

Recommended Study Abroad Programs in Japan, AY2023-2024

Important Notes:

1. NORTHWESTERN Study Abroad Language Requirement: "At least one quarter of language instruction in an official language of the host country is required either before departure or while abroad." Most of the programs in Japan have their own language requirements above and beyond the Northwestern requirement. Check the list below for the requirement for each program.
2. NORTHWESTERN students must complete two applications: Northwestern University Application for Permission to Study Abroad and Application of a specific program. The students must abide by both NORTHWESTERN deadlines below and the specific program's deadline (listed in the chart).

Northwestern Deadlines: December 10: all terms for Japan Study at Waseda
 February 1: Summer & Fall Start* Northwestern Programs and Exchanges
 February 25: Summer & other Fall Start* Affiliated Programs
 September 10: Winter Affiliated & all Winter-Spring programs
 November 10: Spring programs
 *Fall Start indicates a program that begins in the fall and includes fall, fall-winter, and full year programs.

Northwestern Affiliated Programs: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/>

5 Affiliated Programs – Review Affiliated Program pages on the Global Learning Office’s website as well as Affiliated Programs’ websites.

Program	Northwestern Terms	Program Deadline	City	Sponsoring Institution	Setting	Requirements Language & GPA	Language Class	Highlights/Notes
CIEE Arts and Sciences at Sophia University, Tokyo	Full Year, Fall-Winter, Spring	Full Year, Fal-Winter: March 1 Spring: TBA early October	Tokyo	CIEE	Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia Univ	No specific language requirement* & 2.75 cumulative GPA	2-4 credits (54-108 contact hours) Intensive: 8 credits (270 contact hours)	<p>*1-2 semesters of college-level Japanese is recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 -200 international students on the campus of 12,000 students. Out of 800 students at the Faculty of Liberal Arts, 20% are foreign students (from China, Korea, USA, and Europe). • Students with near-native fluency can enroll in any courses outside of the Faculty of Liberal Arts + Many levels of Japanese language courses including courses for near-native fluency + Wide range of area studies courses taught in English + Field trips + CIEE Scholarships & Grants available - No academic internships - Sophia is known to be very international where most students speak English fluently • Homestay or residence hall <p>* Spring Semester begins in late March, so students enroll for Winter Quarter at Northwestern and finish final exams before departure. If students do not take Winter Quarter classes, they must enroll in at least 15 semester credits while abroad.</p>

<p>IES Abroad Nagoya: Direct Enrollment at Nanzan University</p>	<p>Full Year, Fall, Winter-Spring</p>	<p>Full Year, Fall: early March Winter-Spring late August</p>	<p>Nagoya</p>	<p>IES</p>	<p>Center for Japanese Studies, Nanzan Univ</p>	<p>1 semester* (or equivalent) of college-level Japanese language & 3.0 cumulative GPA</p>	<p>8 credits required</p>	<p>* Enrolled in a Japanese language course or confirmed independent study in the past year before departure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,000 Nanzan students and 100 international students in the Japanese Language Program + Most of the international students are not from USA + Solid intensive language program + Japanese-taught Studio Arts Courses + Area studies courses offered in Japanese for students with advanced proficiency + IES services, including cultural field trips - Area studies courses are not as rigorous as Northwestern's. • Homestay or residence hall </p>
<p>IES Abroad Tokyo: Language & Culture at Kanda University of International Studies (KUIS)</p>	<p>Full Year, Fall, Spring</p>	<p>Full Year, Fall: late March Spring: late September</p>	<p>Makuhari, Chiba</p>	<p>IES</p>	<p>KUIS & IES Center</p>	<p>None* & 2.75 cumulative GPA</p>	<p>8 credits required</p>	<p>* Prior Japanese language knowledge is not required, but strongly recommended. Beginning Japanese students should have a basic working knowledge of hiragana and katakana alphabets before the program begins. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area study courses taught by IES and KUIS faculty + Weekly Field Placement, spending one day each week as a participant-observer at local businesses, non-profits, or governmental organizations + Field trips + English not widely spoken at KUIS + Students with JLPT N2 proficiency can audit Digital Hollywood Univ. courses in Japanese - Japanese language courses offered at a much slower pace - Limited variety of area studies course - Commuting between IES and KUIS • Homestay or residence hall Apartment <p>* Spring Semester begins in late March, so students enroll for Winter Quarter at Northwestern and finish final exams before departure. If students do not take Winter Quarter classes, they must enroll in at least 15 semester credits while abroad.</p> </p>

<p>Japan Study at Waseda University</p>	<p>Full Year, Fall-Winter, Spring</p>	<p>All terms: January 2 Northwestern Deadline: December 10</p>	<p>Tokyo</p>	<p>Earlham College</p>	<p>School of International Liberal Studies, Waseda Univ</p>	<p>1 quarter Of Japanese language & 3.0 cumulative GPA</p>	<p>6 credits required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52,000 Waseda students; within the School of International Liberal Studies, 70% of the students are Japanese, 30% international. • Wide range of area studies courses taught in English • International and Japanese professors + Area studies courses (Open Courses) taught in Japanese available for fluent Japanese speakers + One-month Cultural Internship (Feb-Mar) available for Full Year program participants + Homestay + Program-subsidized field trips + Extensive orientation + Strong Alumni network + Small number of need-based scholarships available - Instructional qualities vary in language and area studies courses.
<p>Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies at Doshisha University</p>	<p>Full Year, Fall, Winter-Spring</p>	<p>Fall & FY: TBA March Winter/Spring TBA September</p>	<p>Kyoto</p>	<p>Columbia University</p>	<p>KCJS Center & Doshisha Univ</p>	<p>2 semesters [FY & F] 3 semesters [W-S] & 3.0 cumulative GPA & 3.0 average language GPA</p>	<p>10 hrs/wk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26,000 Doshisha students. • Courses integrate the historical and cultural resources of Kyoto into the curriculum + faculty with teaching experiences in USA + Rigorous academic program + Community Involvement Project (CIP) to support Japanese language learning through integration with the local community + can cross-register for Associate Kyoto Program elective courses + Strong alumni network + Excursions, Field trips & weekend Homestay + Cross-register for AKP (Associated Kyoto Program) elective courses (limited variety of area studies courses offered at KCJS) + lunch subsidy - Preference given to full year applicants • Homestay or apartment or residence hall

Recommended Unaffiliated Summer Programs: <https://alc.northwestern.edu/areas-of-study/japanese/study-abroad.html>
Important Note:

The programs listed here are NOT Northwestern affiliated programs. If you would like to earn credits for your study in a summer program, you MUST apply to Northwestern for permission to study abroad by the appropriate Northwestern application deadline and PRIOR to the commencement of the program (NORTHWESTERN Study Abroad Administrative Fee will apply). Retroactive applications for study abroad credit of any kind will NOT be accepted.

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/explore-programs/unaffiliated-summer-programs/>

* Programs are listed in order of the number of Northwestern student participants. Review each program's website.

Program	Approximate Length	Program Deadline	City	Sponsoring Institution	Setting	Language Prerequisite	Levels Offered	Housing Type	Highlights/Notes
HIF Hokkaido International Foundation Japanese Language and Japanese Culture Program	8 weeks 6/6-8/4, 2024	Early February Application opens December	Hakodate, Hokkaido	Hokkaido International Foundation	Center	1 year	4 levels (Intermediate Low to Advanced Mid)	Homestay	+Intensive language instruction (Covers one-year of materials) + Field trips + Optional culture classes • Special lectures • Speech Contest - no scholarships/financial aids available * HIF is not affiliated with a university and students will not earn any Northwestern University transfer credits through this program.
Program website: https://www.hif.or.jp/en/summer/ [Program Information available in November]									
The Yamasa Institute Short Intensive Language Acquisition Course	4-12 weeks	Check website for deadlines	Okazaki, Aichi	Yamasa Institute	Language School	none	1 st – 3 rd year levels	Residence Hall Apartment Homestay	+ Flexible start date and flexible length of program + students are from various countries (i.e., common lang. is Japanese) * Yamasa is a private language school not affiliated with a university, students will not earn any Northwestern University credits.
Program website: https://www.yamasa.org/en/index.html									
Waseda Univ. Center for Japanese Short-term Japanese Program	6 weeks Dates TBA (6/17-7/26, 2019) 2023: cancelled	early February (2/6 for 2019)	Tokyo	Waseda University	University	none	elementary & intermediate classes + skill-based courses	It is student's responsibility to find own accommodation	+ Extracurricular activities - No scholarship was available since 2015 - 2014 participants received scholarships.
Program website: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/applicants/s-term/									

*The following three programs' starting dates will likely conflict with Northwestern Spring Quarter schedule, but worth checking for their updated schedules.

Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies Summer Program	8 weeks Dates TBA (6/1-7/28, 2023)	mid February (2/17 for 2023)	Kyoto	Columbia University	Center/ University (Doshisha Univ)	1 year – 3 years	2 nd – 4 th year levels	Homestay, Family-owned guest house, Studio apartment	+ intensive language instruction + located on Doshisha University campus + various cultural field trips and lectures - no scholarships/financial aids available
	Program website: http://www.kcjs.jp/summer_programs/index.html Columbia University: https://global.undergrad.columbia.edu/program/kyoto-consortium-summer-modern-japanese-kcjs								
IES Nagoya Summer – Language & Culture	8 weeks 5/29-8/1, 2024	Feb 8	Nagoya	IES	University (Center for Japanese Studies, Nanzan Univ)	1 semester & 3.0 cumulative GPA & 3.0 language GPA	pre-intermediate to pre-advanced level	Apartment Residence Hall	*Eligibility requirement: Enrolled in a Japanese course within the academic year prior to the program start date + Students also take a 1.5-credit course in Japanese Studies, which consists of two components: Contemporary Japanese Politics & Economy, and Japanese Culture. A 1-credit course in the Japanese Arts is also offered.
	Program website: https://www.iesabroad.org/programs/nagoya-summer-language-culture								
Princeton in Ishikawa	8 weeks Dates TBA (5/27-7/22, 2023)	Early February (2/10 for 2023)	Kanazawa, Ishikawa	Ishikawa Prefectural Government & Princeton University	Center	1 year	2 nd – 3 rd year levels	Homestay	+ High-quality intensive lang. program, covering one-year of materials + Various cultural courses + Possible internship opportunity (4-5 students) in the Ishikawa region for former PII students - no scholarships/financial aids available
	Program website: https://pii.princeton.edu/								

* The following programs are **NOT** Language Intensive Programs.

CIEE Summer Japanese Studies Program NOT Language Intensive	6 weeks 7/8-8/16, 2024	April 1, 2024	Tokyo	CIEE	Center Sophia University	Overall GPA 2.5	beginner and intermediate	Dorm	• Courses on beginner or intermediate Japanese language, Japanese art, Japanese pop culture, Japanese history, Japan's economic development Japanese business industry, or religions of Japan. + CIEE Scholarships & Grants available
	Program website: https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/programs/japan/tokyo/summer-japanese-studies								
ICU Summer Courses in Japanese NOT Language Intensive	4 weeks* Dates TBA (7/4-7/28, 2023)	Application open in December 2023 - January 2024	Tokyo	International Christian University	University	3.0 GPA desirable	low intermediate and intermediate*		*No beginners will be accepted. CEFR A2 is recommended. • Courses on a) a task-based language study component and b) a thematic, omnibus component that focuses on various aspects of Japan such as culture, history, society, economy, politics, and business.
	Program website: https://office.icu.ac.jp/scj/								

Information on Scholarships

Japanese Language and Culture Study Abroad, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures: <https://alc.northwestern.edu/areas-of-study/japanese/study-abroad.html>

Scholarships and Funding, Global Learning Office: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/money-matters/scholarships-funding/>

Office of Undergraduate Research, Northwestern University: <https://undergradresearch.northwestern.edu/>

Global and Research Opportunities at Northwestern University: <https://globalresearchopportunities.northwestern.edu/>

*The following is by no means an exhaustive list.

Northwestern Scholarships:

- [Undergraduate Language Grants](#) for summer intensive language study: Office of Undergraduate Research
- [Summer Undergraduate Research Grants](#): Office of Undergraduate Research
- [Sion Asia-related Research Grants](#): Weinberg College students only:

External Scholarships:

- [Bridging Scholarship](#): American Association of Teachers of Japanese
- [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#)
- [Blakemore Freeman Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language Study](#)
- [Boren Awards](#)
- [Critical Language Scholarship](#)
- [Freeman Awards for Study in Asia](#)
- [Japanese Government \(MEXT\) Scholarships](#)
- [Toshizo Watanabe Scholarship Program](#), U.S.-Japan Council

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