Summer 2016

Japanese Language and Culture
5 weeks, 6 credits

Japanese Pop Culture
2 weeks, 3 credits

Ritsumeikan University is one of the top-ranked private universities in Japan. Kinugasa Campus, located in the northwest of Kyoto, the old capital of Japan, is surrounded by many historic temples and UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Golden Pavilion and Ryoanji Temple, providing a serene environment for education and research. It is Ritsumeikan University’s main campus, hosting 18,000 students, and the university’s center for liberal arts studies.

Eligibility Requirements:
2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Dates:
Japanese Lang & Culture July 4—August 6, 2016

Housing:
For the Japanese Language and Culture Program, you will be staying in an international student dormitory which opened up in fall 2015, located in 15-minute walk to Kinugasa Campus. Pop Culture students will live in a hotel or a furnished apartment. They are all easy to reach to campus by public transportation.

Program Cost (includes tuition & fees, housing, orientation in US and Kyoto, and health and accident insurance):

Jpn Lang & Culture (6 credits; quad room) $3980
Japanese Pop Culture (3 credits; double room) $2550

Estimated Additional Costs:

Airfare: $1500
Meals: 5 weeks $500
2 weeks $300
Airport Shuttle (Round trip between Kyoto and Kansai Int’l Airport) JPY7,000 (approx. $60)
Personal Expenses: 5 weeks $800-1200
2 weeks $400

Note: All dates and costs are subject to change.

Application Deadline: March 15
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**Academics:**

**JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**
(5 weeks, 6 credits)

Participants will be enrolled in an intensive Japanese language classes at beginner, intermediate, or advanced level and Japanese Studies classes.

Language classes are conducted for three hours every weekday morning, providing a thorough introduction to the Japanese language. Although particular emphasis is placed on oral communication skills, the program maintains an overall balance between conversation, reading, and writing, thus providing a solid foundation for future studies of the Japanese language.

Japanese Studies lectures focus on topics such as business, history, sociology, and traditional culture. In addition to having the chance to become more familiar with the finer aspects of Japanese culture in class, students also have the opportunity to take part in various fieldwork activities to reinforce what they have learned in class.

**THE PRESENT & FUTURE PROSPECTS OF JAPANESE POP CULTURE** (2 weeks, 3 credits)

This program overviews the birth, the present, and the future prospects of Japanese pop culture. It focuses in particular on those elements of Japanese pop culture that have had a substantial influence globally: manga, anime, computer games, and the character business. The course will look at the uniqueness of the culture and its impact on the world while also studying the connections with traditional Japanese culture as well as Japanese culture more broadly speaking.

During Week 1, participants will study basic Japanese language during while attending workshops and field trips to learn about traditional Japanese culture. Week 2 will be a series of Japanese pop culture lectures. Some of the topics covered in Week 2 may include Japanese pop culture and its globalization, history of Japanese manga and its expansion, the birth and role of local mascot characters, etc.

To apply, visit the Center for International Service’s website for application instructions: www.csi.cuny.edu/international/study_abroad.html.

Questions?

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