



Do you speak Japanese?

If you've had...

0 Semesters: [Hikone, Shiga, Japan \(Fall, Winter, Academic Year\)](#)

At the Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) students take intensive Japanese languages classes as well as social science, environmental science, and humanities coursework on pre-modern and modern Japan, with instruction in English.

2-4 Semesters (preferred): *These programs do not require previous study of Japanese, although spaces are limited so admissions and scholarship awards are likely to favor students with at least one year of prior college-level language study:*

[Tokyo, Japan \(Academic Year\)](#)

Students will enroll in the AIKOM (Abroad in Komaba) program at the College of Art and Sciences, University of Tokyo. This liberal arts curriculum focuses on Japan and its place in the world. Students take intensive Japanese language training with full-time, native instructors and enroll in courses, taught in English, by University of Tokyo faculty.

[Fukuoka, Japan \(Academic Year\)](#)

The "Japan in Today's World" (JTW) program at Kyushu University, one of seven original Imperial Universities, offers UM students a diverse and challenging introduction to contemporary Japanese society and culture. Students take rigorous language training in addition to courses in Japanese literature, history, international relations, environmental issues, economics, law, agriculture, policy-making, and medicine. All courses are taught in English by Kyushu University faculty.

4 Semesters: [Kyoto, Japan \(Fall, Winter, Academic Year\)](#)

Students begin their study at the Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) with intensive Japanese language training. Social science and humanities courses are also offered, in English, on pre-modern and modern Japan – taught by Japanese consortium university professors.

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CHOOSING A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN JAPAN

Program	Location	Terms	Eligibility	Housing	Recommended for	Advantages	Disadvantages
<u>Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU)</u>	Hikone (Shiga Prefecture)	Fall AY Winter	2.5 GPA Sophomore standing; No Japanese language requirement	Homestay or shared dorm rooms	Students with no previous Japanese language study; lower-division students	Offers Japanese at all levels; other courses taught in English. Most affordable Japanese program.	Program center not located on a university campus.
<u>Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS)</u>	Kyoto	Fall AY Winter	3.0 GPA Sophomore standing; 2 years Japanese (5 semesters for Winter); must be enrolled in Japanese at time of application	Apartments or homestays	Students with most advanced levels of Japanese, good academic record	Intensive Japanese language training; offers possibilities of independent study and directed research to advanced students	Most expensive program, with limited scholarship funds
<u>Japan in Today's World (JTW), Kyushu University</u>	Fukuoka	AY Only	3.0 GPA Junior or Senior standing. Previous study (2-4 semesters) of Japanese highly recommended	Dorm; weekend family stays may be arranged	Students with previous study of Japanese	Offers 1-2 scholarships per year to UM student; scholarships covers most costs except UM tuition. Strong Japanese language classes, plus broad range of content courses offered	Limited spots for scholarship recipients; maximum 4 students accepted into program each year (1-2 scholarship spots)
<u>Abroad in Komaba (AIKOM), Tokyo University</u>	Tokyo	AY Only	3.0 GPA Junior or Senior standing. Previous study (2-4 semesters) of Japanese highly recommended	International student dorm	Students with two years study of Japanese	Offers 1 scholarship per year to UM student; scholarship covers most expenses except UM tuition	Limited spots for scholarship recipients; maximum 2 students accepted into program each year (1 scholarship spot)

For more information on using study abroad to fulfill Japanese requirements: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/asian/undergrad/index.html>