

Study Abroad for Japanese Language

RIT students majoring in Japanese must participate in an international experience before graduating. Eligible study abroad experiences include: a full semester program (fall or spring) or academic year program. For an extenuating situation, a summer program may be accepted with approval from the Japanese Program Director, Hiroko Yamashita.

Students doing a minor or immersion in Japanese would greatly benefit from spending time abroad enhancing their Japanese language skills and learning about Japanese culture.



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

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Why study Japanese language abroad?

- Hearing, reading, and using your Japanese skills on a daily basis improves your pronunciation, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Gaining an understanding of the cultural origins of Japanese language will give you new clarity and meaning to words and sentences that once seemed abstract.
- Acquiring advanced-level Japanese language skills increases your value to prospective employers.

For a culturally immersive experience

- Live with a local family Japanese in a homestay.
- Take elective courses in Japanese.
- Set English aside - join clubs and other activities to interact with Japanese students.
- Look for programs with internships, directed research projects, or volunteer opportunities.

Scholarships

- > **CLA Global Opportunity (GO) Grant** - automatic \$500 grant for CLA majors to study abroad
- > **Gilman Scholarship** - open to U.S. citizens who receive a Pell grant
gilmanscholarship.org
- > **Critical Language Scholarship**
clscholarship.org
- > **Boren Scholarship**
borenawards.org
- > **Freeman-Asia Scholarship**
www.iie.org/freeman-ASIA

Next Steps

- 1) Use the program list on back as a starting point. Find out more information in the RIT Study Abroad Compass:
www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply
- 2) Make an appointment to meet with an RIT Study Abroad Advisor
www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting
- 3) Talk with your academic advisor to determine timing and coursework.



Tokyo, Japan

Japanese Language Programs Abroad

Location	Term(s) Offered	Program Provider	Program Name	Program Details	Good for Japanese Majors	Good for Japanese Minor/ Immersion
SEMESTER PROGRAMS						
Akita, Japan	Fall, Spring	SUNY Oswego	Akita International University	Full semester, 12-15 credits Courses in Japanese language, culture, global business, or global studies.		✓
Kyoto, Japan	Spring*	RIT Exchange	Doshisha University	Full semester, 12-15 credits Based at Doshisha University Courses in Japanese language, culture, liberal arts.	✓	✓
Nagoya, Japan	Fall, Spring	IES Abroad	Nagoya Direct Enroll – Nanzan University	Full semester, 15-18 credits Students take 8 credits of Japanese language and additional courses in Japanese area studies.	✓	✓
Tokyo, Japan	Fall, Spring	IES	Tokyo Language & Culture - Kanda University of International Studies	Full semester, 17 credits Students take 8 credits of Japanese language and additional courses in Japanese area studies.		✓
Tokyo, Japan	Spring*	CIEE	Arts & Sciences (Sophia Univ)	Full semester, 15 credits Based at Sophia University Courses in Japanese language, culture & elective classes.	✓	✓
Tokyo, Japan	Spring*	CIS	Semester in Tokyo – Toyo University	Full semester, 15-18 credits Based at Toyo University Courses in Japanese language, culture & elective classes.		✓
Tokyo, Japan	Spring*	CIS	Semester in Japan – Meiji Gakuin University	Full semester, 15-18 credits Based at Meiji Gakuin University Courses in Japanese language, culture & elective classes.		✓
SUMMER PROGRAMS						
Kanazawa, Japan	Summer	RIT Exchange	KIT Summer Japanese Language Program	5 weeks, 8 credits Based at Kanazawa Institute of Technology Courses in Japanese language & culture		✓
Kyoto, Japan	Summer	CIEE	Summer Ancient & Modern Japan	6-12 weeks, 6-12 credits Students take Intermediate Japanese language and Japanese studies courses		✓
Nagoya, Japan	Summer	IES	Summer – Language & Culture	8 weeks, 8 credits Based at Nanzan University Students take one language course for 4 credits, and an additional 4 credits in Japanese studies courses		✓
Tokyo, Japan	Summer	CIEE	Summer Japanese Studies	6 weeks, 6 credits Students take Beginning or Intermediate Japanese language and Japanese studies courses		✓

*Note that fall semester dates for these programs would not align with RIT's academic calendar (fall semester dates in Japan can be from September through the end of January).

Make an appointment to meet with an RIT study abroad advisor:
www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting

PROGRAM PROVIDER WEBSITES:

CIEE Programs – ciee.org
 CIS Programs – cisabroad.com
 IES Programs – iesabroad.com
 SUNY Oswego - oswego.edu/international/education-abroad