

Department of Russian Studies

The Department of Russian Studies welcomes students with the following interests and qualities:

1. Those students who are interested in Russian language, culture and history.
2. Those students who have both the courage to make mistakes and the willingness to utilize them in the learning of a foreign language.
3. Those students who can embrace various existing ways of thinking, as well as accept new and different customs with an open mind.



Russia is a country with a long history of culture, ideas, and art, and it is always changing. It is situated across the Sea of Japan and is attracting more and more attention as a result of its recent growth.

The Department of Russian Studies allows a student to specialize in Russian, a language which has various inflections, unlike English. The Department utilizes native teachers, and classes are composed of small numbers of students. Grammar and pronunciation are the foundation to the study of Russian, and they are harmonized through reading and conversation.

In the first year, students learn the alphabet, basic grammar and conversation. Then in the second year, they develop a fundamental understanding of reading and writing. In the third and fourth years, students read and translate Russian literature, newspapers, and magazines.

By the time they graduate from the Department of Russian Studies, students will have been able to embrace all aspects of Russian language, literature, and culture.

Curriculum

During the first two years of study, the aim is to learn the grammar that is essential to correctly understanding Russian. We also offer classes that focus on sound in order to accustom students to Russian rhythm and intonation, which enables them to understand basic spoken Russian. Then, during the final two years of study, the aim is for students to acquire a stronger sense of the Russian language through reading various kinds of texts, through two different methods. One method explores the differences between spoken language and written language in terms of grammar and style. The other method explores the similarities and differences between the forms of journalism and literature. Additionally, classes about Eastern European countries adjacent to Russia, as well as Caucasian and Central Asian culture, history, and society are offered. Every year, we invite an exchange teacher from the University of Moscow in Russia.



Department of Chinese Studies

The Department of Chinese Studies welcomes students with the following interests and qualities:

1. Those who are interested in Chinese, Chinese literature, culture, and society.
2. Those who can analyze and solve problems by themselves and make steady progress in learning.
3. Those who want to work in a global field by utilizing the expertise they gain at university.



With its recent, remarkable economic development, China's presence and power in the world is growing stronger. Accordingly, the importance of Chinese as a major international language is also increasing.

Since its inception, the Department of Chinese Studies has consistently emphasized practical Chinese education. As a first goal, we set the acquisition of Chinese that is useful in China's changing social situation, economy, and culture. We also foster specialists who can be successful in international fields.

Every year, we invite exchange teachers from Fudan University and Beijing Language and Culture University, and these native Chinese teachers concentrate on teaching pronunciation in small-group classes. In this course, students learn about the function of language itself (phonology and grammar), expression (literature or drama), and gain an awareness of the

diversity of Chinese-speaking countries. We also aim to improve the problem-solving skills and critical thinking ability of students after they have developed a solid base in the Chinese language.

Students from our Chinese Department often win prizes at highly competitive speech contests.

We believe that a useful Chinese education produces a steady flow of successful results.

Curriculum

The Department of Chinese Studies sets as its first educational goal the acquisition of Chinese. It aims to foster international specialists who can be involved in fields related to China from a global point of view, with high-level Chinese language skills, and a great deal of expertise.