

Summer Session



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January Session

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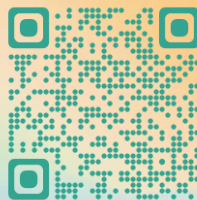
Since 1961, the Summer Session has welcomed more than 14,000 students from across the globe, many of whom have gone on to build careers connected to Japan. Since its launch in 2013, the January Session has provided an immersive winter study experience featuring courses on contemporary Japan, East Asia, and Japanese language.

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Example of Courses Offered *All courses are subject to change without notice.

Summer Session in East Asian Studies (Jul 1-Jul 22, 2026)

- *Education in Japan (2 credits)*
- *Japanese Language and Culture (2 credits)*
- *Japanese Popular Culture (2 credits)*
- *Modern History of Japan (2 credits)*
- *First Steps in Japanese (1 credits)*

Summer Session in Japanese Language (Jul 1-Jul 22, 2026)

*Intensive Japanese (3 credits) is divided into the 5 class levels;
Intensive Japanese 1, Intensive Japanese 1.5, Intensive
Japanese 2, Intensive Japanese 3, Intensive Japanese 4*

January Session in Japanese Studies (Jan7- Jan 29, 2027)

- *Chado, the Way of Tea and Japanese Culture (2 credits)*
- *Media and Contemporary Issues in Japan (2 credits)*
- *Contemporary Japanese Culture and Society (2 credits)*
- *Japanese Language (1 credit)*

Program Fee	*Subject to change
Summer Session in East Asian Studies	(2 courses) ¥ 235,000 (3 courses) ¥ 313,000
Summer Session in Japanese Language	¥ 270,000
January Session in Japanese Studies	(1 course) ¥ 157,000 (2 courses) ¥ 235,000 (3 courses) ¥ 313,000
Application Fee	¥ 10,000



Learn more here!

Events



Fees



Housing



Application Period and Requirements

Summer Session

February 9- March 6 (5pm* JST)

January Session

September 16- October 15 (5pm*JST)

Requirements

- A current student or graduate of a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree program outside of Japan
- A minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent
- English language proficiency: TOEFL ITP 550, TOEFL iBT 79 (0-120 scale test) or 4.5 (1-6 scale test), IELTS 6.0, TOEIC (L&R) 730, Cambridge English "C2 Proficiency" (Certificate of Proficiency in English, CPE) or "C1 Advanced" (Certificate in Advanced English, CAE)