

Credits acquired from Liberal Arts courses carried out in Japan Sign Language may be transferred to the universities you attend!

Greetings

We offer lectures conducted in Japan Sign Language for the deaf and hard of hearing students at Bunkyo campus of Japan College of Social Work. All of our lecturers are either deaf or hard of hearing, while they are leading scholars of their specialized fields. Visit our Bunkyo campus at your convenience; most of the courses are either scheduled in the late afternoon or on Saturdays for maximum accessibility. If the university you attend provides credit transfer system, the credit you acquire will be transferred promptly, so make sure you register prior to your application. Professional sign language interpreters and notetakers guarantee information accessibility in classrooms taught by hearing professors at our main campus in Kiyose. The program is supported by the Japan Foundation.



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Graduated from International Christian University in 1990, Kurumi Saito was a Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University in 1988-1989, and again in 1993-1994. She holds a degree of Ph.D. in Education. Her publication includes *Nominal Modification in Old English* (UMI Michigan).

Our Instructors



Soya Mori (Senior Researcher, Institute of Developing Economies)
Soya Mori has conducted his graduate studies at Waseda University, while he also studied abroad at the University of Rochester and the University of New Mexico. He was awarded the Special Prize of International Development from the Japanese Association of International Development, and the 17th Okita Memorial Prize for International Development Research from the Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development.



Ryo Wakabayashi (Lawyer, Japan Legal Support Center)
Born deaf, Ryo Wakabayashi graduated from Waseda University and started his career at Yomiuri Shimbun. He decided to practice law, and passed the bar exam in 2011. Currently, he is a staff member of Japan Legal Support Center, and also a member of the Special Committee Against Segregation, which is part of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations.



Yumi Sodeyama (Sign Language Interpreter)
After completing her studies at Gallaudet University and San Francisco State University, she taught at several schools for the Deaf in the United States, before returning to Japan as a professional sign language interpreter. She is the author of several volumes, and has starred in several films featuring deaf culture.



Dakei (Butoh Performer)
Dakei started his career as a butoh performer while he was studying at the graduate school of Tokyo University of the Arts. He has performed in Spain, Peru, Norway, Korea, and Japan. In 2013, he made an appearance in the film *Je m'appelle Hmmm...* directed by agnès b.



Yuki Sumi (Sign Language Instructor)
After building his career as a system engineer, Yuki Sumi is currently focused on training the next generations of signers and sign language interpreters.



Masanobu Sano (Translator)
After completing his graduate studies at Meiji University, he was awarded the Mainichi Publication Culture Award for his translation of Oliver Sacks' *Seeing Voices*. He has translated numerous volumes, many of them focusing on sign language and deaf culture.



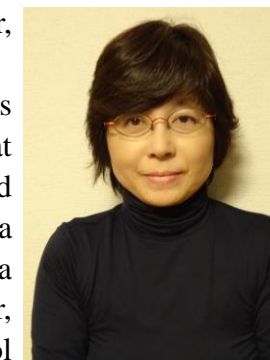
Akio Suemori (Senior Researcher, The National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology)
Akio Suemori received his doctoral degree from the University of Tokyo. He has also studied abroad in Kings College, London. Currently, he conducts his research at the Bio Production Research Institute, which is a part of the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology.



Satoko Nakano (Associate Professor, University of Osaka)
Completing her studies at Tsukuba University, Satoko Nakano was the first deaf scholar in Japan to receive a doctoral degree on a study of sign language. She has also studied abroad at Gallaudet University between 1996-1997. Currently, her research focuses on the ideal usage of subtitles for the deaf.



Kota Takayama (Instructor, Gallaudet University)
Kota Takayama has completed his studies at Tsukuba University and Gallaudet University. He is a Certified Social Worker and a Psychiatric Social Worker, seeking to train deaf School Social Workers.



Ami Mori (Sign Language Instructor)
After graduating from Waseda University, Ami Mori continued her studies abroad at the University of Rochester. She is an instructor of English and American Sign Language at several universities and the Information and Culture Center for the Deaf. She is also a translator.