Japan: Japanese Center for Michigan Universities
Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
The Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) study abroad program is a product of the strong sister-state relationship between the State of Michigan and Shiga Prefecture. JCMU is located on the shore of Lake Biwa in the City of Hikone, Shiga Prefecture, Japan. Its programs are dedicated to building relationships between Japanese, Americans and other nationalities through active learning and participation in language, culture, family life and society. JCMU has been welcoming students of all majors since 1989. Students will register for ten credits of Japanese language and will have the option to register for one or two additional courses focused on Japanese culture, business, or society. JCMU also offers an internship option in Environmental studies during the winter semester. For additional information on the various opportunities through this program, visit the JCMU website at www.isp.msu.edu/jcmu.

Applicants that apply for this program by the deadline will receive an automatic $1,900 scholarship from JCMU.

WHEN CAN I GO?
Academic Year: August - April (Break in December) Apply by Jan. 15
May Session: May Apply by Jan. 15
Summer: June - August Apply by Jan. 15
Fall: August - December Apply by Jan. 15
Winter: January - April Apply by Sept. 1

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Students may either live with a Japanese family in a homestay or in the JCMU apartments. Since homestays are an important part of the Japan experience, JCMU arranges homestays of various durations based on family availability and student preferences. Students may, for example, live for one month in the Center apartments and stay one month with a family, or live for the whole semester in the Center and spend an occasional weekend with a family.

Student apartments are designed for double occupancy, each with a private bedroom/study and shared kitchen and bath-room. Each apartment is separately metered for utilities, including telephones. The residential building also contains a new computer lab, laundry, television room, weight room, and lounge. It is part of a larger JCMU complex including an academic building and a traditional Japanese garden overlooking Lake Biwa.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
Students must be degree-seeking and have completed at least one semester at GVSU. JCMU requires that applicants have achieved a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
The Japan Center for Michigan Universities offers courses in many subjects. For a list of course options visit: www.isp.msu.edu/JCMU
Students participating in an affiliate program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved courses or will go through a Course Approval Process.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $8,380.

Includes
- Housing
- Tuition
- Course materials
- Health insurance

Other Expenses
- Misc. Expenses ($1,750)
- Meals ($1,500)
- Airfare ($1,400)
- Passport/Visa ($160)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST PER SEMESTER (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $13,190 (With JCMU Scholarship)

FINANCIAL AID
Many types of financial aid, such as loans, grants and scholarships, are available to GVSU students and can be used for meeting the cost of this program. All GVSU students in good academic standing are eligible to apply for loans. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.

GRANTS
STUDY ABROAD GRANT: Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline may be eligible for a study abroad grant, ranging from $500-$2,500 per semester. Grant funding is limited. The average study abroad grant award is approximately $500 per semester.

JCMU SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants that apply for this program by the deadline will receive an automatic $1,900 scholarship from JCMU.

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

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?
Padnos International Center
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Advising hours Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm
Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters
JCMU website: http://jcmu.isp.msu.edu/