

# Training Program for the Jodo Priesthood / Correspondence Program

## Training Program for the Jodo Priesthood (Special Buddhist Program)

Established in 1977.

This is a specialist course for cultivating Jodo sect teachers. Ascetic training is carried out while spending two years boarding at the Jozan Dojo dormitory within the Daihonzan Shojoke-in Temple. After a predetermined number of course credits have been acquired

and training has been carried out for the succession of the religion and precepts (Denshu Denkai), novices acquire qualification as a Buddhist monk as prescribed by the discipline.

## Correspondence Program

Opened in 1953 as the first authorized correspondence university in the Kansai District. The correspondence graduate school was opened in 1999.

### Graduate School

The following graduate schools are legitimately established according to the graduate school establishment criteria. Master's or Doctoral degrees can be obtained depending on a program completed.

The graduate schools of literature, education, sociology, and social welfare with 12 master's programs and 2 doctoral programs have been opened.

### Regular Courses

The regular courses are for the graduates of universities and colleges to be able to obtain a teacher's license or various qualifications by taking advantage of their diploma. Belonging to any one department of a school (Regular Courses), students can take courses required to be completed.

### Regular Course and Entrance Qualification Course

This course is established for those not qualified to apply for entrance into undergraduate school (Regular Courses). By taking the required subject and acquiring credits, students become qualified to apply for entrance into the undergraduate department (regular courses).

### Undergraduate School (Regular Courses)

This is a legitimate university course in which student acquire a Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation. There are 6 schools opened: Buddhism, Literature, History, Education, Sociology, and Social Welfare.

### Supplementary Credit Acquisition Course

The course of "teacher's license" and "qualifications" provides those who have acquired almost all but not all the required school credits required for obtaining a teacher's license and qualifications in their graduating university or college with opportunities for acquisition of school credits uncompleted yet required for the said purpose.

In the "non-credit" course, you can take courses offered in the undergraduate school (regular courses).

### Cultural Seminars

"Calligraphic Culture Course", "Buddhist Culture Course", and "Kyoto History and Culture Course" are offered to raise general public's cultural level.