

Off-Campus Study Program

Hiroshima Excursions and Cultural Experiences in Tokyo

The Off-campus Program is a one-week off-campus program offered to students who wish to participate after the three-week January Session. This time, the program will combine a three-day, two-night trip to Hiroshima with two half-days of Japanese cultural experiences in Tokyo. In Hiroshima, participants will visit sites such as the Peace Memorial Park, which was established in remembrance of the atomic bomb victims and as a symbol of the wish for everlasting world peace, as well as Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island, a World Heritage site and one of Japan's Three Most Scenic Spots. Through these visits, students will have the opportunity to learn about nature and history.

Dates: January 29 (Thu) – February 4 (Wed), 2026

Credits: **No credits or grades will be awarded**

Fees: 140,000 JPY

Please refer to the attached itinerary for details on the schedule and accommodations.

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is located at the center of Hiroshima City and was built to honor the victims of the atomic bombing on August 6, 1945. The park serves as a symbol of peace and a reminder of the tragic consequences of nuclear weapons.

- Peace Memorial Museum:** Exhibits artifacts, photographs, and survivor testimonies about the bombing and its aftermath.
 - Atomic Bomb Dome:** The preserved remains of a building near the blast's hypocenter, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.
 - Cenotaph for the Victims:** A monument listing the names of all those who lost their lives, inscribed with the message: *"Rest in Peace, for we shall not repeat the mistake."*
- The park is a place for reflection and learning, inspiring visitors from around the world to work toward lasting world peace.



Miyajima (Itsukushima Island)

Miyajima, officially called Itsukushima, is a small island located near Hiroshima, famous for its breathtaking natural beauty and rich cultural heritage.

•Itsukushima Shrine:

The island is best known for Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, shrine was built over the water to avoid disturbing its purity. Its iconic "floating" red torii gate, which appears to rise from the sea at high tide, is one of the most photographed landmarks in Japan.

•Scenic beauty:

Miyajima is often listed as one of Japan's Three Most Scenic Spots (Nihon Sankei), along with Matsushima and Amanohashidate. Friendly wild deer roam freely, adding to the island's unique atmosphere.



Japanese Cultural Experiences

A visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine* – one of Tokyo's most important and serene Shinto shrines, surrounded by a lush forest in the heart of the city.

An Edo-style wind chime making workshop* – a hands-on activity where participants can create traditional glass wind chimes (fûrin), a charming symbol of Japanese summer.

*The cultural events in Tokyo are subject to change.

