Students majoring in Japanese must participate in an international experience before graduating:

**Study Abroad**
Full semester (fall or spring), academic year or a minimum 10 week long summer program (with approval from language advisor).

**Co-op Abroad**
Contact Maria.Richart@rit.edu in the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education.

**Other International Experiences** *(Other than study or co-op abroad)*
Must be pre-approved by the Modern Languages & Cultures Department Chair, Hiroko Yamashita (hxygsl@rit.edu).

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**4 Reasons To Study A Language Abroad:**

1) **Cultural immersion is the fastest, most effective way to learn a new language leading to increased fluency.** (nafsa.org)

2) **Hearing, reading, and using your language skills on a daily basis improves your pronunciation, vocabulary and comprehension.**

3) **Gaining an understanding of the cultural origins of your host language gives a new clarity and meaning to words and sentences that once seemed abstract.**

4) **Acquiring advanced level language skills increases your value to prospective employers.**

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**Featured Student:**
Tomoni Takeuchi
Studied Japanese
Nagoya, Japan

"Spending a semester in Japan helped me improve my Japanese language skills tremendously, gave me insight into Japanese culture and will be something that will set me apart in my career."

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**For a Culturally Immersive Experience:**
Live with a local family in a home stay.
Take elective courses in the local language.
Set English aside - join clubs and other activities that provide the opportunity to interact with local students.
Participate in culturally immersive excursions.
Look for programs with internships or directed research projects.

**Scholarships for studying Japanese abroad:**

- **CLA Global Opportunity (GO) Grant** - automatic $500 grant for CLA majors to study abroad.
- **CLA Student Travel Fund** - up to $750 to study abroad. 
  rit.edu/cla/awards-grants/cola-student-travel-fund
- **KIT Fellowship** - RIT fellowship funded summer program at Kanazawa Institute of Technology.
- **Gilman Scholarship** - For U.S. citizens who receive a Pell Grant. gilmanscholarship.org
- **Critical Language Scholarship** - For students studying a critical language over the summer. clscholarship.org
- **Boren Scholarship** - Supports study of less commonly taught languages (Asia). borenawards.org

**Next steps:**
1. Meet with your academic advisor to determine timing and coursework.
2. Login to the Compass database at studyabroad.rit.edu to search programs.

3. Make an appointment with a study abroad advisor to go over required application steps. Email global@rit.edu or call 585-475-4466 to make an appointment.
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