Recommended Study Abroad Programs in Japan

☆ After researching various programs listed below, be sure to consult with your Japanese instructor AND the UVA ISO Education Abroad Advisor, to find a right program for you. This depends on your Japanese proficiency level, your goals, academic plans, finances. Your Japanese instructor and/or Japanese Program Coordinator will provide you with internal resources and insights in regards to language programs; the Education Abroad office will provide assistance of the entire study abroad process step-by-step from discussing about finance to cost comparison to application.

☆ Most of the programs require recommendation letters from UVA faculty. It is a standard practice to bring your personal statement along with the application information when you ask for a recommendation letter. You should allow at least 3 weeks to obtain a letter from the professor and inform him or her the result of the application when it becomes available.

☆ To begin, please visit “Getting Started Check List” in the Educational Abroad website and read “How to ensure transfer credit for language study” in the Department website http://eastasian.as.virginia.edu/japanese and http://eastasian.as.virginia.edu/study-abroad

☆ Various scholarships, financial aids, and other funding sources are available here:
  http://educationabroad.virginia.edu/scholarships
  http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships
  http://fundforeducationabroad.org


I. Semester/Year Programs:

A. Exchange Programs:  (Deadline is approximate, check the link provided)
  ☑ Hitotsubashi University  Deadline: March 1
      A number of English-taught courses and Japanese courses (including upper level courses) are offered.
      http://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/courses/japanese/03_Information%20on%20Courses/index.html

  ☑ Sophia University Exchange Program  Deadline: Oct.1 for Spring
      A number of English-taught courses available to exchange students including some in Engineering and Sciences.

  ☑ Waseda University  Deadline: Oct.1 for Spring
      Recommended for those who have completed two years of Japanese. Only one student is accepted per semester/year. Various English-taught courses.

B. Non-Exchange, UVA Affiliate Programs:
      UVa is an official member of the Consortium. Scholarships are available; must meet the deadline. One years of Japanese required. Various English-taught courses; Community Involvement Project.
      http://www.kcjs.jp/index.html

  ☑ J. F. Oberlin University  Deadline: April 1 for Fall and year
      Six levels of Japanese courses are offered, from beginning to advanced. 30% discount on tuition
      Experienced staffs at International office.

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II. Summer Language Programs

- **Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad (ICU campus)**
  Community engagement course is also offered.
  Deadline: Oct 1 for Spring
  March 15 for Fall
  [http://www.middlebury.edu/study-abroad/japan](http://www.middlebury.edu/study-abroad/japan)

- **Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS)**
  Fully funded by United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
  Minimum study of two years of Japanese required. Must have U.S. citizenship. Very competitive.
  Deadline: mid-Nov. for the next Summer
  [http://www.clscholarship.org/languages/japanese](http://www.clscholarship.org/languages/japanese)

- **Hokkaido International Foundation (HIF)**
  No transfer credits are allowed. One year of Japanese is required. 8 weeks’ course will cover roughly one-year of the UVa Japanese program. Strong support from experienced staff members and homestay family.
  Deadline: early February

- **International Christian University - Summer Program (ICU)**
  6-weeks courses. Covers one and half semesters of the UVa Japanese program.
  Deadline: end of February

- **Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC)**
  For advanced learners. Third-year or higher level of Japanese required.
  Deadline: March 9

- **J. F. Oberlin University**
  4 weeks. Various level language, from beginning to advanced, and content courses including Business courses are offered. Ask about 20,000 yen scholarship.
  Deadline: April 16

- **Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU)**
  Students at any level of Japanese can attend. However, acceptance may be limited. See above.
  Deadline: February 9

- **Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS)**
  Eight-week courses are offered at the second-, third-, and fourth-year level. In addition, six-week classical Japanese course is offered. Increased a number of content courses in 2018. Competitive.
  [https://www.kcjs.jp/summer_programs/index.html](https://www.kcjs.jp/summer_programs/index.html)
  Deadline: February 1

- **Nanzan Summer Japanese Program**
  A short terms (4 weeks) and 8-weeks program. Use Genki textbook. Various Japan-related, English-taught courses. Dorm sharing with Japanese students. Strong staff support.
  Deadline: end of February
  [http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/cjs/summer.html](http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/cjs/summer.html)

- **Waseda University, Center for Japanese Language**
  Either 3 weeks or 6 weeks. Four beginning courses – intermediate level is offered summer only. Various content courses are offered.
  Pre-registration Deadline: early February

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- **Middlebury College Japanese Language School**
  Recommended strongly for those who want to take Intensive Japanese within the States. Fellowships available for early applicants in December.
  Deadline: on a rolling basis
  [http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/is/japanese/](http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/is/japanese/)

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