

Kyushu University Japan in Today's World

JTW gives you the opportunity to experience life and study at a major Japanese university without requiring proficiency in the Japanese language. We provide an integrated, multi-disciplinary program with flexibility of choice across a broad range of academic courses. No matter what your special field or level in Japanese, you can choose a portfolio of study suited to your needs. You can also stay for the full year or just one semester.

JTW offers a culturally diverse environment in which you can meet and exchange ideas with people from around the world. You will be in a group of about 40 students drawn from leading universities of all over the world. Classes are conducted primarily in English, but they are open to our Japanese students as well. You will also have your own "tutor," a Japanese student who will be on hand to help you settle in.

JTW plays a key role in Kyushu University's wider efforts to support international education. Our goal is to help you acquire the communication skills and deep understanding of modern Japan needed to better meet the challenges of living and working in today's global environment.

Applying to JTW

To be considered for the JTW program, you must arrange for your application and supporting documents to reach us by February 10, for October enrollment, or by November 10, for April enrollment. The materials to submit include:

- 1) A completed JTW Application Form
- 2) An 800-word essay on "Why JTW is for me"
- 3) An independent study project proposal (if you plan to do a project)
- 4) An advanced laboratory research proposal (if you are choosing this option)
- 5) Two letters of recommendation
- 6) Your official academic transcript(s)
- 7) A copy of your most recent TOEFL or IELTS score report (if you are not a native speaker of English)



For application instructions and forms, and further program information, see: <http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/jtw/>

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Kyushu University

Japan in Today's World 2014-2015

A Short-Term Study Program
for International Students



Japan in Today's World (JTW) is a comprehensive living/learning program for international students offering a rigorous, stimulating English-based undergraduate Japanese studies curriculum and rich opportunity for cross-cultural experience.

Study Period Options

Academic year (recommended): October - July

Single semester: October - February or April - July

Eligibility

You are eligible for JTW if you...

- are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program outside Japan;
- will have completed at least one academic year of college before starting at JTW;
- have a strong academic record (successful applicants usually have a GPA of 3.2 or higher);
- have the necessary English proficiency—non-native speakers must achieve minimum TOEFL scores of 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT), or 79 (IBT) or minimum IELTS score of 6.0, indicating skill levels in listening, reading, writing, and speaking required for successful program participation.

Postgraduate students may apply, but should bear in mind that JTW is designed for undergraduates.

Academic Program

JTW students each semester take a minimum of six courses, or five if combined with an independent study project. Certain restrictions apply.

JTW Core Courses

Drawing on Kyushu University's diverse resources, JTW offers a wide range of courses in Japanese studies. The curriculum includes classes on cultural patterns, economics, popular culture, history, literature, law, gender issues, politics, education, global and regional affairs, development studies, linguistic studies, the tea ceremony, and cultural adjustment. Professors represent various University faculties, and all teach in English. If you have the skills, you may opt to use Japanese language materials with your instructor's permission. Taking at least one core course per term is required. (2 credits/course)

Independent Study Project (ISP)

JTW students have the option to research in depth a topic in Japanese studies of their own choosing, for which they must present their findings in written and oral form. Projects, supervised by University faculty, are typically one term in length but may be extended to two terms with approval. Science or engineering ISPs that further your understanding of Japan are encouraged if you have the appropriate major or background. (2 credits/semester)

Advanced Laboratory Research (ALR)

The optional ALR opportunity allows students at advanced levels in engineering, science, agriculture, or pharmacy to plan and carry out an intensive laboratory research project under the guidance of a faculty specialist in the relevant area. An ALR counts as two courses toward the required six per term. (2 credits/ semester)

Faculty Courses

JTW students with the requisite language skills may enroll in regular Kyushu University courses taught in Japanese (some also are given in English); with the consent of the course instructor, you may earn credit for your work. Up to two faculty courses may be applied to the six-course requirement. (2 credits/course)

Language Courses

Eight levels of general language instruction, from beginning to advanced, are offered. Courses consist of two six-week sessions per semester. There are also skills-oriented courses that focus on reading, writing (including Kanji-learning), and speaking. Only one course each term may be counted toward the required six, though it is permissible to take additional classes. (2 credits/course)

Half-term Courses

Several, half-semester offerings provide specific, intensive focus on selected topics in the performing arts, life sciences, pop culture, and inter-cultural learning, adding diversity to the curriculum. (1 credit/course)



Study Trips

Study trips periodically take you off campus and outside Fukuoka to experience fascinating aspects of Japanese life. Destinations for 2013-14 include a sumo stable, a Shinto shrine, terraced paddy fields which you will help plant and harvest, the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb museum, a local elementary school, and an automobile assembly plant, among others. Faculty lectures are given before each outing to provide background and orientation.

Housing

As a new arrival at Kyushu University, you are guaranteed an air-conditioned single or shared room in an international student residence. Shopping for food and other necessities is found conveniently nearby.

Tuition, Fees, & Waivers

Tuition: You will be charged 14,800 yen* (as of 2013) for each registered credit—a total of 177,600 yen (for 12 credits) per semester, payable at the start of the term.

Waiver: You may be exempt from paying tuition fees if your home university has a waiver agreement with Kyushu University.

*Rate is subject to change.

Scholarships

If your home university has a student exchange agreement with Kyushu University, you can apply for a scholarship funded by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). The award includes a monthly stipend and move-in assistance. For details, see http://www.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html

Credit Transfer

Credits and grades earned on the JTW program may be transferable to your home university academic record with the appropriate authorization.

