

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>

For Japanese or Japanese studies majors: The Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) scholarship <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/mext-scholarship.html>

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

https://apps.educationabroad.virginia.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10394
A number of English-taught courses available to exchange students including some in Engineering and Sciences.

◆ Waseda University

Deadline: Oct.1 for Spring

https://apps.educationabroad.virginia.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10534
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:**

◆ Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS)

Deadline: Oct.1 for Spr. Jan.15 for Fall

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.kcis.jp/index.html>

◆ J. F. Oberlin University

Deadline: April 1 for Fall and year

<http://www.obirin.ac.jp/en/rj/index.html>
http://www.programs.studyabroad.virginia.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10880
Nov. 1 for Spring
Six levels of Japanese courses are offered, from beginning to advanced. **30% discount on tuition**
Experienced staffs at International office.

◆ Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad (ICU campus)
Community engagement course is also offered.
<http://www.middlebury.edu/study-abroad/japan>

Deadline: Oct 1 for Spring
March 15 for Fall

II. Summer Language Programs

(Deadline is approximate, check the link provided)

◆ Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS)
<http://www.clscholarship.org/languages/japanese>

Deadline: mid-Nov. for the next Summer

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.

◆ Hokkaido International Foundation (HIF)
<http://www.hif.or.jp/en/summer/>

Deadline: early February

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.

◆ International Christian University -Summer Program (ICU)
<http://subsite.icu.ac.jp/office/scj/>

Deadline: end of February

6-weeks courses. Covers one and half semesters of the UVa Japanese program.

◆ Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC)
<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/IUC/summer.html>

Deadline: March 9

For advanced learners. Third-year or higher level of Japanese required.

◆ J. F. Oberlin University
<http://www.obirin.ac.jp/en/rj/index.html>

Deadline: April 16

http://www.programs.studyabroad.virginia.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10880

4 weeks. Various level language, from beginning to advanced, and content courses including Business courses are offered.
Ask about **20,000 yen scholarship.**

◆ Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU)
http://jcmu.isp.msu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=19144

Deadline: February 9

Students at any level of Japanese can attend. However, acceptance may be limited. See above.

◆ Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS)

Deadline: February 1

UVa is an official member of the Consortium. **Ask about scholarships when apply.**

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

http://www.programs.studyabroad.virginia.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10774

◆ Nanzan Summer Japanese Program
<http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/cjs/summer.html>

Deadline: end of February

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.

◆ Waseda University, Center for Japanese Language
<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/applicants/s-term/>

Pre-registration Deadline: early February

Either 3 weeks or 6 weeks. Four beginning courses – intermediate level is offered summer only. Various content courses are offered.

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◆ Middlebury College Japanese Language School
<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/japanese/>

Deadline: on a rolling basis

Recommended strongly for those who want to take Intensive Japanese within the States.

Fellowships available for early applicants in December.

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