

# Guidelines for EJU

## Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students

～ Pre-Arrival Admission Using the EJU ～



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### EJU website

<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/>



## Introduction

The entrance exam is a combination of several tests listed below. Many universities (undergraduate programs) and other institutions of higher education in Japan have their special entrance examinations prepared for international students.

- (1) Application screening
- (2) Test on academic ability
- (3) Interview
- (4) Short essay
- (5) Other competence and aptitude tests
- (6) **EJU** (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students)
- (7) JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)
- (8) National Center Test for University Entrance Admissions

\*The entrance exam method differs depending on schools, so check the entrance exam information for each schools.

In this booklet, introducing EJU which are used as entrance exam in many universities in Japan and Pre-Arrival Admission using EJU which allows students to apply to schools of choice in Japan by taking the EJU in their own countries.



# The EJU (The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students) (as of March 2022)

**EJU is an exam designed for international students wishing to enroll and study at Japanese universities on their Japanese proficiency and basic academic abilities.**

More than 890 universities, professional and vocational universities, junior colleges, graduate schools, colleges of technology (KOSEN) and professional training college in Japan that accept international students into their programs recognize the scores on this examination in screening the admission of those students.

More than 180 institutions have introduced "**Pre-Arrival Admission**" - a program approach enabling international students to take the EJU outside of Japan, then apply for admission to schools on the basis of the examination results etc. without traveling to Japan for screening.

## 1. Examination Site

Japan : 17 prefectures

Outside Japan : 18 overseas cities in 14 countries and regions

Overseas contact for EJU

<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/contact/index.html>



EJU can be taken in the following cities:

Bangkok, Busan, Chiang Mai, Colombo, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, New Delhi, Seoul, Singapore, Surabaya, Taipei, Ulaanbaatar, Vladivostok, Yangon



## 2. Examination Dates

The EJU is offered twice each year - in June (the 1st session) and November (the 2nd session).

## 3. From the sitting of the exam to the announcement of results

	1st session	2nd session	
① Application period	February ~ March	July	Obtain the "Bulletin of the EJU", pay the exam fee and send out your application form. ※ Never fail to check the application period because it changes annually.
② Sending of Exam Voucher	May	October	The exam voucher will be sent out.
③ Examination Date	June	November	Sit for EJU
④ Receipt of Score Report	July	December	The result will be notified online. (Examinees overseas will also be notified by their Score Report.) JASSO submits the results of the examinees to the university to which they have applied upon inquiry from those universities.

## 4. Examination Subjects and Languages Used in the Examination

From the following four subjects, applicants are requested to select and undergo testing in the subjects indicated by their school of choice.

Note that the "Science" and "Japan and the World" subjects cannot be taken at the same time. Examinees select either subject.

Subjects	Time	Selection of subjects	Score range	Language used for examination
Japanese as a Foreign Language	125 min.		Reading Comprehension, Listening and Listening-Reading Comprehension 0 ~ 400 points Writing 0 ~ 50 points	Japanese only
Basic academic abilities	Science 80 min.	Select two of the following subjects : physics, chemistry or biology	0 ~ 200 points	Selective, either Japanese or English
	Japan and the World 80 min.			
	Math. 80 min.	Select one of the following subjects : Course 1 or Course 2	0 ~ 200 points	

### [Explanations]

#### - Japanese as a Foreign Language

Measurement of the Japanese language skills (academic Japanese) required for studying at Japanese universities.

Writing (30 min.) → Reading Comprehension (40 min.) → Listening-Reading Comprehension and Listening Comprehension (combined time approx 55 min.)

#### - Science

Three subjects (Physics, Chemistry and Biology). Measurement of the basic academic skills in science necessary for studying in a science department of a Japanese university.

On the examination day, applicants are requested to select two of these three subjects based upon the requirements of the school to which they are applying. (100 points for each subject)

#### - Japan and the World

"Japan and the World" is a subject unique to the EJU. Measurement of the basic academic skills in liberal arts, particularly thinking and logical abilities, necessary for studying at Japanese universities.

It is a combination of the "Civics" (focused on politics and economics), "Geography" and "History" subjects taught at the high school level in Japan.

#### - Mathematics

Measurement of the basic academic skills in mathematics necessary for studying at Japanese universities.

Course 1: Liberal arts programs, science programs requiring relatively limited knowledge of mathematics

Course 2: Academic programs requiring relatively advanced knowledge of mathematics

Following the requirements of their school of choice, applicants are requested to select one of these two mathematics courses on the examination day.

### 5. Methods of Response

For Japanese as a Foreign Language, the multiple choice and written response formats are used.

For Science, Japan and the World and Mathematics the multiple-choice format is adopted.

### 6. EJU Syllabus

The EJU syllabus conforms to the Course of Study for high schools in Japan.

Refer to the syllabus page of the JASSO website for the subject matter covered in each subject of the EJU.

<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/syllabus/index.html>



### 7. Qualification for EJU and Number of Exams

No qualification is required to take the EJU. No age limits apply. Anybody can take it a number of times.

### 8. Schools using EJU

More than 890 universities (almost all national universities) and other higher educational institutions in Japan consider EJU scores in their admission process for international students.

<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/use/index.html>



### 9. EJU Score Validity Period

The EJU may be taken as number of times. However, only the four most recent exam results are valid (for two years), with students able to submit only one set of results to their desired school of application.

For example, let's say that "University A" accepts scores from three different EJU sessions November of 2020 2nd session, June of 2021 1st session and November of 2021 2nd session. If you have taken two or all of those exams, you may submit to that university the examination number for the single session that you feel represents your best scores from among all of those results.

✓ How the results are used varies by the specific school. Some programs permit use of results from any of the past four sessions; others permit only the first session (or only the second session) from the year of application, and so forth. In view of this, applicants are requested to confirm the requirements at schools of choice.

✓ The results of examinations taken at different times may also not be submitted for selected subjects. For example, you cannot submit your 1st session (June) score for Japanese as a Foreign Language together with your 2nd session (November) score for Japan and the World.

### 10. Examinees with Disabilities

If you need testing venues to be made for you to take the examination due to an illness, injury or disorder etc., please contact the EJU Overseas Representative and request instructions on how to apply for testing venues before submitting the EJU application.

✓ There are institutions that accept consultations regarding consideration for taking an exam and consideration after going on to school.

<https://doit-japan.org/contact/>



## Q1 Where is it possible to view sample questions from the EJU?

**A1** Books containing the questions that appeared in past examinations are sold at the Japanese language studies corner of major bookstores throughout Japan. They may also be viewed at EJU Overseas Representatives, JASSO Overseas Offices located in Indonesia, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam etc.

JASSO Overseas Office  
[https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/study\\_j/jeic/index.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/study_j/jeic/index.html)



"Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (with sound CD)"



EJU Question Booklet (Publication)  
<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/publish.html>



Some of the past examination questions are published on our website.

EJU Questions and Answers  
[https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/pastpaper\\_sample/index.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/pastpaper_sample/index.html)



## Q2 How can I study for the "Japan and the World" test?

**A2** The Japan and the World test comprehensively covers topics in civics, geography, and history. It serves to evaluate your basic knowledge of each area and your ability to reason from the information and figures presented in the questions. For an idea of the content of the test, refer to the syllabus and the sample examination questions posted on the JASSO website. The test focuses on civics-related topics, so you are encouraged to study Japanese high school textbooks, concentrating on politics, economics, and modern society as you go over the basic topics in Geography A, World History A, and Japanese History A.

## Step 1 Gathering general information on study in Japan

### Study in JAPAN

▶ <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/>

Search for schools, information on scholarships, information on events, Study in Japan Fairs, Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), Japan alumni associations, message from former international students

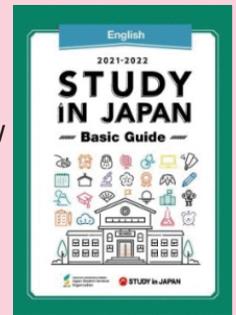
### Embassies and Consulates (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

▶ [https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/over/index.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/index.html)  
information for international students, information for study in japan, information on Japanese government scholarships

### "STUDY IN JAPAN Basic Guide"

Booklet summarizing information about "Study in Japan" to international students

▶ <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/other/sgtj>



## Step 2 Obtaining school information

Obtain information about "entrance examinations for privately financed international students" from web pages or bulletin of schools of choice.

✓ Some schools offer the online application system or allow students to request hard copy from their websites.



### Step 3 Confirming eligibility for taking entrance exams, testing methods and exam schedules

First, check your eligibility to take the examinations at schools of choice. Next, determine if you need to submit the results of the EJU. If so, confirm what EJU subjects are required by the particular school, as well as the language in which to take the EJU exams and which score (first or second session of the year) is accepted.

(Example of EJU requirements indicated by universities, etc.)

- Take EJU subjects Japanese as a Foreign Language, Japan and the World and Mathematics (Course 1).
- Take the Japan and the World and Mathematics (Course 1) tests in Japanese.
- Take the EJU 2022 second session given in November.

\*Schools using EJU(see page 6)

\*Schools offering Pre-Arrival Admission(see page 13)

### Step 4 EJU application

Obtain application materials from the EJU overseas representative (see page 4)

If you take EJU in Japan, apply online.(From 2021, online application only)

✓ Each university and other institution has its own requirements for these subjects, so be sure to sign up for the subjects indicated by your school of choice. Failure to comply with those requirements will disqualify you from applying to the school in question, so confirm in advance which exam subjects are required.

✓ Examination vouchers will be sent from the application office. Make sure you do not lose your voucher after taking the EJU because some universities require students to have examination vouchers for application.

\* Please note that only applying for EJU is not complete the application for the university admission exam.

### Step 5 Take the EJU

Read the bulletin carefully prior to taking the EJU.

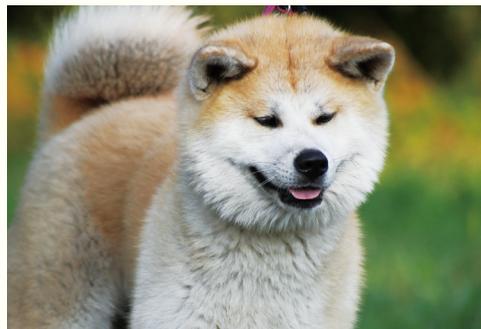
### Step 6 Turn in an application

✓ When applying to a university that uses the EJU, you are requested to write your EJU examination registration number on the application form or submit the hard copy of EJU examination voucher or score report.

✓ The university to which you applied will request JASSO to provide your score.

### Step 7 Admission procedures

If you are accepted based as result of screening, you will begin the procedures for admission to the school.



# Pre-Arrival Admission Using the EJU

## What is "Pre-Arrival Admission Using the EJU"?

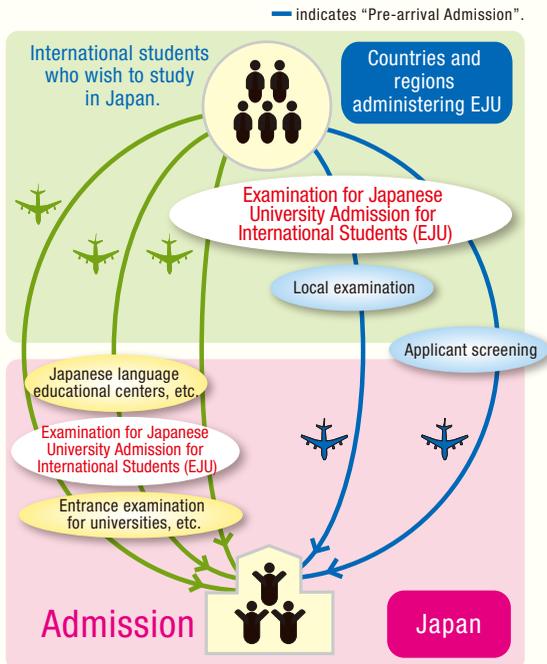
-Let's get admission while you stay in your country or region without going to Japan.-

Among universities and other institutions of higher education in Japan, more than **180** schools that administer the so-called "**Pre-Arrival Admission Using the EJU.**" Admission under this program, which allows students to apply to their schools of choice in Japan by taking the EJU in their own countries, is determined as follows.

- Take the EJU in one's own country, and apply directly to the institution of choice from that country.

- Admission decisions are based upon the results of the EJU, as well as the contents of high school transcripts and other required documents. (Certain universities conduct interviews and written examinations locally in the overseas countries.)

\* There is no need to travel to Japan to take the examination.



## Information on schools offering Pre-Arrival Admission

The following website posts information on universities and other schools offering Pre-Arrival Admission (names of the university, department, EJU exam subjects, required documents, etc.).

<http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/prearrival/>



✓ On EJU exam dates, information on some schools offering Pre-Arrival Admission is available.

✓ It is possible to obtain information at Japan Study Fairs, seminars and other sources.

## Acceptance Level of EJU regarding Pre-Arrival Admission

The acceptance level of EJU regarding Pre-Arrival Admission is posted on the following website.

(Only for schools allowing to announce the acceptance level).

[http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/prearrival/required\\_score.html](http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/prearrival/required_score.html)



## Scholarship (Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students)

### Voices from International Students Accepted through Pre-Arrival Admission Using the EJU

- "It was a cold time of the year in Japan when the examination was offered, and I was worried about getting sick. Taking the exam in my own country resolved that concern." (Malaysia)
- "This program allowed me to study hard in my home country without going to Japan. My success in being accepted for admission was a proud and joyous event not only for myself, but also for everyone who supported me in that effort." (Indonesia)
- "Being able to prepare for overseas study in my own country helped me to fully concentrate on getting ready for the entrance exam." (South Korea)
- "Above all else, I saved quite a bit of money by not having to travel to Japan to take an entrance exam." (Taiwan)
- "Qualifying for Pre-Arrival Admission significantly lowers the financial burden, and also allows many students who yearn to study in Japan to realize that dream." (Mongolia)

<http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/examinee/voice/>  
This website presents the personal experiences of international students who entered Japanese schools using the EJU.



JASSO offers Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students who attend a university or other institution of higher education in Japan. JASSO sponsors a reservation program for privately financed international students who achieve a superior score on EJU, and enroll as regular students in a university undergraduate school, a junior college, college of technology (3rd grade or upper), or a professional training college in Japan.

[https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship\\_j/shoreihi/yoyaku\\_eju/index.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/shoreihi/yoyaku_eju/index.html)



### Scholarship Monthly Stipend

JPY 48,000

\* The amount is subject to change each academic year.

### Duration of Scholarship

The duration of scholarship bases on the time that the applicant enrolls in a school. For details, refer to the JASSO website above.

Overseas examinees who satisfy predetermined conditions will be able to extend the duration of scholarship until completing their course of study.

### Application Procedure

In order to be considered for reservation, applicants need to apply by the prescribed method at the time of application for EJU, in spite of whether the test is taken in Japan or outside Japan.

### Selection

Applicants will be selected based on their results in the EJU and priority is given to applicants having better results.

### Notification of the Selection Results

Applicants selected as reservation holders will be able to download Reservation Notice for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed Students from "My Page" on EJU Online.

Their examination registration numbers can be confirmed on JASSO website regarding this Reservation Program.