

## Curriculum — all study abroad students

IDST 031 Intercultural Communication: Departure & Reentry (1 credit, S/U)



Calligraphy fans, Japan

## All year-long Japanese programs

Each school provides several different levels of Japanese language, which students will be sorted into based on language proficiency. In addition, students will take courses on culture and society, offered in English or Japanese, depending on the program. Students may also select extracurricular courses from a variety of subjects, based on language proficiency, and student's interest.

## Housing

(All year long programs)

Students live in off-campus dormitories, with kitchens (depending on individual dorm). Off-campus housing is possible, but must be found independently. Meal plans are available.

## Dates

All year-long programs in Japan begin in early to mid-September. Typically there is a long vacation period during February and March with the academic year ending in late July or early August. Exact dates vary by school.

Rikkyo University  
<http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/>

Rikkyo University was founded at Tsukiji in Tokyo in 1874 by Channing Moore Williams, a missionary priest of the American Episcopal Church with an emphasis on liberal arts and humanistic values.

Over the years, Rikkyo has continued to emphasize a liberal arts education developing a whole person and nurturing a spirit of service to others. Today it is one of the major private universities in the nation, with a student body of approximately 16,000, including about 340 international students from 20 countries.

The faculty and administrative staff number nearly 1,300. In addition to clubs and teams, a number of extra-curricular activities are available that give students the chance to grow in responsibility and humanity.



Tea ceremony, Japan

Doshisha University  
<http://www.doshisha.ac.jp/english/international/>

Founded by Ex-Samurai Nijima Jo in 1875, Doshisha, located in Kyoto, now has a student body of 24,000 spread over 3 campuses. The school offers over 170 official clubs to join, ranging from sports teams to tea ceremony, and 240 more registered as student groups. The university also boasts several famous alumni, such as television personality Masaki Sumitani, Nintendo producer Gunpei Yokoi, game designer Shinji Mikami, and American author Shannon Gilligan.

Aoyama Gakuin University  
<http://www.aoyama.ac.jp/en/>

AGU's history dates back to 1874 when Canadian and American missionaries established the school as a way to reach out to the Japanese population. Located in Shibuya, Tokyo, one of the business and fashion capitals of Japan, students will have a plethora of landmarks and attractions to visit. Some examples include the statue of Hachiko, a dog famous throughout Japan for his loyalty to his missing owner, Shibuya 109, and the National Noh Theatre. Aoyama also has a number of famous alumni, including Tadahito Iguchi, an MLB player, along with several entertainers, and politicians.

English Track Available: Students of all majors with no Japanese language may also study a semester at AGU on their Sagami-hara Campus. During this program students will study beginning Japanese language and take courses taught in English. A list of courses offered at AGU in English can be found at: [http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/english/exchange/classes\\_sagamihara.html](http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/english/exchange/classes_sagamihara.html)

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JAPAN  
Tokyo/Yokohama/  
Kyoto

## Study Abroad Program



Zen Garden, Kamakura, Japan

Study in one of the major private coeducational universities in Japan: Rikkyo or Aoyama Gakuin in Tokyo, Kanto Gakuin in Yokohama, or Doshisha in Kyoto.



Mt. Fuji and Fall Foliage, Japan



## Selection Criteria for all programs

Students must complete the equivalent of one year of college-level Japanese (two years preferred) to be eligible for the Kanto Gakuin University (KGU) program and the equivalent of two years college-level Japanese is required for the Rikkyo, Doshisha and AGU year-long programs. All participants are required to take or audit the appropriate level of Japanese in the spring semester directly preceding their study in Japan.

The program is open to students in good academic and social standing who have completed at least one semester at Linfield with a 2.75 cumulative minimum GPA. Preference is given to students who maintain a B average in their Japanese language courses. The year-long programs are open to Japanese majors only or with permission from the Modern Languages Department. Students cannot participate in both a semester abroad and January Term off-campus course in the same academic year without special permission from the International Programs Office.

The number of students for each program is limited, and selection can be competitive. On the basis of an application, supporting documents, and a personal interview, a selection committee judges each applicant to determine motivation, readiness and academic preparation for this study abroad experience. A series of obligatory orientation meetings (usually one weekend and several other meetings) is held in the spring semester prior to departure.



Shooting arrows, Japan

It is highly recommended that students take TCCA 230 (Intercultural Communication: Global Perspectives) before participating in the program. Courses in Asian history and thought (such as Survey of East Asian Civilizations, Modern Japan, International Politics, Comparative Politics, Politics in Non-Western Societies, Philosophy East and West, and Psychology East and West) also provide excellent preparation.

## Costs

The cost of studying in Japan is similar to spending an equivalent period of time on the McMinnville campus. Students pay tuition, technology fee and program fee. See the Cost Sheet on the IPO web site. Suggested budgets for personal spending are available in the International Programs Office.

Out-of-pocket expenses, passport and visa fees, and local or regional travel are the responsibility of the student. Linfield students may use their financial aid while abroad. The college pays the round-trip airfare from the Portland Airport for qualified students' first study abroad experience.



Tase-Dera Temple, Kamakura, Japan

## Japanese Major/Minor and Asian Studies Minor

For a minor in Japanese, students can count 10 credits from the fall study abroad program at KGU.

Students interested in obtaining a Japanese major or an Asian Studies minor should contact Professor Masayuki Itomitsu, Modern Languages, ext. 2475, mitomit@linfield.edu



Kamakura, Japan

## Kanto Gakuin University

<http://univ.kanto-gakuin.ac.jp/english/index.html>

### Background

Yokohama is Japan's second largest city, a major port, and cosmopolitan center. The greater Tokyo-Yokohama area is the heart and soul of Japan's economy, political system, and culture.

Classes and excursions are specifically arranged for Linfield students by KGU, Linfield's sister college in Yokohama. Experience a home stay with a Japanese family. Explore Tokyo and Yokohama with Kanto Gakuin University exchange students who have been to Linfield.

### Dates

The fall program in Japan runs from approximately the end of August through mid-December. There is a two-day study tour to Hakone in September and a one-week fall break in early November.

### Housing

Housing for Linfield students at KGU is a combination of University housing and a home stay.

KGU Curriculum - Students are required to take:

IDST 031 Intercultural Communication: Departure & Reentry (1 credit; S/U)

GLJP 230/231/232 Japanese Language (4/3/3 credits)

or

GLJP 330/331/332 Japanese Language (4/3/3 credits)

IDST 035 Perspectives on Japan (1 credit; S/U; EL)

GLJP 306 Japanese Culture and Society (3 credits)

GLJP 307 Japanese Political and Economic Institutions (3 credits)

At KGU, each Linfield student is assigned a Japanese "buddy" who serves as a 1 on 1 cultural/language partner throughout the semester. They help students learn to navigate their new surroundings and often develop close friendships.



Winter break travels, Otaru, Japan