

JAPAN

A GVSU PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Japan: International Christian University

Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

International Christian University is located in Mitaka City, a suburban community adjacent to the district comprising Tokyo proper. A separate administrative entity of metropolitan Tokyo, Mitaka is geographically apart of the Musashino Plain, which extends to the Chichibu range of mountains visible from the ICU campus. Mount Fuji is also visible from the campus on a clear day. Students can choose between the full academic year program or the six-week summer language and culture program.

GVSU exchange students typically enroll in the Japanese language and culture program offered by the University. The program offers all levels of Japanese, however, it is recommended that students have a minimum of two semesters of Japanese prior to attending ICU.

WHEN CAN I GO?

Summer 2018: July - August
Academic Year 2018-19: August - June

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students who attend ICU study the same curriculum and share dormitory life and/or club activities with Japanese Students. ICU offers students a truly international campus life, where faculty and students from different backgrounds interact. Students can live in dormitories on campus, apartments off-campus (through a real estate agency), or request a host family through student services. For detailed costs on homestay options or off-campus accommodations, please contact the Padnos International Center. Please note that there is limited on-campus housing available – no guarantee can be made regarding the availability of on-campus housing.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

GVSU students must be degree seeking and have successfully completed one year of study at GVSU at the time of application. In addition, students must have a 3.0 GPA in order to be considered for this program. Students are strongly encouraged to take two semesters of Japanese language before attending ICU. Students must complete 2 years of full-time university study before participating in this program.

HOW DO I APPLY?

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Summer 2018: February 1, 2018
Academic Year 2018-19: February 1, 2018

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

International Christian University (ICU) is a small, comprehensive university with a wide variety of course options available in the arts and humanities, business, communications, East Asian studies, education, history, international relations, social and physical sciences, and more.

Students participating in a partnership program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved courses or will go through a [Course Approval Process](#).

Course List

Students interested in this program should review the following [Program Details](#)

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Total Projected Cost: \$30,751 - \$34,201 (per year).

FINANCIAL AID

Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. **Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.** 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.

[Financial Aid](#)

GRANTS

STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT: The average study abroad semester grant award is \$500 per semester. Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from \$500-\$1,750/semester. Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT: \$2,000. The Padnos International Center will be providing (2) \$2,000 Partnership Grants (\$1,000 per semester) for students spending a year at this partner. If more than two students apply for this program, decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student's study abroad application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than \$2,000, but two students will receive a minimum of \$2,000 in grant support. Decisions on awards will be made following the PIC application deadline.

JASSO Scholarship: ICU offers a JASSO scholarship to a limited number of exchange students each year. GVSU students have regularly received this scholarship over the past several years. The award is a stipend of 80,000 yen per month. Application information is usually made available to students at the end of March. Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for information on other grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm

Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters

ICU website: www.icu.ac.jp/en/.