

# 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](http://gilmanscholarship.org)
- > **Critical Language Scholarship**  
[clscholarship.org](http://clscholarship.org)
- > **Boren Scholarship**  
[borenawards.org](http://borenawards.org)
- > **Freeman-Asia Scholarship**  
[www.iie.org/freeman-ASIA](http://www.iie.org/freeman-ASIA)

## Next Steps

- 1) Talk with your academic advisor and CLA language faculty to discuss timing and coursework.
- 2) Use the program list on back as a starting point to explore programs. Or do a search in the RIT Study Abroad Compass:  
[www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply](http://www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply)
- 3) Make an appointment to meet with an RIT Study Abroad Advisor  
[www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting](http://www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting)



# Japanese Language Programs Abroad

Location	Term(s) Offered	Program Provider	Program Name	Program Details	Good for Japanese Majors	Good for Japanese Minor/ Immersion
<b>SEMESTER PROGRAMS</b>						
Akita, Japan	Fall, Spring	SUNY Oswego	<a href="#">Akita International University</a>	Full semester, 12-15 credits Courses in Japanese language, culture, global business, or global studies.		✓
Kyoto, Japan	Spring*	RIT Exchange	<a href="#">Doshisha University</a>	Full semester, 12-15 credits Based at Doshisha University Courses in Japanese language, culture, liberal arts.	✓	✓
Nagoya, Japan	Fall, Spring	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Nagoya Direct Enroll – Nanzan University</a>	Full semester, 15-18 credits Students take 8 credits of Japanese language and additional courses in Japanese area studies.	✓	✓
Tokyo, Japan	Spring*	IES	<a href="#">Tokyo Language &amp; Culture</a> - 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	<a href="#">Arts &amp; Sciences</a>	Full semester, 15 credits Based at Sophia University Courses in Japanese language, culture & elective classes.	✓	✓
Tokyo, Japan	Spring*	CIS	<a href="#">Semester in Tokyo – Toyo University</a>	Full semester, 15-18 credits Based at Toyo University Courses in Japanese language, culture & elective classes.		✓
Tokyo, Japan	Spring*	CIS	<a href="#">Semester in Japan – Meiji Gakuin University</a>	Full semester, 15-18 credits Based at Toyo University Courses in Japanese language, culture & elective classes.	✓	✓
<b>SUMMER PROGRAMS</b>						
Kanazawa, Japan	Summer	RIT Exchange	<a href="#">KIT Summer Japanese Language Program</a>	5 weeks, 8 credits Based at Kanazawa Institute of Technology Courses in Japanese language & culture		✓
Kyoto, Japan	Summer	CIEE	<a href="#">Summer Ancient &amp; Modern Japan</a>	6-12 weeks, 6-12 credits Students take Intermediate Japanese language and Japanese studies courses		✓
Nagoya, Japan	Summer	IES	<a href="#">Summer – Language &amp; Culture</a>	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	<a href="#">Summer Japanese Studies</a>	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](http://www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting)

## PROGRAM PROVIDER WEBSITES:

CIEE Programs – [ciee.org](http://ciee.org)  
CIS Programs – [cisabroad.com](http://cisabroad.com)  
IES Programs – [iesabroad.com](http://iesabroad.com)  
SUNY Oswego - [oswego.edu/international/education-abroad](http://oswego.edu/international/education-abroad)