

Academic Fees

Academic fees in Japan are not as high as those in the United States and the United Kingdom. The admission and tuition fees, etc. for the first year in an undergraduate program in Japan total around ¥820,000 (US\$7,200)* at a national university, ¥930,000 (US\$8,200) at a local public university, and ¥1,100,000 (US\$9,700) to ¥1,640,000 (US\$14,400) at a private university (excluding medical, dental and pharmaceutical schools).

In addition, **Japan's scholarship programs and tuition exemption/reduction programs are more extensive than those in other countries.**

The first academic year's school expenses include the admission fee, tuition fee, facility/equipment usage fee, among other things. Please note that admission fee is payable for the first year only.

* This does not apply for some national universities.

Average academic fees for the first academic year Unit: JPY and USD (calculated at the rate of US\$1 = ¥114)

● Graduate schools

Graduate schools		Admission fee (first year only)	Tuition fees, etc.	First-year total		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	JPY	JPY	USD	JPY	USD
National (Master's program)		282,000	535,800	817,800	7,174	1,353,600	11,874
Local public (Master's program)		364,727	537,878	902,605	7,918	1,440,483	12,636
Private (Master's program)	Arts	222,861	1,218,547	1,441,408	12,644	2,659,955	23,333
	Engineering	208,111	951,607	1,159,718	10,173	2,111,325	18,520
	Health care	246,845	853,128	1,099,973	9,649	1,953,101	17,132
	Science	199,244	886,464	1,085,708	9,524	1,972,172	17,300
	Agriculture & Veterinary science	218,358	802,136	1,020,494	8,952	1,822,630	15,988
	Pharmacy	185,250	834,025	1,019,275	8,941	1,853,300	16,257
	Home economics	239,091	718,855	957,946	8,403	1,676,801	14,709
	Liberal arts	202,894	735,827	938,721	8,234	1,674,548	14,689
	Social science	211,083	686,458	897,541	7,873	1,583,999	13,895
	Medicine	189,725	699,422	889,147	7,800	1,588,569	13,935
	Humanities	203,895	645,808	849,703	7,454	1,495,511	13,119
National (doctoral program)		282,000	535,800	817,800	7,174	1,889,400	16,574
Local public (doctoral program)		364,727	537,878	902,605	7,918	1,978,361	17,354
Private (Doctorate program)	Arts	233,986	1,100,426	1,334,412	11,705	3,535,264	31,011
	Health care	258,951	799,934	1,058,885	9,288	2,658,753	23,322
	Science	204,346	792,232	996,578	8,742	2,581,042	22,641
	Agriculture & Veterinary science	218,483	802,160	1,020,643	8,953	2,624,963	23,026
	Engineering	189,363	797,539	986,902	8,657	2,581,980	22,649
	Home economics	236,928	718,085	955,013	8,377	2,391,183	20,975
	Pharmacy	179,545	716,022	895,567	7,856	2,327,611	20,418
	Liberal arts	225,912	690,116	916,028	8,035	2,296,260	20,143
	Dentistry	232,075	642,666	874,741	7,673	2,160,073	18,948
	Social science	202,430	612,401	814,831	7,148	2,039,633	17,892
	Humanities	206,800	583,535	790,335	6,933	1,957,405	17,170
	Medicine	174,718	533,549	708,267	6,213	1,775,365	15,573

* Calculations for master's programs include the admission fee plus two years of tuition fees, etc.; for doctoral programs, the total includes the admission fee plus three years of tuition fees, etc.

● University undergraduate programs

University undergraduate programs		Admission fee (first year only)	Tuition fees, etc.	First-year total		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	JPY	JPY	USD	JPY	USD
National		282,000	535,800	817,800	7,174	2,425,200	21,274
Local public		393,618	538,633	932,251	8,178	2,548,150	22,352
Private	Medicine	1,325,507	3,717,720	5,043,227	44,239	23,631,827	207,297
	Dentistry	563,403	3,725,836	4,289,239	37,625	22,918,419	201,039
	Pharmacy	341,541	1,741,001	2,082,542	18,268	10,787,547	94,628
	Arts	259,312	1,376,891	1,636,203	14,353	5,766,876	50,587
	Health care	272,467	1,228,341	1,500,808	13,165	5,185,831	45,490
	Science & Engineering	242,670	1,231,676	1,474,346	12,933	5,169,374	45,345
	Agriculture & Veterinary science	246,282	1,166,879	1,413,161	12,396	4,913,798	43,103
	Physical education	258,265	1,035,887	1,294,152	11,352	4,401,813	38,612
	Home economics	255,704	997,399	1,253,103	10,992	4,245,300	37,239
	Literature & Education	233,136	952,976	1,186,112	10,404	4,045,040	35,483
	Social welfare	214,439	930,751	1,145,190	10,046	3,937,443	34,539
	Law, Commerce & Economics	232,284	920,231	1,152,515	10,110	3,913,208	34,326
	Theology & Buddhism	214,288	888,940	1,103,228	9,677	3,770,048	33,071

* Calculations for private medical, dental and pharmacology programs include the admission fee plus six years of tuition fees; other programs are calculated as the admission fee plus four years of tuition fees.

● Junior colleges

Junior colleges		Admission fee (first year only)	Tuition fees, etc.	First-year total		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	JPY	JPY	USD	JPY	USD
Private	Arts	251,226	1,181,574	1,432,800	12,568	2,614,374	22,933
	Engineering	209,388	1,051,438	1,260,826	11,060	2,312,264	20,283
	Science & Agriculture	194,615	910,962	1,105,577	9,698	2,016,539	17,689
	Humanities	242,942	868,122	1,111,064	9,746	1,979,186	17,361
	Education & Childcare	250,742	852,536	1,103,278	9,678	1,955,814	17,156
	Home economics	245,642	861,628	1,107,270	9,713	1,968,898	17,271
	Law, Commerce, Economics & Social science	233,823	845,376	1,079,199	9,467	1,924,575	16,882
	Physical education	238,571	816,286	1,054,857	9,253	1,871,143	16,414

*Calculated as the admission fee plus two years of tuition fees.

● Colleges of technology

College of technology		Admission fee (first year only)	Tuition fees, etc.	First-year total		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	JPY	JPY	USD	JPY	USD
National		84,600	234,600	319,200	2,800	788,400	6,916

*Calculated as the admission fee plus three years of tuition fees.

● Professional training colleges

Professional training colleges		Admission fee (first year only)	Tuition fees, etc.	First-year total		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	JPY	JPY	USD	JPY	USD
Private	Hygiene	165,500	1,345,750	1,511,250	13,257	2,857,000	25,061
	Medical care	249,000	1,166,714	1,415,714	12,419	2,582,428	22,653
	Technology	213,333	1,096,500	1,309,833	11,490	2,406,333	21,108
	Agriculture	180,000	1,107,000	1,287,000	11,289	2,394,000	21,000
	Education & Social welfare	145,750	933,500	1,079,250	9,467	2,012,750	17,656
	Business	133,750	982,250	1,116,000	9,789	2,098,250	18,406
	Culture & General education	153,000	1,019,000	1,172,000	10,281	2,191,000	19,219
	Fashion & Home economics	183,000	902,000	1,085,000	9,518	1,987,000	17,430

*Calculated as the admission fee plus two years of tuition fees.

● Japanese language institutes

Preparatory Japanese language programs offered at private universities and junior colleges	Tuition fees, etc.	
	JPY	USD
1-year course	400,000 to 755,000	3,509 to 6,623
18-month course	642,000 to 1,100,000	5,632 to 9,649
2-year course	1,070,000 to 1,420,000	9,386 to 12,456

Source: Japan Student Services Organization research

Japanese language institutes	Tuition fees, etc.	
	JPY	USD
1-year course	600,000 to 997,400	5,263 to 8,749
18-month course	772,000 to 1,530,000	6,772 to 13,421
2-year course	1,006,000 to 2,000,000	8,825 to 17,544

Source: Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education research

Reference: Tuition fees and other university expenses in the US and UK

		One year		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	USD	JPY	USD
US	Local public four-year university	2,920,680	25,620	11,682,720	102,480
	Private four-year university	3,960,360	34,740	15,841,440	138,960

* Calculated as tuition fees and other university expenses for four years.

Source: Guidebook for the students studying in the U.S. 2019 (*Amerika Ryugaku Guide 2019*), Keibunsha

		One year		Total up to graduation*	
		JPY	GBP	JPY	GBP
UK	Liberal arts program	1,500,000 to 2,400,000	10,000 to 16,000	4,500,000 to 7,200,000	30,000 to 48,000
	Science program	1,800,000 to 3,750,000	12,000 to 25,000	5,400,000 to 11,250,000	36,000 to 75,000
	Medical course	3,300,000 to 6,000,000	22,000 to 40,000	9,900,000 to 18,000,000	66,000 to 120,000

*Calculated as tuition fees and other university expenses for three years.

Source: Guidebook for the students studying in the U.K. 2018 (*Eikoku Ryugaku Guidebook 2018*), British Council

Calculated at 1 GBP = 150 JPY