

Japan

Fall

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2010

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Study Abroad in Japan

This program is hosted by Bunkyo Gakuin University, a collaborative partner of CSB/SJU for more than twenty years. Located in central Tokyo with a new subway station at its front entrance, Bunkyo Gakuin University is ideally situated for a study abroad program. All courses are taught in English and include studies in Japanese language (no prior competence required), culture, history, arts, politics and economics.

The faculty consists of a CSB/SJU program director who accompanies the group, and professors from Bunkyo Gakuin University. Extensive excursions enhance the students' learning experience including trips to Kyoto, Hiroshima, Karuizawa and Nara, as well as visits to important sites in the vicinity of Tokyo.

Housing Arrangements

Students will be housed in the International Student Dormitory adjacent to the Bunkyo campus. The rooms are furnished and heat/air conditioning is provided. The dormitory has laundry and kitchen facilities, computers and printers, as well as a furnished lounge for visiting with fellow students and guests. Housing is included in the cost of the program. The cafeteria at Bunkyo is only open for lunch. In accordance with institutional policies, co-ed housing is not an option on any CSB/SJU sponsored program. Men will be housed on the first floor and women on the second floor of the dorm. The program offers a weekend home stay with families of Bunkyo students.

All classes are held on the Bunkyo Gakuin University Hongo campus. Students have access to the university computer lab, library and gymnasium facilities. Students may participate in extra-curricular activities as time and interests dictate.



Selection Criteria

- Minimum GPA of 2.5, unless there are special circumstances.
- Letters of recommendation from the academic advisor, faculty resident/residence director, and a faculty member.
- Interview with the program director.
- Preference is given to qualified seniors, qualified juniors and qualified sophomores in that order.
- Qualified CSB/SJU students receive preference over students from other colleges and universities.
- CSB/SJU students who have never been on a CSB/SJU semester-long study abroad program receive preference over students who have already participated on a CSB/SJU semester-long study abroad program, with the exception of a student assistant.
- In accordance with institutional policies, co-ed housing is not an option on any CSB/SJU program. In some instances, selection of men and women participants must be based on housing accommodations available on site.
- A student cannot be accepted to a program if he/she has not completed the application process.
- No applications will be accepted after the close of spring semester.
- A disciplinary violation could affect acceptance to a study abroad program.

Things You Should Know:

- There is no foreign language requirement for this program.
- Students can study abroad in Japan during the fall semester (late August to mid-December).
- The deadline for applications for all study abroad programs is January 20, 2009.



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Policies

Students are required to attend all class meetings of courses for which they are registered. It is the student's responsibility to contact an instructor—preferably in advance—of a necessary absence. A student absent from class for any reason assumes the responsibility for work which has been missed. Personal travel is not considered a reasonable absence from class.

The instructor determines the attendance policy for his or her class. An instructor may fail a student if the instructor determines that unwarranted absences have earned the student a grade of "F", based on grading standards and attendance requirements defined in the course syllabus.

Disregard for either the academic character of the program or the basic social and legal obligations of a guest residing in another country will result in the termination of the student's program abroad.



How do I get to Japan?

Students will make their own flight arrangements and must meet in Tokyo at a place and time to be designated by the program director.

Check with your local travel agent or the following websites:

www.studentuniverse.com;
www.statravel.com;
www.orbitz.com;
www.expedia.com;
www.travelocity.com;
www.kayak.com.

Important Information

Program Fees

The program fee for the 2008-2009 year was \$17,838 plus round-trip airfare. The program fee will increase by the same percentage as tuition, room and board on campus for the 2009-2010 academic year. The fee is subject to change due to unanticipated increases in expenses and exchange rate fluctuations. Please note the items included/not included in the program fee.

Included in the Program Fee:

1. CSB/SJU tuition for the semester
2. Orientation program expenses
3. Housing while the program is in session
4. On-site tuition and instructional costs
5. Course-related excursions

Not Included in the Program Fee:

1. Non-program travel or housing
2. Passport application fee (\$97)
3. Round-trip airfare
4. Medical/travel exams/consultations
5. Food/meal expenses

Financial Aid

Regularly enrolled CSB/SJU students are eligible for financial aid on this study abroad program just as if they were on-campus, with the exception of work-study and the housing grant. For further information, students are directed to the *Academic Catalog*, available online. You are also encouraged to discuss your eligibility with your financial aid office. For information on study abroad scholarships, please visit the Office for Education Abroad Website:

www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation/scholarships.htm



Athletic Eligibility

Grades from study abroad programs must be received by the CSB/SJU Registrar's Office to determine athletic eligibility. If, for any reason, the necessary grades have not been received at the start of the athletic season, the student will not be allowed to participate (including practice) until it is determined that the student has met all eligibility requirements.

Travel Medical Consultation

Health exams to satisfy visa requirements, travel consultations, and immunizations are the financial and personal responsibility of the traveling student. Students should make an appointment with the SJU Health Center Travel Clinic or another travel clinic about any recommended vaccinations for travel abroad. Some vaccinations are given in a series with certain intervals between vaccinations. The Office for Education Abroad staff are not qualified to make a recommendation. If a medical exam or medical information is required to fulfill visa application requirements, the specific information will be sent to the students. For more details about medical and health concerns while traveling, consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

Orientation Program

All CSB/SJU students must participate in orientation sessions during the semester prior to going abroad. These sessions are arranged by the program director and the Office for Education Abroad. Attendance at all orientation sessions is mandatory for all CSB/SJU students.

Academic Program

In keeping with the goals of a liberal education, CSB/SJU study abroad programs offer off-campus intellectual environments in which students are able to explore the human condition. Students are exposed to unique opportunities to examine the fundamental, recurring questions about themselves and the world. At the same time, great care has been taken to ensure that the courses taught abroad

are integrated fully into the Common Curriculum and/or departmental offerings.

Grades issued on all CSB/SJU sponsored programs are recorded on the student's transcript as letter grades or S/U (unless the class is offered for a letter grade only). All grades are calculated into the student's cumulative GPA.

Language Instruction

These courses consist of lectures and tutoring in basic conversational Japanese language. The course goal is to provide basic speaking and listening skills to enable a more enjoyable and productive semester in Japan. Intermediate and advanced instruction provided by request. No prior Japanese language is required.

JAPN 115	ELEMENTARY JAPANESE ABROAD I (4 credits).
JAPN 116	ELEMENTARY JAPANESE ABROAD II (4 credits).
JAPN 215	INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE ABROAD I (4 credits).
JAPN 216	INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE ABROAD II (4 credits).
HIST 300D Required CORE: HMU COMMON: HM	TOPICS IN MODERN JAPAN: JAPANESE CULTURE AND LIFE (4 credits). This course consists of two sections: Japanese traditional arts and culture and Japanese contemporary life and popular culture. The traditional section will include lectures and practical studies of the performing arts (<i>Kabuki, Kyogen, Nob, Tama-sudare</i>), literature (<i>Haiku, folk tales, poetry</i>), refined culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy), sports (<i>Sumo, Judo, Kendo, Karate</i>), and children's games (<i>Kendama, Otedama, Ayatori, Origami</i>). The contemporary section will include lectures and practical studies of family life, formal ceremonies, education, annual festivals, popular entertainment, and food. Mandatory and optional excursions. Term papers and class participation required. (Bunkyo Gakuin Staff) NOTE: TO EARN HMU CREDIT YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED ANY HML COURSE. REQUIRED COURSE.
SA 375B Required CORE: SSU COMMON: none	ETHNOLOGY OF SELECTED CULTURE AREAS: JAPANESE POLITICS, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY (4 credits). This course explores a variety of topics about contemporary Japanese politics (political parties, elections, foreign policy), the economy (Japanese corporate management, unions, commodity pricing, the monetary system), and society (social trends, popular literature, personal relationships, etc.). Mandatory and optional excursions. Term papers and class participation required. (Bunkyo Gakuin Staff) NOTE: TO EARN SSU CREDIT YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED ONE SSL COURSE, NOT NECESSARILY IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT. REQUIRED COURSE.
COLG 110 Required	JAPANESE ANIMATION/MANGA/FASHION (COOL JAPAN) (1 credit). Students study "cool" elements of Japanese culture such as anime, manga, fashion and trends. NOTE: REQUIRED COURSE.
MGMT 389	SA EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (1-2 credit/s). This course is designed for students participating in study abroad. Students will write a series of essays integrating their knowledge of theory with their personal observations and reactions. Particular emphasis will be placed on the impact of culture on business. The course will be taught by a professor at CSB/SJU, using distance learning to maintain contact with students located in a variety of countries. Students should purchase the required textbook, Adler's <i>International Dimensions of Organizational Behavior</i> , from the CSB Bookstore before departure for the program site. Restricted to MGMT majors/minors.
CORE/SA 390 REQUIRED CORE: Senior Seminar COMMON: Ethics Seminar	SENIOR SEMINAR (4 credits). The goal of the Senior Seminar program is to develop the student's ability to make good moral judgments on issues that affect our lives. This senior seminar will touch, in some way, on a form or manifestation of moral judgment(s) encountered in the site country or culture. A course description will be provided by the program director after students are accepted for the program. RESTRICTED TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS FOR SENIOR SEMINAR CORE/Common DESIGNATION. NOTE: Students who are sophomores, Education or Social Work majors, or who have already completed their Senior Seminar requirement must see Academic Advising to determine if this course may fulfill another Core requirement.
GLOBAL FLAG	CSB/SJU students currently receive a Global Flag for their participation in a CSB/SJU study abroad program. NOTE: THE GLOBAL FLAG IS NO LONGER REQUIRED UNDER THE COMMON CURRICULUM.



Steps to a Successful Application

The following steps are required to complete the application process:

1. Complete the online application.
2. Submit to OEA, Main Building G004 at CSB, the following: \$225 application fee, one set of official colored passport photos on a plain white background, and the Signature/Waiver form (applicant & parent signatures required). The fee is nonrefundable if the applicant is accepted, but is refunded if the applicant is not accepted.
3. Transcript: The OEA will obtain a transcript from the Registrar's Office for CSB/SJU students.
4. Letters of recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor, faculty resident/residence director, and an instructor of the applicant's choice.
5. An interview with the director of the study abroad program.

Cancellation Policies

Withdrawal from a study abroad program must be made in writing to the Office for Education Abroad. OEA reserves the right to not fill a space resulting from a student's withdrawal.

Refunds for tuition and any recoverable fees on the program site are made to any student who withdraws during the semester abroad by formal written notice according to the general refund policy in the Course Catalog.

In the case of withdrawal due to serious health matters and accidents, all recoverable fees will be refunded with the exception of the \$225 application fee. Written notification from the student is required in addition to a doctor's statement.



Cancellation Fees

- \$200 for cancellation between April 7 - June 30, 2009
- \$350 for cancellation between July 1-31, 2009
- \$500 for cancellation between August 1-31, 2009
- \$500 plus any fees unrecoverable for cancellation after September 1, 2010

Important Web Resources:

OEA: www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation/
U.S. passport information available online:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/
Japan National Tourist Organization:
www.jnto.go.jp/
Bunkyo Gakuin University:
www.u-bunkyo.ac.jp/en/index.html



Application Timeline

November 10th, 2008

Application available online.

January 20th, 2009

Study abroad application deadline.; 4:30pm

Beginning January 29th

Interviews with the program director.

February 13, 2009

First round notification of acceptance by email. Students may be considered for a second program after this date.

March 6th, 2009

\$200 (non-refundable) advance registration/housing deposit due in Student Accounts Office. All CSB/SJU students make this payment to confirm they are returning to CSB/SJU the next year. This is not a separate study abroad fee.

March 14th, 2009

Official written notification of acceptance.

March 21, 2009

Required orientation for fall programs.

July 2009

(Fall Program)

Final billing by Student Accounts Office. This is part of your regular billing cycle. You will receive notification in the mail.