

Japan Studies Program (JSP)

Tokyo International University founded the Japan Studies Program (JSP) as a way to meet growing demand from university students in the United States and Europe to learn more about Japan and its language. The program focuses on three major goals.



Goals of the Japan Studies Program

1. Acquiring Japanese language proficiency both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Understanding historical, social, political, economic, and cultural facets of Japan through course work and field trips.
3. Active intercultural exchanges through first-hand experience with faculty, students, host families, and others in the local community.

The JSP is a one or two semester study-abroad program open to English-speaking students in all fields of study from accredited universities and colleges around the world. In addition to the required Japanese language course(s), students are offered several Japan studies courses taught in English, as well as many field trips, excursions and cultural activities. No previous Japanese language study is required.

Notes:

- Courses are subject to change without prior notification.
- Transcripts sent to home institutions contain the TIU credit earned and grade percentiles, not letter grades.
- It is the responsibility of the students' home institution to determine the amount and the type of credit transfer. We strongly recommend that students consult the relevant faculty at their home institution about credit transfers before coming to Japan.

JSP URL

<http://www.tiu.ac.jp/jsp>

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Fall Courses

Japan Studies Course	TIU Credits
The History of Modern Japan	4
Industrial Development of Japan	4
Japanese Pop Culture: Manga	4
Power in Japanese Politics & Society	4
Independent Fieldwork Studies	decided by home school
Nippon Topics- (TAUGHT IN JAPANESE)	2 Language Credits

Japanese Language Courses	TIU Credits
Introductory Japanese	8
Elementary Japanese	8
Intermediate Japanese	8
Intermediate II Japanese	8
Advanced Japanese	8

Spring Courses

Japan Studies Courses	TIU Credits
Japanese Society through Film	4
Japanese Society	4
War and Memory in Modern Japan	4
Japanese Philosophy	4
Independent Fieldwork Studies	4 decided by home school
Nippon topics- 2 (TAUGHT IN JAPANESE)	Language Credits

Japanese Language Course	TIU Credits
Introductory Japanese	8
Elementary Japanese	8
Intermediate Japanese	8
Intermediate II Japanese	8
Advanced Japanese	8

Eligibility

The Japan Studies Program is a one or two semester study-abroad program offering undergraduate college credit. It is open to English-speaking students in all fields of study from accredited universities and colleges around the world.

1. Currently be enrolled in a college or university as an undergraduate student (exceptions may be made for those who will receive their college degrees immediately prior to participating in the JSP, up to one year, or those who have just graduated from high school and have been accepted by a university). **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**
2. Have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative G.P.E. (grade point average) based on a 4.0 point grading system and full-time student status. Students from institutions that use a different grading system must have maintained a minimum grade average of 75% (Official transcripts must be sent before your application can be processed).
3. Be a native English speaker or have a TOEFL® score of at least 550.

*(Test Of English as a Foreign Language) score sheet must be submitted by non-native English speakers before they can be accepted.

JSP Costs (Effective from Spring 2006 semester)

Application Fee	US\$50
Single semester Costs-15weeks	800,000yen
Double Semester Costs-30weeks	1,600,000yen
Estimated miscellaneous spending	150,000yen per semester
Optional Excursion	100,000yen per semester

Semester Costs Include:

- Tuition
- Housing (homestay)
- 16 meals/week (homestay)
- Medical/Accident Insurance
- Course field trips
- All class textbooks
- All cultural Trips
- Commuting costs to and from TIU
- Student support services
- Entry Visa processing
- Orientation
- Hotel (at arrival and during orientation)

Other Expenses:

- Transportation to and from Japan
- Lunches during the week
- Miscellaneous expenses
- Optional Excursion

Notes:

- Listed costs are subject to change up to the application deadline for each semester.
- All costs must be paid in Japanese yen (excluding the US\$50 Application Fee).
- Students are responsible for all bank-processing fees in the home country and in Japan.
- The Application Fee is not refundable even if students are not accepted into the program and it is not offset against costs.
- Each student is responsible for his or her own travel expenses to and from Japan.
- A student is required to pay 80,000yen or before the First Payment Date (see Dates) after being accepted into the program. This payment will be offset against costs, but will not be refunded in the case of cancellation.
- Miscellaneous expenses will vary depending on each student's spending habits and life-style. Previous JSP students recommended the amount stated above. This includes meals eaten outside the homestay, personal transportation costs to Tokyo and around Japan, personal living expenses (toiletries, clothing, etc.), and entertainment.
- Students who participate in two consecutive semesters are responsible for all individual expenses between the two semesters including lodging, food, and travel expenses. Students will NOT be able to stay with their host families during the period between the two semesters.
- Students who participate in two consecutive semesters do not have to pay any fees for the second semester until the payment deadlines for that semester, nor are they required to pay the application fee again.