

JAPAN

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Japan: Japanese Theater & Language (2019) Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: The information on this page is for the 2017 program. Updated 2019 program information will be available in summer 2018. Program details may be similar, but are subject to change.

Tokyo, and Osaka , Japan This unique program provides students at multiple language levels the opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture. The trip begins with three weeks in Tokyo, the nation's capital and cosmopolitan center, continuing with three weeks in Osaka, Japan's second largest city and center of the historically and culturally important Kansai region. Students will explore Japan's past and present by exploring Tokyo urban centers such as Shibuya, Shinjuku, and Akihabara and ancient shrine and temple complexes in Nikko, Kyoto, and Nara.

The program includes two courses, one in Japanese theater and the other in Japanese language in practice. The Japanese theater course focuses on nō, kyōgen, kabuki, and bunraku, the four major genres of traditional Japanese theater, but also extends to more modern genres and the role of performance in everyday life. The language course is focused on putting language into active use and is open to students at all ability levels. Both classes take full advantage of the Japanese setting, with field trips to view live theatrical performances and regular language activities centered on completing concrete tasks through interaction with native speakers in the community.

[Past participants](#) have shared their experiences about this faculty-led.

[Japan Theatre Flickr](#)

[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

*** Program expected to run summer 2019. Applications are set to open summer 2018. ***

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#).

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will stay in hostel-style hotel, homestay, and shared-room guest houses

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Open to all majors. No previous language experience required. 2.5 GPA required.

Non-GVSU Students: Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/nongvstudent for detailed information on how to apply.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

**** 2019 Program application will open late summer 2018 ****

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2019 Program): **February 1, 2019**

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WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

EAS 333: Japanese Theater (3 Credits) AND

JPN 285: Japanese Language in Practice (3 Credits)

*Issues friendly (Students can fulfill entire general education issues requirement)

Fulfills GVSU's Issues and Culture - World Perspectives GenEd requirements

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$4,668.

Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- Field trips and fees
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition (6 credits) (\$3,036)
- Personal expenses (\$600)
- Additional meals (\$600)
- Passport fees (\$140)
- Textbooks (\$100)
- ISiC card (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$9,172

FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with **Study Abroad** in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

GRANTS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to \$1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad for information on other grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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