

Recommended Study Abroad Programs in Japan

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

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 15: all terms for Earlham Japan Study at Waseda

February 10: all other Fall and Fall-Winter, Full-Year programs, and all Summer programs

September 10: all Winter-Spring programs

November 10: Spring programs

* Programs are listed in the order of the total number of Northwestern student participants.

Program	NORTHWESTERN Terms	Program Deadline	City	Sponsoring Institution	Setting	Requirements Language & GPA	Language Class	Highlights/Notes
Japan Study at Waseda University	Full Year, Fall/Winter, Winter/Spring	Fall & FY: January 3 Northwestern Deadline: December 15	Tokyo	Earlham College	University (School of International Liberal Studies, Waseda Univ)	1 quarter (or equivalent) & 3.0 cumulative GPA	9 hrs/wk + Optional workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52,000 Waseda students; within the School of International Liberal Studies, 85% of the students are Japanese, 15% 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 + 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.
Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies at Doshisha University	Full Year, Fall, Winter/Spring	Fall & FY: TBA (Early March) Winter/Spring: TBA (Early October)	Kyoto	Columbia University	Center/University (Doshisha Univ)	2 semesters [FY & F] 3 semesters [W/S] & 3.0 cumulative GPA & 3.0 average language GPA	10 hrs/wk	<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 + Strong alumni network + Excursions, Field trips & weekend Homestay - Limited variety of area studies courses - Preference given to full year applicants

IES Nagoya at Nanzan University	Full Year, Fall, Winter/Spring	Fall & FY: March 10 Winter/Spring: TBA	Nagoya	IES	University (Center for Japanese Studies, Nanzan Univ)	1 semester * (or equivalent) & 3.0 cumulative GPA & 3.0 language GPA	16 hrs/wk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Enrolled in a Japanese language course or confirmed independent study in the past year before departure + 9,000 Nanzan students; 100 international students in the Japanese Language Program + Most of the international students are not from US + Solid intensive language program + Area studies courses offered in Japanese for students with advanced proficiency + Japanese-taught Studio Arts Courses + IES services, including cultural field trips - Area studies courses are not as rigorous as Northwestern's.
CIEE Tokyo: Arts & Sciences at Sophia University	Full Year, Fall/Winter, Spring	Fall/Winter & FY: March 1 Spring: TBA (Early October)	Tokyo	CIEE	University (Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia Univ)	No specific language requirement & 2.75 cumulative GPA	7-8 hrs/wk (Regular) 15 hrs/wk (Intensive)	<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 course outside of the Faculty of Liberal Arts + Many levels of Japanese language courses. incl. courses for near-native fluency + Wide range of area studies courses taught in English + Field trips + need-based scholarships available - No academic internships - Sophia is known to be very international where most students speak English fluently <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>
IES Tokyo: Language & Culture at Kanda University of International Studies (KUIS)	Full Year, Fall, Spring	Fall & FY: March 31 Spring: TBA	Chiba	IES	University (KUIS) / Center (area studies courses)	None* & 2.75 cumulative GPA	7-8 hrs/wk 6-credit course w/ option of taking up to 12 credits of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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. • 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 <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>

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

Important Note:

The programs listed 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/study-abroad/get-started/program-types/unaffiliated-summer-programs/>

Program	Approximate Length	Approximate 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 Dates TBA (6/11-8/9, 2020) Cancelled → Virtual 5-week course	Early February (2/7 for 2020) Application opens November	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: http://www.hif.or.jp/en/summer/									
ICU Summer Courses in Japanese	6 weeks Dates TBA (7/3-8/10, 2019)	February Application opens in December	Tokyo	International Christian University	University	none	8 levels (Basic to Heritage leaners)	Dormitory, Homestay, Off-campus student residence	+ Interaction with ICU student volunteers + Culture Program - no scholarships/financial aids available
Program website: http://sci.info.icu.ac.jp/									
Waseda Univ. Center for Japanese Short-term Japanese Program	6 weeks Dates TBA (6/17-7/26, 2019)	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 plan is available for year 2015 (however, 2014 participants received scholarships).
Program website: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/applicants/s-term/									
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	Dormitory, Homestay, Apartment	+ 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									

* The following three programs are known for solid language instruction; however, their program starting dates conflict with Northwestern Spring Quarter schedule.

Princeton in Ishikawa	8 weeks Dates TBA (5/30-7/25, 2020) → Virtual	Late January (1/25 for 2019)	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/								
Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies Summer Program	8 weeks Dates TBA (5/27-7/24, 2020) → Virtual	early February (2/1 for 2020)	Kyoto	Columbia University	Center/ University (Doshisha Univ)	1 year	Intermediate (2 nd year)	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
	6 weeks 6/10-7/24, 2020) cancelled)					3 years	Advanced (4 th year +)		
	Program website: http://www.kcjs.jp/summer_programs/index.html Columbia website (modern Japanese): https://global.undergrad.columbia.edu/program/kcjs-summer-modern-japanese Columbia website (classical Japanese): https://global.undergrad.columbia.edu/program/kcjs-summer-classical-japanese								
IES Nagoya Summer – Language & Culture	8 weeks Early June-early August	Feb 10, 2022	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	International Student Dormitory	*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								

* The following programs is NOT a language intensive program.

CIEE Summer Japanese Studies Program NOT Language Intensive	6 weeks 6/1-7/11, 2021	April (4/20 for 2020)	Tokyo	CIEE	Sophia University	none? Overall GPA 2.5	beginner and intermediate (optional)	Single & Group Homestay options	• Students are required to take two courses both taught in English, from Sophia's curriculum, such as art history, anthropology, international business, literature, religion, and political science. • Optional beginner and intermediate Japanese language courses are also offered. + Applicants are eligible for the Global Access Initiative (GAIN) Grants.
Program website: https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/programs/japan/tokyo/summer-japanese-studies									

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](#)
- [Toshizo Watanabe Scholarship Program](#), U.S.-Japan Council

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