

Department of Spanish Studies

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

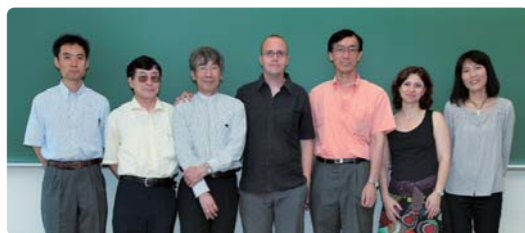
1. Those who are interested in Spain and Latin America and their different cultures.
2. Those who approach problems aggressively, work hard, and have an indomitable spirit.
3. Those who have intellectual curiosity and positive behavioral abilities.



Spanish is spoken not only in Spain but also in many areas centering around Spanish cultural regions, including Latin America. Spanish is a highly internationalized language which is used by more than 300 million people in 20 countries as an official language.

Students will be exposed to the Spanish language by a full-time native teacher. They will also be encouraged to express their own opinions, and in doing so, will work toward the mastery of the Spanish language.

Students will enjoy their daily lives while pursuing their hopes and dreams at this university. After graduating, some students will enter a company by taking advantage of their language abilities, while others may decide on an academic career. The Department will not only help students master the Spanish language, but also prepare them for being an active member of international society.



Faculty members with Mr. Pajares (a novelist, at the center)

Curriculum

This department aims to help students acquire good Spanish-language skills which can be used in the real world, in addition to deep knowledge about the culture that serves as the background of the language.

Students take six classes every week during their first through third years, and four classes in their fourth year, and the length of each class is 1.5 hours. These classes which are taught by native speakers, focus on grammar, reading, writing, and speaking.

Additionally, students can deepen their knowledge of Spanish in the following classes: Introduction to Spanish Linguistics, Studies in Spanish Linguistics (student presentations required), and Topics in Spanish Linguistics. Classes in Culture are also offered: History of Spanish and Latin American Literature, Studies and Topics in Spanish Linguistics and Culture, History of Latin American Culture, Latin American Society, and Area Study of Latin America.

Moreover, every year, approximately 15 students in their third year of study take part in an exchange program with our partner university in Spain, and we have an annual exchange teacher program with University of Alcalá in Spain.



Department of International Relations

The Department of International Relations welcomes students with the following interests and qualities:

1. Those students who want to work on the international stage using English and other languages.
2. Those students who want to work on global problems concerning peace, human rights, and social economic development.
3. Those students who want to become a specialist or a researcher who specializes in international problems and cultural conflict.

The Department of International Relations was established in 1987. The goal of the Department is to redefine our understanding of our own country by learning about the languages, politics, economies, and cultures of foreign countries, and to deepen the understanding of the relationship between Japan and the world through those learning processes.

Department of International Relations is committed to instilling in its graduates such qualities.



Curriculum

The curriculum of the Department of International Relations is aimed chiefly at training students to react at a high level of ability to "the modern world." Throughout their four years of college, students will enhance their practical English skills by taking the English Major Course along with a Minor Language Course, a combination which aims to cultivate the ability of managing more than one language. Additionally, by taking the Department's basic subject and common subject courses, students will be exposed to a variety of current knowledge in the international world. Then, by taking the Department's core subjects which are in the established fields of law, politics, and economy—all of which are taught from an interdisciplinary perspective—along with the Department's optional subjects, students will acquire the knowledge to make their language skills more practical, so that they can perform well in the real world. In their third and fourth years, students will be required to choose a seminar and write a graduation thesis under the tutelage of professors who specialize in international relations and cross-cultural understanding.



English is the Department's main adopted language, and the curriculum is designed to help students acquire the qualities necessary to become active international citizens. Through this curriculum, students are able to study a foreign language (mainly English), along with various specializations such as law, politics, economics, business administration, society, and culture. Also, junior- and senior-level students are required to participate in a seminar and to write a graduation thesis on a self-chosen topic.

International society is now facing a situation in which the conventional ideologies and the sense of values are changing. Additionally, it is facing the global mobilization of people, objects, and money. As a result, graduates who can manage such complex issues with interdisciplinary knowledge and a well-balanced international outlook supported by wisdom will be needed in the 21st century. The

