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Summer Session 2019

DURATION AND DATES
4 Weeks: June 21 (Fri) - July 19 (Fri)

APPLICATION
March 1 (Fri) Application Open
March 21 (Fri) Application Close

CREDITS
4 credit for 2 courses.

TUITION AND FEES
Plan A
JPY 699,000 (Approx. USD 3,080)
- 4 credit
- eliminate mandatory charge
- Airplane ticket to/from Japan
- Airport pickup service

Plan B, Excluding Housing Fee
JPY 440,000 (Approx. USD 2,250)
All other conditions/services are the same as the above Plan A. Students who choose to book their own accommodation can provide their own meals.

ACCOMMODATION
1. Apartment type - for male and female, includes meals
2. Dormitory type - for male only, includes meals
3. Dormitory type - for female, private room
4. Dormitory type - for male and female, includes meals

ELIGIBILITY
1. Currently enrolled in an accredited college/university (undergraduate)
2. GPA 2.5 out of a 4.0 scale or above
3. Dormitory type - for male only, breakfast and dinner included
4. Dormitory type - for male and female, no meals

ELIGIBILITY
Please let us know early on what accommodations you need to thrive in our program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
June 22 (Sat) - Acceptance Notice
June 24 (Mon) - Application Close

ELIGIBILITY
*Since accommodation has already been arranged for the summer session, all other conditions/services are the same as the above Plan A.

ACCOUNTS
- JPY 36,400 (Approx. USD 320)
- Japanese Language Course: Optional

CREDITS
1 credit for 1 Japanese Language Course

DURATION AND DATES
- Business I
- Japanese Language Course: Optional
- Culture I
- Culture II
- Economics I
- Economics II
- Politics I
- Politics II
- Interdisciplinary I

History
The Contemporary History of Meiji-Japan: A Study Approach Examining Historical Transformations in Politics and Contemporary Japan
Prof. Taichi MIZUMA
Waseda University, Japan

Literature and Art
Tokyo on Page and Screen
Prof. Joshua GOLDBERG
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

Language and Art
Murasaki Shikibu and Miyazaki Hayao: The Politics of Japanese Culture from the Bubble to the Present
Prof. Jiyuan WANG
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

Language and Art
Japenese between the Quakes: Postwar and Contemporary Japan
Prof. Jonathan ZWICKER
University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A.

Japanese Culture and Society
Prof. John Willis TRAPHAGAN
University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A.

Japanese Language Course:
Talk in Japanese I
Talk in Japanese II
Talk in Japanese III

Japanese Language Courses

Extra-curricular Activities

Field Trips
Summer session students will take a trip to Nikko, an ancient capital city to explore Japanese history and culture. The trip includes a visit to the Toshogu shrine as well as Edo Tokyo. The trip will also include a visit to the Waseda campus to meet with Waseda students. A visit to the fascinating city of Tokyo and a visit to the famous city of Kyoto will also be organized.

Student Interns' Events
Our Student Interns will organize some events for participants. You will learn more about Japan with them.

Visitors Sessions
Summer session students will be able to participate in discussions on various topics.

Participants' Voices

"Truly grateful to have been participated in such enriching program"

The experience I had during the month-long summer session was an enriching one. I gained a lot of knowledge about Japanese culture and society. I was also able to make new friends from different countries. The program was well-organized and the staff were very attentive. I would highly recommend it to others.

Earlham College, U.S.A.

"Wonderful professors with deep knowledge of Japan studies"

The professors associated with the program were wonderful. They were very knowledgeable about Japan and taught us a lot. The program was well-organized and the staff were very attentive. I would highly recommend it to others.

University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

"Nikko Field Trip was a great experience"

The course also included a trip to Nikko which was a great experience. It was a great opportunity to meet and socialize with different people whilst immersing in the Japanese culture. The trip was a great way to spend my summer.

Kieran Savage

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Kieran Savage
Summer Session 2019

DURATION AND DATES
4 Weeks
June 21 (Fri) Arrival
June 22 (Sat) Orientation
June 26 (Mon) Session Start
July 18 (Thu) Closing

APPLICATION
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TUITION AND FEES
Plan A
JPY 699,000 (Approx. USD 3,000)
- Includes:
  - Tuition
  - Housing
  - Meals
  - Orientation
  - Cultural events

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JPY 36,400 (Approx. USD 320)
- Includes:
  - Japanese Language Course

ACCOMMODATION
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3. Domestic insurance

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CREDITS
1 credit for 1 Japanese Language Course
4 credits for 2 courses

COURSES
Choose 2 courses out of 15.

Japanese Language Courses

Business I
Japanese Business and Management
Prof. June O'BRIEN
Sophia University, Japan

Business II
Case Studies in Japanese Marketing
Prof. Toshio HAMADA
Sophia University, Japan

Culture I
Japanese Culture and Society
Prof. John Miles TRAPHAGAN
University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A.

Culture II
Tourism and Japanese Culture
Prof. John Miles TRAPHAGAN
University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A.

Culture III
Prof. Tai Wei LIM
Waseda University, Japan

Economics I
Forecasting Tokyo: A Look at the History, Business, Politics, and Economics of the World’s Most Fascinating City
Prof. Makoto HOSODA
Mجموعة العلوم، الولايات المتحدة

Economics II
The Changing Face of Japanese Relating
Prof. Makoto HOSODA
مجموعة العلوم، الولايات المتحدة

Anthro / Sociology I
Disability and Japanese Society
Prof. Kunio NAKAMICHI
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

History I
The Contemporary History of Heisei Japan - An Area Studies Approach to Examining Historical Transformations in Politics and Contemporary Japan
Prof. Tai Wei LIM
IPP Institute
National University of Singapore, Singapore

Literature and Art I
Tokyo on Page and Screen
Prof. Joshua McGLOIN
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

Literature and Art II
Murakami Haruki and Miyazaki Hayao: The Politics of Japanese Culture from the Bubble to the Present
Prof. Jonathan ZWICKER
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

Literature and Art III
Japan Between the Dusk and the Dusk: A Cultural History of the City, 1855–1923 (Modern Japan Study)
Prof. Jason JOHNSON
University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

Politics I
Contemporary Japanese Politics
Prof. Byoung OH YUN
Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Politics II
Global Issues and Political Controversies in Japan and Asia
Prof. Byoung OH YUN
Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Interdisciplinary I
Waseda Japan: Mythos, Realities, and Identities
Assistant Prof. Shukuko KOYAMA
Waseda University, Japan

Talk in Japanese I

Talk in Japanese II

Talk in Japanese III

Either one of the following skill-based subject classes can be taken as optional during the Summer Session.

Japanese Language Courses

Talk in Japanese I

Talk in Japanese II

Talk in Japanese III

1. Beginner
2. Intermediate
3. Upper Beginner

Japanese Culture and Society


Japanese Business and Management

Tourism and Japanese Culture


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Extracurricular Activities

Field Trips
Summer Session students will take a trip with Waseda students to visit some Japan’s historical and cultural sites. The trip will be organized by the faculty.

Politics I

Politics II

Interdisciplinary I

Student Interns’ Events
Our Student Interns will organize some events for participants, as well as the new friends we made for making our summer an unforgettable one.

Visitor Sessions
Summer Session students will have the opportunity to interact with Waseda students in the Japanese language.

Participants’ Voices

“We truly grateful to have been participated in such enriching program.”

“I truly believe that this program is a great experience for students to learn about Japan and its culture.”

“Wonderful professors with deep knowledge of Japan studies”

“Nice and wonderful teachers that helped me improve my Japanese language skills.”

“Nikko Field Trip was a great experience”

“The experience I had during the month-long Summer Session was the most enjoyable and rewarding of my life.”

“We look forward to seeing you at Waseda!”

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