2016 Summer
APU Gateway Program

Experience a cross-cultural world in JAPAN

- Eight-Week Summer Program
- Intensive Japanese Language Course
- Variety of Cultural Activities
- Interaction with APU Buddies

立命館アジア太平洋大学
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Study on a truly multicultural campus at Japan’s leading international university where the student body is drawn from 80 countries and regions.

日本語・文化
Japanese Language & Culture
Practice Japanese in a real-life setting!

別府
Beppu
Experience the more traditional side of Japan!
1. Course Content

Japanese Language and Culture Course

The most effective way to learn a language is by studying it in the country where it is spoken!
At APU, your Japanese will improve as you practice firsthand what you are learning in the classroom in your real everyday life by interacting with other APU students and locals. The Japanese language course is very intensive (twelve 95-minute classes per week), but our experienced instructors will help you to understand the materials quickly and take you to the next level.

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<th>Level</th>
<th>For Whom?</th>
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<td>Beginner</td>
<td>For students who are studying Japanese for the first time.</td>
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<td>Foundation</td>
<td>For students who have completed approximately 150 hours of study and are proficient in reading and writing Hiragana, Katakana, and approximately 150 Kanji characters.</td>
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<td>Intermediate</td>
<td>For students who have completed approximately 300 hours of study and can read and write approximately 300 Kanji characters.</td>
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Japanese classes also aim for students to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture. To this end, a variety of cultural activities are offered. Past activities have included:

- Tea ceremony
- Calligraphy
- Elementary school visit
- Overnight trip to Nagasaki
- Weekend home (farm) stay

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Accommodations

All students are guaranteed university arranged housing either on or off campus depending on the availability.

Interested in an Optional Academic Course at APU?

You may take one academic course from the College of Asia Pacific Studies (APS) or the College of International Management (APM) for an additional fee. Official transcripts are issued for the academic course you take as well as for your Japanese courses.

2. 2016 Program Schedule

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<td>Arrival / Accommodation check-in</td>
<td>5/31, 6/1</td>
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<td>Orientation</td>
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<td>Last day of class</td>
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3. Program Fees and Cancellation Policy

**Program Fees**

- Application Fee: JPY 11,750
- Program Fee: JPY 360,300
- Registration Fee: JPY 32,500
- Housing Fee: JPY 94,000
- Bank Transfer Fee: JPY 1,750
- Total: JPY 500,300

*Meals, airfare, and medical insurance are not included in the program fee.

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**Cancellation Policy:**

- In the event of student cancellation/withdrawal, the following cancellation policy will apply:
- **Screening Fees** (required for all applicants): Non-refundable
- **Registration Fees** (non-refundable)
- **Program Fees** (tuition and activity fee): Will be refunded if a student withdraws by April 30 Japan time (if the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or national holiday, the University must be informed of the withdrawal by the working day immediately prior to the deadline).
- **Housing Fees**: Housing Fees are refundable except for the moving-in fee (JPY 16,000) if a student withdraws by April 30 Japan time (if the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or national holiday, the University must be informed of the withdrawal by the working day immediately prior to the deadline).
- **Bank Transfer Fee** will be deducted from the refunds. Refunds will be returned to the student by APU in a timely manner.

4. Application

Applicants need to have a strong interest in Japanese language and culture and must meet at least one of the following two requirements:

1. Be currently enrolled in a Japanese or foreign university, or equivalent institution of higher education, for the duration of this program.
2. Have received an acceptance letter to a Japanese or foreign two-year junior college or four-year university following graduation from a high school or equivalent institution of secondary education or completion of 12 years of school education overseas.

To apply, please visit our website:

- Website: [http://www.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0171.html](http://www.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0171.html)
- Application Deadline: March 1, 2016

5. Contact Information

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Other programs offered at APU:
- Semester/Year Study Abroad
- 2nd/3rd Year Transfer
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

**English requirement for non-native speakers:**

- TOEFL®PBT: 500 or above
- TOEFL®iBT: 61 or above
- TOEIC®: 500 or above
- IELTS: 5.5 or above

**Visas**

Students from the U.S. and other countries which have visa exemption arrangements with Japan may not be required to obtain a visa, but should confirm actual requirements with the nearest embassy or consulate of Japan in their home country. Students from countries which do not have visa exemption arrangements should contact the nearest embassy or consulate of Japan in your home country to determine visa requirements. Students who intend to stay in Japan after completing the program should contact the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate of Japan.

**Insurance**

Medical insurance should be purchased in the student’s home country prior to departure.

**Student Voices**

- Beautiful location & views, clean countryside air, internationally friendly atmosphere, friendly and helpful people, extensive support systems for study abroad students (academic office, health center, buddy, touring).
- Coming to APU was the best decision of my life.
- While the program is very intensive, the things I have experienced here and the memories I have made will last a lifetime.