

To international students,

International Office (IO)
Nagoya University of Foreign Studies

NUFS Cross Cultural Exchange by Online in Fall 2021

We hope you are all well and safe. This is the International Office at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (NUFS). We would like to offer the “NUFS Cross Cultural Exchange by Online” to NUFs students and international students from partner institutions. This program is aimed at student-to-student interaction and language learning. We look forward to having you join us!

Period [8 weeks in total]

Session 1: From Monday, October 18th to Sunday, November 14th [4 weeks]

Session 2: From Monday, November 22nd to Sunday, December 19th [4 weeks]

*The group members will be changed in the first and the second sessions.

Participants

Partner Universities: Students who would like to exchange language and culture with Japanese students

NUFS: Students who would like to exchange language and culture with international students

Program

I. Orientation *Please be sure to participate or watch the archived video.

- Date: 5 p.m. October 11th Monday (JAPAN TIME)
- Using device: ZOOM
- Way to participate: We will inform you of the participation URL beforehand.
- Details: Explanation of implementation method

II. Weekly online exchange

- Date and time: Once a week, 1 hour * Please discuss with your group members and decide the date and time.
- Using device: Discord (<https://discord.com/>) * We will inform you how to use Discord.
- Languages: ① Japanese and English ② English only ③ Japanese and French ④ Japanese and Chinese
*If you choose ①, ③ or ④, please do language exchange using Japanese plus English, French or Chinese, (For example, if you choose ①, your group members speak Japanese for 30 minutes + English for 30 minutes.)
- For non-native English speakers: English level B2 (CEFR) is desirable if you choose ① Japanese and English or ② English only”.

* This is not the case for NUFs students as they are learning English. Please help NUFs students practice English conversation. NUFs students will help you with your Japanese conversation as well.

CEFR comparison table

| CEFR | Cambridge English | IELTS | TEAP | TEP CBT | TOEFL iBT | TOEIC L&R TOEIC S&W |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---|
| C2 | CPE (200+) | 8.5-9.0 | | | | |
| C1 | CAE (180-199) | 7.0-8.0 | 400 | 800 | 95-120 | 1305-1390 L&R 945- S&W 360- |
| B2 | FCE (160-179) | 5.5-6.5 | 334-399 | 600-795 | 72-94 | 1095-1300 L&R 785- S&W 310- |
| B1 | PET (140-159) | 4.0-5.0 | 226-333 | 420-595 | 42-71 | 790-1090 L&R 225- S&W 160- |
| A2 | KET (120-139) | 3.0 | 150-225 | 235-415 | | 385-785 L&R 225- S&W 160- |
| A1 | | 2.0 | | | | 200-380 L&R 120- S&W 80- |

Details:

- We will make groups. Each group has 2 NUFS students and 1 or 2 partners' students.
- Before you start online exchanges, each group should decide the date and time. Please decide the time for weekly meetings in consideration of the time difference.
- A weekly theme will be suggested by the IO. You can discuss a theme of your own choosing if you want.
<Examples of theme>
Cultural differences (food, housing, employment, university classes, club activities, leisure time), Favorite music & movies & TV dramas & sports, how to spend time during COVID-19, travel, etc.

The number to be accepted:

Maximum 150

Participation fee

Free

How to apply

Please go to the following URL to complete your application.

URL: <https://forms.gle/SoCdKzKfNJpXpv2e7>

Application period

From Monday, September 20th to 11:59p.m., Sunday, October 3rd (Japan Time)

*We will have a lottery in case more than 150 students apply for the program. We will send emails to all the participants on Tuesday, October 5th (Japan Time).

Announcement of group members **The following dates are subject to change.*

Session 1: Wednesday, October 6th

Session 2: Monday, November 15th

Notes **Please be sure to check the following and agree to them before applying for participation.*

- Please be sure to participate every time, and if you are unavoidably absent, please contact the group members in advance. If all NUFS students or partner university students are absent, please reschedule as much as possible and try to hold a meeting every week.
- Please note that in the unlikely case that group members do not participate in the program, we will not be able to take steps such as the introduction of another group.
- If you lose contact with us and group members during this program, we will cancel your participation.
- Please note that if we are unable to match the group because of language usage or the number of participants, you may not be able to join the program.

Contacts

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Office hour: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Japan Time)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.