness with a speciality in Physical Fitness and in 2017, Graduate School of the Study of Religion were established. Furthermore, in 2010, the Faculty of International Culture Studies was reorganized as the Faculty of International Studies. The objective of the University is to provide students with expertise in specific areas within the broad spectrum of a liberal arts education, through the interaction of a faithful and dedicated faculty, staff, and students, in a favorable and educational environment.

Tenri University is located amidst beautiful natural surroundings in the center of Nara Prefecture, cradle of the ancient Japanese state. Many famous temples, shrines, and archaeological sites from the ancient capital lie in the vicinity, and are visited annually by large numbers of tourists. The vitality of the Osaka and Kyoto urban centers can be reached within an hour by train, and the fashionable city of Kobe, with its widespread appeal to the young, can be reached by train in an hour and forty minutes.

The University's home city of Tenri is the birthplace of the Tenrikyo religion, and is known to followers as their spiritual home, "Jiba." As an international religious center where millions of believers from all over the world gather for worship, it is filled with a spirit of friendliness towards overseas guests, and is thus a place where international students feel readily at home.

## Faculty of International Studies

The Faculty of International Studies, was established in 2010, consisting of the Department of Foreign Languages and the Department of Area Studies. The Department of Foreign Languages is comprised of the following four language majors: English, Chinese, Korean and Spanish/Brazilian-

Portuguese. Through a thorough training in one of these languages, the Department's aim is for students to achieve an advanced level of linguistic proficiency.

The Department of Area Studies is comprised of the three geographical areas of "Asia-Oceania," "Europe-Africa," and the "Americas" and through the study of each area as an extensive cultural sphere, a unique Tenri University-developed field of vision will be nurtured. Furthermore, in addition to the above three area studies programs, a new "Japanese Studies Course" aimed at foreign students started from April, 2017.

## Japanese Studies Course

The Japanese Studies Course, is a course in which the student, while acquiring a reliable Japanese language ability in the classroom setting according to the applicant's linguistic ability at the time of the entrance to school and under the comfortable environment of a small educational setting, can also learn widely and deeply not only about Japanese society, history and culture in a global setting, but also learn widely and deeply about the regional characteristics of Nara referred to as "the birthplace of the country called Japan."

The course aims to provide an education where one acquires universal insights by studying about the history and modern culture of Nara and Japan from global perspectives, and where one learns not only existing knowledge, but also from a managerial position, how one can make use of the introduction of traditional culture and new culture in society and a local area.



## Admission Quotas and Deadlines

- I) The admission quota for the Department of Area Studies, Japanese Studies Course is thirty students per year.
- II) For enrollment in April 2019, information on

quotas and application deadlines are as follows :

#### FIRST APPLICATION PERIOD

Admission quota for applicants living in Japan :  
18 students.

Applicants must be submitted by mail from  
Wednesday, October 10th through Friday,  
October 26th, 2018.

Attendance is required for an essay exam and an  
interview, held on campus on Friday,  
November 16th, 2018. Notification of the  
results will be made to the applicant and to  
his or her guarantor on Friday, November  
23rd, 2018.

Successful applicants must submit the entrance  
fee and documents required for the entry  
process by Thursday, December 13th, 2018.  
Spring Semester tuition is due by Wednesday,  
January 23rd, 2019.

Admission quota for applicants living overseas :  
Several students (fluctuates yearly). Selection  
will be based on application documents.  
Application deadline is Monday, October 22nd,  
2018. Notification of the results will be made  
to the applicant and to his or her guarantor on  
Friday, November 23rd, 2018. Successful  
applicants must submit the entrance fee and  
documents required for the entry process by  
Thursday, December 13th, 2018. Spring  
Semester tuition is due by Wednesday,  
January 23rd, 2019.

**SECOND APPLICATION PERIOD** (applications  
received by mail from Thursday, January 10th  
through Friday, January 18th, 2019)

Admission quota for applicants living in Japan :  
9 students.

Attendance is required for an essay exam and an  
interview held on campus on Friday, February  
8th, 2019. Notification of the results will be  
made to the applicant and to his or her  
guarantor on Friday, February 15th, 2019.  
Successful applicants must submit the  
entrance fee, Spring Semester tuition and  
other fees and all documents required for the  
entry process by Friday, March 8th, 2019.

#### THIRD APPLICATION PERIOD

Admission quota for applicants living overseas :  
Several students

Applicants must be submitted by mail from  
Tuesday, February 12th through Thursday,  
February 21st, 2019.

Attendance is required for an essay exam and an  
interview held on campus on Friday, March  
1st, 2019. Notification of the results will be  
made to the applicant and to his or her  
guarantor on Thursday, March 7th, 2019.

Successful applicants must submit the  
entrance fee, Spring Semester tuition and  
other fees and all documents required for the  
entry process by Thursday, March 14th, 2019.

III) The following chart indicates information  
regarding the selection process :

#### For applicants living in Japan

| Evaluation process                              | Time   | Points | Total points |
|---|--------|--------|--------------|
| Application<br>(documents)                      | —      | 50     | } 150        |
| Essay exam*<br>(topic assigned at<br>exam time) | 60 min | 50     |              |
| Interview                                       | —      | 50     |              |

\*In Japanese, approximately 600 letters in length

#### For applicants living overseas

Evaluation is based on the application documents.

IV) For applicants living in Japan, the applicant  
must fulfill one of the following conditions from  
numbers (1) - (3), in addition to condition (4). For  
those applicants applying from overseas, the  
applicant must either meet condition (1) or its  
equivalent qualification as recognized by Tenri  
University, in addition to condition(4).

- (1) A bona fide foreign national who has  
completed, or is scheduled to complete by March  
2019, twelve years of elementary and secondary  
education under a foreign educational system, or  
the equivalent as recognized by the Ministry of  
Education, Culture, Sports, Science and  
Technology.
- (2) A bona fide foreign national who has finished  
nine years of education in a foreign country and  
who has graduated from a Japanese high school,  
or is scheduled to graduate by March, 2019.
- (3) A person recognized by the University as  
meeting the equivalent of the qualifications  
given under Item (1) or (2).
- (4) A person living outside Japan, who is eligible

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for a student visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, a person holding a residence status of student in Japan, or a person holding a status from which change to student status is possible.

Persons wishing to apply for admission based on Item (3) must first apply to the University for recognition of their qualifications during the following periods: (1) between September 21st and October 1st, 2018 in order to submit during the First Application Period, (2) between December 3rd and December 21st, 2018 in order to submit during the Second Application Period, and (3) between January 10th and January 17th, 2019 for the Third Application Period.

V) Application documents (required for submission)

- (1) Completed Application Form (supplied by the University).
- (2) Diploma/Certificate from the institution last attended, or a letter indicating expected graduation date.
- (3) Official transcript from applicant's high school and/or the institution last attended. In addition, students attending a Japanese language academy, must also submit a transcript or record of progress from that academy.
- (4) For applicants living in Japan: a Letter of Recommendation (on University provided form, written in Japanese or English) from either a homeroom teacher, principal, university dean, department chair, professor, instructor, or employer.

For applicants living overseas: two Letters of Recommendation.

- (5) A passport photo pasted on the form supplied by the University.
- (6) For applicants living in Japan: copies of the front and back of the Alien Registration Certificate or Resident Card.

For applicants living overseas: a copy of an official document, such as a passport, which certifies the applicant's nationality.

VI) The application fee of ¥35,000 must be wired to the University designated bank account. A Transfer form will be provided.

For more information on the selection process, refer to *Nyushi Gaido (Handbook for the Entrance Exam)* and *Freshman Application Guide for International*

*Students or Home Page of Tenri University.* For application materials and inquiries about the application procedure, contact the Admissions Office.

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## Expenses

### Tuition and Fees

The University offers 30% tuition reductions to those holding a student visa. A student may not be considered for the tuition reductions, however, if s/he is financially well supported, has not earned a certain number of credits, or has enrolled in the University for more than four years.

Because the tuition reductions are applied only after entrance to the University, it is necessary for the full tuition to be remitted during the entry process. The amount of the reduction is subsequently refunded after entrance to the University. From the second year on the same procedure will be taken: the refund will be made after the full tuition is received and the student's eligibility is checked.

Costs after the tuition reduction are given in **bold type** (see below). Data are for the 2017 Academic Year.

|                               | First year  | From second year on                                       |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Entrance Fee                  | ¥150,000  | —   |
| Tuition                       | ¥660,000<br><b>(¥462,000 after<br/>tuition reduction)</b>   | ¥660,000<br><b>(¥462,000 after<br/>tuition reduction)</b> |
| Facilities<br>Enhancement Fee | ¥180,000  | ¥230,000  |
| Student<br>Activity Fee       | ¥18,000   | ¥10,000   |
| Parents'<br>Association Fee   | ¥30,000   | ¥30,000   |
| Alumni<br>Association Fee     | ¥40,000   | —   |
| Total                         | ¥1,078,000<br><b>(¥880,000 after<br/>tuition reduction)</b> | ¥930,000<br><b>(¥732,000 after<br/>tuition reduction)</b> |



*Other Expenses*

Figures given below indicate standard levels of cost. Actual costs will vary according to individual needs.

## HOUSING

Dormitory (approximate) : ¥39,000-44,500/month  
(includes three meals daily)

Apartment (approximate) : ¥30,000-50,000/month  
(key money and deposit extra)

## PERSONAL EXPENSES

Approximately ¥40,000-50,000 is needed monthly for various expenses such as food, books, clothes and transportation.

## INSURANCE

Students are obligated to join the National Health Insurance Program and may apply for the Medical Fee Reimbursement Program through the University. The annual cost for the National Health Insurance Program is approximately ¥20,000.

## Scholarships

- I) Tenri University Foreign Student Scholarship  
¥140,000 a year awarded to ten individuals at each level of study from the first through the fourth years.
- II) Tenri University Special Foreign Student Scholarship  
¥20,000/month for one year awarded to six individuals. Eligibility is limited to second through fourth year students.
- III) Tenri Yoki Scholarship  
¥100,000/year awarded to four students.
- IV) Tenri University Artman Okamoto Scholarship  
¥300,000 a year awarded to four students. Eligibility is limited to Tenrikyo follower international students.
- V) The Korean Scholarship Foundation Scholarship  
¥25,000 a month for one year is awarded to one



Korean student.

- VI) JEES (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) Scholarship  
¥50,000 a month for one year is awarded to a few international students.
- VII) Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students  
¥48,000/month for one year, awarded annually to one individual. Eligibility is limited to second through fourth year students.
- VIII) Yoneyama Undergraduate Course Scholarship, by Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation  
¥100,000 a month for one to two years, awarded annually to one or two individuals. Eligibility is limited to third or fourth year students.
- IX) Nakajima Peace Foundation Foreign Students Scholarship  
¥100,000/month for one year, awarded annually to one individual. Eligibility is limited to third and fourth year students.
- X) SGH Foundation Scholarship  
¥100,000/month for upto two years, awarded to international students from ASEAN nations. Eligibility is limited to third year students.

In addition, a University short-term loan program is available to assist students facing unexpected financial difficulties.

## Course Summary

Students in this course, based upon the Japanese ability of each individual, learn not only the four skills of “hearing” “speaking” “reading” “writing” in a good balance under a small personalized education system, but this course also aims to show how these assets can be utilized through a deeper understanding from different angles and from various specialties about Japanese society and culture which opened to the world from the 21st century.

- I) Faculty (the full-time staff, in alphabetical order)  
Harumichi Fukagawa, M.A., Indiana University (1996)  
Kōzō Fukui, M.A., Ritsumeikan University (2013)  
Yasuaki Katada M.A., Kangwon National University (1987)  
Noriyuki Kikuchi M.A., Tsukuba University (1998)  
Noriya Sumihara Ph.D. New York University (1992)  
Tomoko Tsutsumi M.A., Osaka University of Foreign Studies (1983)

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## II) Courses and Degree Requirements

The Faculty of International Studies requires the completion of at least 124 credits for the Bachelor's degree. The numbers of credits required for separate course categories are given in the following table, along with a partial listing of courses.

| Course Categories                      | Course Titles (partial listing)  | Credits   |
|--|--|-----------|
|  |  | Re-quired |
| <i>Comprehensive Education Courses</i> |  |           |
| Tenrikyo Subjects                      | Tenrikyo Theology A 1, A 2   | 4         |
| Tenri Spirit Course                    | Tenri Spirit and Modern Society  | 2         |
| <i>Basic Education Courses</i>         |  |           |
| Freshman Seminar                       | Freshman Seminar   | 2         |
| Health Education Courses               | Health Sports Science 1  | 2         |
| Remedial                               | Introduction to Computers<br>The Basics of Modern History  | 2         |
| <i>General Education Courses</i>       |  |           |
| Career Courses                         | Career Planning, etc.  | 2         |
| Thematic Topic Courses                 | Thematic Topic Courses 1~22  | 2         |
| General Courses                        | Introductory Topics on Japan 1   | 2         |
| <i>Specialized Subjects</i>            |  |           |
| Shared Courses                         | Introduction to Japanese Culture<br>International Culture Theory<br>Intercultural Communication 1,2  | 8         |
| Japanese Studies Courses               | Introduction to Japanese Research<br>Introduction to Nara Studies<br>Area Studies Research Methods   | 6         |
|  | Japan in the World<br>Global Cultural Interaction and Japan  | 4         |
|  | <b>Introduction to Japanese A</b> (Conversation), (Grammar A) (Grammar B), (Reading), (Composition), (Orthography), (Comprehensive), (Expression)<br><b>Introduction to Japanese B</b> (Conversation), (Grammar A) (Grammar B), (Reading), (Composition), (Orthography), (Comprehensive), (Expression) | ※16       |

| Course Categories        | Course Titles (partial listing)  | Credits   |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|
|                          |  | Re-quired |
| Japanese Studies Courses | <b>Basic Japanese A</b> (Conversation), (Grammar A) (Grammar B), (Reading), (Composition), (Orthography), (Comprehensive), (Expression)<br><b>Basic Japanese B</b> (Conversation), (Grammar A) (Grammar B), (Reading), (Composition), (Orthography), (Comprehensive), (Expression) | ※16       |
|                          | <b>Advanced Japanese A</b> (Practical), (Conversation), (Composition), (Reading), (Business Japanese)<br><b>Advanced Japanese B</b> (Practical), (Conversation), (Composition), (Reading), (Business Japanese)   | 16        |
|                          | Japanese Lifestyle, Japanese Cultural Expressions, Japanese Society, Nara Studies, Japanese Communication, Japanese Cultural Spirit, Japanese Multiculturalism   | 10        |
|                          | Japanese Lifestyle Topics, Japanese Cultural Expression Topics, Japanese Societal Topics, Nara Studies Topics, Japanese Information Cultural Topics, Japanese Environmental Topics, Japanese Cultural Management Topics  | 10        |
|                          | Seminar on Japanese Lifestyles<br>Seminar on Japanese Cultural Expressions<br>Seminar on Japanese Culture and Society<br>Seminar on Nara Studies   | 8         |
|                          | Graduation Thesis<br>Graduation Research Project   | 4<br>(2)  |

The “Basic Japanese Courses (A and B)” are required classes. However, for beginning level language students it is necessary to first complete the “Introduction to Japanese (A and B)” courses.

### Japanese Teacher Training Program

This is a Japanese Studies Course sub-program which provides qualifications and training for Japanese language teachers who wish to teach Japanese to foreigners.

A certificate of the program's completion is conferred by Tenri University at the time of graduation to those persons who have successfully completed the program.

In order to complete the program it is necessary to finish 28 required credits, and 6 elective credits,

making a total of 34 credits, and after accumulating knowledge in Japanese language pedagogy (phonetics, vocabulary, grammar, comparative language studies) and Japanese language teaching methodology, during the fourth year the student actually teaches Japanese language in an educational institute outside the university as a form of “Japanese Student Teaching.”

It can be said that a strength of the program lies in the ability of foreign students to study while comparing Japanese with their own mother tongue.

This program is not only for those people who want to teach Japanese after graduation in Japan, but it is also recommended for those with an interest in studying Japanese at a deeper level.

## Campus Life

### I) *Academic Calendar*

The academic year is comprised of two semesters. The Spring Semester begins in April and continues until the end of July, and the Fall Semester begins in mid-September and continues until the beginning of February.

### II) *Extracurricular Activities*

There are various clubs at Tenri University, such as ESS (the English Speaking Society), Gagaku (traditional court music), Calligraphy, Tea Ceremony, Archery (Japanese and Western), Judo, Aikido, Karate, and Kendo. Many international students participate with fellow Japanese students in club activities and the Student Government.

## Graduate School and Employment Placement of Recent Graduates

### I) *Graduate Schools*

Osaka University, Osaka Kyoiku University, Osaka University of Economics, Osaka Prefecture University, Kyoto University, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, Kyoto Sangyo University, Kobe University, Nara Women's University, Nara University of Education, Hiroshima University, Poole Gakuin University, etc.

### II) *Employment of Recent Graduates*

AEON Delight, Ltd., Eat & Company, Excedy Corporation, MST Corporation, Ltd. Kansai Airport Washington Hotel, Kyoorikobo Corporation, International Material Encourage, Saraya Corporation, SONIA Corporation, Tatsuno Corporation, Nagai Gakuen (School), Hotel Asyl (Nara), Yodobashi Camera, Ltd. Tenjin Zenyaku



Animal Health Co. Ltd., Sumitomo Corporation (Taiwan), Kuozui Motors, Ltd. (Taiwan), and others.

## Affiliated Institutions

### I) *Tenri University Library*

Established in 1930, the Library's current holdings of over 1,480,000 volumes include materials especially noteworthy in the areas of religion, literature, and East Asian studies. Its collection of rare books, which includes over one hundred and fifty items designated as National Treasures, Valuable Cultural Properties and Important Artworks, is internationally well-known.

### II) *Tenri Sankokan Museum*

Established in 1930, the Museum holds over 300,000 items, three thousand of which are always on display, of various ethnological, archaeological, and art materials, not only from Asia, but from Europe, the Americas, and Africa. The Museum promotes understanding of the cultures of the world by focusing on artifacts that were in actual daily use.

### III) *Oyasato Institute for the Study of Religion*

Formerly the Tenrikyo Research Institute for Asian Cultures, the Oyasato Institute for the Study of Religion was established in order to examine and research religions and religious affairs of Asia. The name was changed to its present form in 1956. Publications issued from the Institute include *Tenrikyo jiten* (Tenrikyo Encyclopedia) and the periodicals, *Tenri Journal of Religion* and *Glocal Tenri*.