

Quick Comparison: Japan



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Study Abroad

University	Programs	Location	Prerequisite	Minimum GPA	Length of the Program	Main Areas of Study	Housing	Other Notes
Doshisha	Nichibun Program (CJLC)	Kyoto	JPNS 2010	3.0	AY/Any Semester	Japanese language + Japanese culture courses in Japanese	Special dormitories for international students	Renowned university, great location in central Kyoto
	Center for Global Education (CGE)	Kyoto	None	3.0	AY/Any Semester	Japanese culture, Society, and Nature courses in English	Special dormitories for international students	Renowned university, great location in central Kyoto
Keio	Japanese Language Program (JLP)	Tokyo	JPNS 2010	3.5	AY/Any Semester	Focus on Japanese language learning + other subjects in English	Off-campus apartment building	Rigorous & famous school; 1 full-ride scholarship awarded/year
	Keio International Program (KIP)	Tokyo	JPNS 2010	3.5	AY/Any Semester	Courses focus on Japan and East/Southeast Asia in English + some Japanese language courses	Off-campus apartment building	Rigorous & famous school; 1 full-ride scholarship awarded/year
Nihon	Japanese Language and Japan Studies Program (JLSP)	Tokyo	JPNS 1000	2.75	AY/Any Semester/ Summer	Intensive Japanese language + Japan studies courses	Special dormitories for international students	Lots of language instruction in a short time; exciting Tokyo location
Daito Bunka	Japanese Language Program	Saitama (North of Tokyo)	JPNS 2010	3.0	Academic Year	Japanese language + other courses in Japanese	Special dormitories for international students	Great immersion experience; very supportive staff
Otaru	YOUC Program	Hokkaido	JPNS 2010	2.5	Academic Year	One-year study program in ECON, MGMT, JPNS lang in English and optional courses in Japanese	Special dormitories for international students	Stunning mountainous location; good immersion due to fewer international students

Application Information: The Japanese Exchange programs are highly competitive and require a lengthy application process to each host university. All applicants must first apply through the general “Japan – Academic Year Exchange Program” application on BroncosAbroad. (<http://wmich.edu/studyabroad/>) This application will ask for your top 3 choice of schools in Japan along with regular application requirements. When comparing schools, please keep in mind the GPA requirements, location of the school, and required language experience as these vary greatly between schools. After applying to WMU through the BroncosAbroad system, students will be invited to a Selection Committee Interview. After the interviews, advisors will decide on Exchange placements and will assist students with host university applications.

Scholarships: WMU HIGE President’s Grant for Study Abroad, WMU HIGE Global Engagement Scholarship, JASSO (Japanese Government Scholarship), Murakami (Keio University only), MEXT (Japanese Government Scholarship), WMU College of Arts & Sciences Scholarship, WMU World Languages and Literatures Departmental Scholarship, WMU Lee Honors College Scholarship, WMU Haworth College of Business Scholarship, Gilman Award, Bridging Scholarship, etc.

Students are responsible for researching scholarship requirements, deadlines, and application procedure

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Rikkyo	Japanese Language Education Program	Tokyo	JPNS 1000	2.5	AY/Any Semester	Japanese language + Japanese area studies	Off-campus dormitories	Beautiful & historic university; diverse course offerings
	Business Program	Tokyo	JPNS 1000	2.5	AY/Any Semester	Japanese language + business and economics courses in English	Off-campus dormitories	Beautiful & historic university; diverse course offerings
Ritsumeikan	Intensive Japanese Language Track (IJL)	Kyoto	JPNS 2010	3.0	AY/Any Semester	Intensive Japanese language + other courses in English	Special dormitories for international students	Located near cultural site; supportive staff
	Open Study in English Track (OSE)	Kyoto	None	3.0	AY/Any Semester	A wide range of subjects in English + an optional Japanese course	Special dormitories for international students	Located near cultural site; supportive staff
JCMU	Japanese Language and Culture	Hikone (Shiga prefecture)	None	2.5	AY/Any Semester/ Summer	Japanese language + Japanese area studies	On-campus dormitories; Homestay also available	Small-town next to lake Biwa and close to Kyoto; very strong language program.

WMU and Host Application Deadlines

Program	Daito Bunka	Otaru	Nihon	Doshisha	Keio	Rikkyo	Ritsumeikan	JCMU
WMU Deadline	Dec 15	Dec 15	Fall/AY: Dec 15 Spring: Aug 15 Summer: Jan 15	Fall/AY: Dec 15 Spring: Aug 15	Fall/AY: Dec 15 Spring: Aug 15	Fall/AY: Dec 15 Spring: Aug 15	Fall/AY: Dec 15 Spring: Aug 15	Fall/AY: Dec 15 Spring: Aug 15 Summer: Jan 15
Host Application Deadline	TBD	TBD	Fall/AY: June 1 st Spring: Oct 1 st Summer: March 1 st	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Fall/AY: Mid March Spring: Mid September Summer: Mid February

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