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CONSORTIUM FOR JAPANESE STUDIES



Semester and Academic Year

The Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) mission is to educate and empower students and help them engage and explore all facets of Japan. We do this by offering three integrated components: academic rigor, community engagement, and understanding your experience with a global lens.

When you study at KCJS you gain more than academic learning, you join the KCJS Experience! You will be exposed to local artisans, professionals, and practitioners to help you better understand historical and contemporary Japan from various perspectives.



Eligibility

- Must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Must have completed at least two semesters of Japanese (Fall / Academic Year students); or at least three semesters of Japanese (Spring students)
- Minimum 3.0 average language GPA (if applicable)
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

Housing

There are three housing options at KCJS: Living in a Japanese household (homestay), living in an apartment, or living in a student dormitory.

Japanese Language Course

Each semester you will take a total of 8 points in language classes. Language classes will challenge you in speaking, reading, writing and reading Japanese five days a week for two hours each day. We offer courses from the 2nd Year to 4th Year and beyond of the Japanese language.

Disciplinary Courses

You will take two disciplinary courses, taught in either English or Japanese, as a complement to your Japanese language studies. These disciplinary courses offer you the opportunity to learn not only about Japan's history, arts and culture, but also about various academic disciplines.

Community Engagement

The KCJS Experience ensures you immerse yourself in the local and university communities, engaging and learning beyond the classroom. Put your studies to use as you join university student clubs, take lessons in a traditional art, volunteer with a local organization, experience living amongst Japanese students, and many other options.

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Summer

The Summer language programs in Modern and Classical Japanese are fast-paced, intensive, and culturally immersive opportunities. While enjoying the many advantages of living in Kyoto — one of the world's great historical cities — students engage in language training aimed at substantially boosting fluency and cultural literacy.

Experienced instructors lead small language classes, devote personal attention to you and tailor the curriculum to your particular needs and linguistic ability. Raise your Japanese language proficiency in a short period of time!

Eligibility

- Must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Must have completed at least two semester of Japanese (Modern); or at least six semester of Japanese (Classical)
- Minimum 3.0 average language GPA
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA



Housing

There are two housing options at KCJS Summer Programs: Living in a student dormitory (limited availability) or arranging for your own apartment.

Modern Japanese

Study 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year Japanese, while raising your language proficiency in a short period of time.

Experienced instructors lead small, intensive language classes, devote personal attention to you and tailor the curriculum to your particular needs and linguistic ability.



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Classical Japanese

Learn classical Japanese under the guidance of a renowned scholar of Classical Japanese.

Taught in English, the course offers a systematic, intensive introduction to the grammar of classical Japanese, which will enable you to read authentic texts with a dictionary by the end of the term.



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Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies

The Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) was founded in 1989 to deliver academically rigorous and culturally immersive opportunities in Kyoto, Japan. Spend a Fall/Spring Semester Academic Year, or Summer developing your Japanese language skills and exploring all facets of Kyoto's rich history and arts.

The members of the KCJS are Boston University, Brown University, University of Chicago, Columbia University/Barnard College, Cornell University, Emory University, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Stanford University, Washington University in St. Louis, Yale University, and University of Virginia.



Doshisha University

KCJS is centrally located in Kyoto on the Imadegawa campus of Doshisha University allowing students to be a part of a Japanese university campus community and involve themselves in college student life. KCJS students join Doshisha University clubs and student groups, hang out in student hubs, and participate in various aspects of Japanese college culture.

Doshisha University is a prominent private university with over 26,000 students and has been designated as one of 30 national centers for global education by the Japanese government.

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