

Advisor for Japanese Language

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See Professor Masanori Deguchi for information or assistance in transferring study abroad credits to your Japanese program.

There is no limit to the number of study abroad credits that may be transferred back to Western.

Credits may be transferred towards a Japanese major or minor if the courses are:
 -Taught entirely in Japanese;
 -Sufficiently academic and deal with Japanese language, linguistics, literature, or culture (at the discretion of Japanese faculty);
 -Graded A-F or S/U, but not pass/fail.

Majors: must complete Japanese 401, 402, & 403 as well as 50% of the credits needed for the major or minor on campus. Minors: must complete 303 or 401 on campus.

After you decide on a program and the courses you will take abroad, you must meet with Professor Deguchi to complete the [EdAbroad Departmental Academic Advising Form](#).

The form must be completed before you leave on your study abroad program.

Compare Programs and Budgets using the [Things to Consider](#) sheet

Japanese Language

Interested in studying Japanese Language & Culture abroad? The following programs offer significant coursework and immersion opportunities for **Japanese Language**. This is meant to highlight a variety of programs by region; please note there are many more available beyond what is listed here and this is not a guaranteed list for credit transfer. Students will still need to meet with their departments to discuss fulfilling degree requirements. Please visit our website at <https://studyabroad.wwu.edu/> for additional opportunities.

Program Options

Direct Exchanges	ISEP Exchanges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilateral agreements between WWU and universities abroad to exchange students • Chance of placement is high • Semester and year-long options • Pay WWU in-state tuition and mandatory fees • Room & board paid onsite • Take courses with international students at universities abroad • Eligibility requirements vary • More independent and less services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can choose from over 135 universities in 36 different countries • Students provide ISEP with a list of preferred sites. Chance of placement varies from site to site. • Semester & year-long options only • Pay WWU in-state tuition and mandatory fees • Room & board paid to WWU • Take courses with international students at universities abroad • More independent and less services
Study Abroad Programs	Global Learning Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent organizations that facilitate or administer study abroad programs for students • Quarter, semester, academic year, calendar year, & summer • Pay a program fee that includes tuition, housing, etc. (varies) • More services provided • Includes excursions, onsite pickup, varied housing options • Part time internships can be available for credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWU faculty organize and lead academic programs abroad • Quarter, summer & over breaks • Earn WWU credits in your field and learn from WWU faculty abroad while studying with other WWU students • Pay tuition and fees at WWU in addition to a program fee for onsite costs

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WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program

Tokyo, Japan

- Tokyo is the largest city in Japan, providing easy train access to outlying areas, nearby mountains, and beaches
- Students can take Japanese language classes at KCP International in Tokyo
- East 430 Contemporary Japanese Society is taught by Dr. Massimiliano Tomasi during Spring 2016 on campus (2 credits) and during summer in Tokyo (4 credits)
- East 430 in Tokyo begins on July 4th and runs through July 16th
- The 4 credits of 207/307 credits cannot be applied to the Japanese Language sequence at WWU but count as general elective credits towards graduation
- The 6 credits from East 430 can be counted as electives toward the Japanese/East Asian Studies majors
- The program is open to ALL STUDENTS and no prior language proficiency is required
- Summer terms available

[WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program](#)

Japan

Akita City, Japan

- Akita Prefecture is located in the northwestern part of the main island of Honshu, facing the Sea of Japan, and known for its magnificent nature, abundant festivals, delicious rice, apples, and relaxing hot springs
- **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Direct Exchange for this program**
- Aside from Japanese language classes, Akita curriculum is taught entirely in English
- Students can study Japanese language at all levels, as well as English curriculum in Japanese Studies, International Business, or Global Studies
- Akita International University offers a Summer Intensive Japanese program that is separate from the WWU Exchange agreement, but students in the past have attended the summer session then transitioned into the exchange program for the fall term or academic year
- Akita offers varied housing options for students, including a new Diversity House that fosters collaborative learning for students of color, LGBTQ, and students with disabilities, and a Culture House that embraces a deeper understanding of Japanese culture, philosophy, and art
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available depending on program

[WWU Direct Exchange- Akita International University](#)
[Akita Intensive Summer Japanese Program](#)

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Hiroshima, Japan

- Hiroshima City is an energetic and thriving metropolis with excellent shopping, theatres, and restaurants. The city was devastated by the atomic bomb in 1945, but its present prosperity is living proof of the energy and willpower of the Japanese and except for the Atomic Bomb Dome, there is little left of the devastation.
- Students can take Japanese courses at all levels, in addition to coursework in English or Japanese in a variety of subjects including History, Culture, Society, Economics, Business, Education, Science and Technology.
- Internships are available for students with a language proficiency of high intermediate or above.
- Fall and Academic Year terms available.

[University Studies Abroad Consortium \(USAC\)](#)

Kichijoji, Japan

- Seikei University is located in Kichijoji, a city located very close to downtown Tokyo.
- **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Direct Exchange for this program**
- The Seikei Institute for International Studies (SIIS) provides several Japanese language and Japanese culture courses for foreign students enrolled in Seikei University.
*Cost of housing (excluding utilities) is covered through scholarships from Seikei University.
- Quarter, Semester & Academic Year terms available.

[WWU Direct Exchange- Seikei University](#)

Kyoto, Japan

- Ritsumeikan University's Kinugasa Campus is located in Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital located within walking distance of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP**
- WWU Students can attend Ritsumeikan University through ISEP Exchange study Japanese language at all levels, in addition to English coursework in cultural studies and business related subjects.
- There are three tracks of study within the Study in Kyoto Program: The Intensive Japanese Language Track (IJL), the Japan and World Perspectives Track (JWP), and the Business Track (BT).
- Chance of placement are very limited at this institution and students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Semester terms available.

[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchange](#)

Mishima, Japan

- Mishima is an historical town, which hosts the Mishima Campus of Nihon University.
- **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP**
- WWU Students can attend Nihon University (Mishima) through ISEP Exchange and study Japanese language from intermediate to advanced levels, in addition to English coursework in International Studies, and International Liberal Arts including the social sciences, humanities, economics, and business.
- Semester & Academic Year terms available.

[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchange](#)

Nagasaki, Japan

- Choose from Japanese society and culture courses taught in English and five levels of Japanese language.
- Practice Japanese and make a friend with a Japanese conversation partner, who will help you adjust to your new home and introduce you to Japanese culture.
- Semester & Academic Year terms available.

[University Studies Abroad Consortium \(USAC\)](#)

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Nagoya, Japan

- Nagoya is Japan's 4th largest city, noted for its international trade, industry, and culture.
 - **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through Direct Exchange or ISEP**
 - Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (Direct Exchange) – There are two programs offered at NUFSS; one program focuses on language acquisition for all levels of Japanese, and the other program focuses on contemporary Japanese culture with coursework offered in English. Internship options may also be available.
 - Chukyo University (ISEP Exchange) – Chukyo University is the ideal study abroad destination for those interested in an immersion experience. Students have an abundance of opportunities, both inside the classroom and out, to interact with Japanese classmates, improve language skills and experience real Japan. Chances of placement are generally excellent.
 - Nanzan University (ISEP) – The Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) offers intensive language instruction, lecture courses in Japanese Area Studies, Japanese Art, field trips, and guided independent study. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Chances of placement are generally very good.
 - Nanzan University (IES Abroad) – IES Abroad offers a 6 week intensive Japanese language Summer program at Nanzan University for students with at least one year of Japanese language
 - Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available depending on program
- [WWU Direct Exchange- Nagoya University](#)
[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchange – Chukyo University](#)
[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchange – Nanzan University](#)
[IES Abroad](#)

Osaka, Japan

- Live in Osaka, a vibrant and fun city known for its friendly people, good humor, and great food
 - Study intensive Japanese language curriculum that completes the entire textbook in a term- typically 1 year of university level language through the CET Intensive Japanese Language & Culture Studies program
 - CET Summer intensive language program is open to students with at least one year of previous Japanese language study. There is no language prerequisite for the fall or spring program.
 - Through USAC students can study in Osaka/Kobe region of Japan for a semester or academic year taking courses in Japanese at all levels, while taking English coursework in Japan Studies and Japanese Culture
 - Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available depending on program
- [CET Academic Programs](#)
[University Studies Abroad Consortium \(USAC\)](#)

Tokyo, Japan

- Tokyo is the largest city in Japan, providing easy train access to outlying areas, nearby mountains, and beaches
 - **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for these programs through Direct Exchange** at Asia University or Tsuda College * Scholarships covering rent are also available at Tsuda
 - **Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for these programs through ISEP** at Tokyo International University or Toyo University
 - Tsuda College is a private, four year liberal arts college and one of the best known women's colleges in Japan
 - Japanese language courses at all levels in addition to Japanese language and culture courses taught in English
 - Additional English Courses available depending on institution and program
 - Quarter, Semester, Academic Year, & Summer terms available depending on program
- [WWU Direct Exchange - Asia University](#)
[WWU Direct Exchange - Tsuda College \(Women's College\)](#)
[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchange – Tokyo International University](#)

[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchange – Toyo University](#)
[KCP International Japanese Language School](#)
[Council on International Education Exchange \(CIEE\)](#)
[IES Abroad](#)

Yokohama, Japan

- Situated in Japan's second largest city, Yokohama is a vibrant, varied, and international community with a mild climate and clearly marked seasons
- [Pay WWU in-state tuition on Direct Exchange for this program](#)
- Study at Yokohama National University students can study Japanese language in addition to a variety of disciplines covering humanities, social sciences, and engineering in English
- Semester & Academic Year terms available
[WWU Direct Exchange- Yokohama National University](#)

Scholarships

U.S. Dept. of State Critical Language Scholarship Program

- The CLS program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs allowing American undergraduate and graduate students a fully funded overseas language and cultural immersion program with the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical need languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries
- For Japanese Language eligibility students must have completed two years of Japanese language or equivalent; this program is for students at the intermediate language ability
- Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. Citizen and enrolled in an accredited US Degree granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Program costs are fully covered including: intensive overseas group based learning courses (20+ hours per week), Room & Board, often with a host family, a full cultural program, host community language partners, US academic credit, domestic and international airfare
- Summer terms available
[U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\) Program](#)

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

- The Gilman Scholarship Program is open to US Citizen undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant Funding at 2 –year and 4 –year colleges or universities to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide
- Semester, Academic Year, Summer awards cycles
- Max awards: \$8000 for critical need language study, including Japanese language
[Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship](#)

Freeman-ASIA

- Designed to support US based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia.
- Grant amounts are: Summer Award up to \$3000, Semester/Quarter Award up to \$5000, Academic Year up to \$7000
[Freeman-ASIA- Institute of International Education](#)

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Study Abroad in Japan: Bridging Scholarships

- The Japan Bridging Scholarship offers stipends of \$2500 or \$4000, depending on length of study abroad program in Japan.
[US-Japan Bridging Foundation Scholarships](#)

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

- Scholarships available for qualified international students already accepted by Japanese Universities or graduate schools for a semester or year
[JASSO Scholarships](#)

Morgan Stanley Japan Scholarships

- Awards two \$7500 scholarships each year
[Morgan Stanley Japan](#)

Study in Japan (Monbukagakusho) Scholarships

- Scholarships through the Japanese Government
[Study in Japan Scholarships](#)