

How to apply

Check your eligibility

	Check
(1) Currently an undergraduate or graduate student.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Able to communicate in English or in basic Japanese.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Master Hiragana and Katakana before the program starts.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Prepare documents

	Check
(4) Have your official Enrollment and Transcript ready.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Have a photo copy of your passport.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6) Have a color photo.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7) Have a Medical Form from your doctor.*	<input type="checkbox"/>
(8) Sign Letter of Consent.*	<input type="checkbox"/>

*You can find the form on our website.

Apply!

<http://en.ritsumeai.ac.jp/admissions/short-term-programs/>



Ritsumeikan RSJP

Certificate / Credit Transfer

Students willing to transfer their credits earned during the exchange program at Ritsumeikan University must consult with their academic advisor or International Office of their home university beforehand in order to avoid trouble in transferring the credits. Accreditation is generally regulated under the regulations of the home university.



International Travel Insurance

It is mandatory to buy international travel insurance to participate in RSJP/RWJP.

Buddy

Ritsumeikan students play a great part in this program through their roles as volunteer buddies. Buddies will introduce participants to life on campus as well as provide assistance with daily life in Japan outside of class. They will also join participants on most field excursions for Japan Studies classes and also participating in the Japanese language classes as teaching assistants. By spending time with the buddies, participants can practice everyday conversation and at the same time make friends, both of which are highlights of the program.

Visa Support

Participants are responsible for contacting the Japanese embassy or consulate in their home country directly to determine if they are required to apply for a visa in advance. If it is determined that you need to obtain a visa, please notify the International Center.

Medical Service Center

The Medical Service Center offers medical assistance to students with health concerns. Consultations are available in English during certain times of the day.

Accommodation



All students participating in RSJP/RWJP will stay in one of the following accommodation through Ritsumeikan.

- Hotel
- Furnished Apartment
- Dormitory (when it's available)

*We may ask you to pay additional fee depending on your designated accommodation.

Library

Over 2.3 million books in Japanese, Chinese, English, Korean and other languages are housed in the Ritsumeikan library. Each participant will be given a library card and will be able to borrow books during the program period.

International Center

The International Center handles all incoming and outgoing student exchanges at Ritsumeikan. We offer RSJP and RWJP participants' assistance with all aspects of academic and student life, as well as providing comprehensive support on everything from initial application procedures to sending out the final transcript at the end of the program. We hope that studying abroad with the RSJP and RWJP will help you immerse yourself further in Japanese culture and strengthen your language skills while in Japan!

Internet Access

Participants will be given a login ID and password, giving them access to the Internet. The university also provides a campus-wide wireless network.

Co-op / Cafeteria

The University Cooperative (Co-op) offers everything from food, books, stationeries, and even a travel service. A wide variety of food is available at the cafeteria at reasonable price. Halal is also available.

Come study with us!



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Kyoto(KIC)

RITSUMEIKAN

SUMMER & WINTER

JAPANESE PROGRAM

2023-24



Welcome to the Ritsumeikan Summer / Winter Japanese Program

RSJP/RWJP

5 Weeks Intensive, Non Degree seeking



Overview

The Ritsumeikan Summer Japanese Program (RSJP) and Ritsumeikan Winter Japanese Program (RWJP) are designed for undergraduate or graduate students with minimal knowledge of the Japanese language, providing a comprehensive introduction to Japanese language and culture. RSJP and RWJP programs consist of two major components. Participants are enrolled in an intensive Japanese language class which provides them with a through introduction to the language. Students also participate in Japan Studies classes to learn about Japanese culture and take part in field excursions.

Japanese Language

Taught in Japanese

Japanese Language classes are conducted for three hours every weekday morning, maintaining a general balance between conversation, reading, and writing, with goal of improving overall communication skills. Lectures in class will focus on topics such as business, history, society and traditional culture to gain an understanding of the finer aspects of Japanese culture. Program participants will create a strong foundation for their future studies of Japanese through these lessons.

Japan Studies / Culture

Japan Studies classes are held two to three times a week. In addition to the lectures on Japanese culture held in the Japanese language classes, participants are given the opportunity to take part in various fieldwork excursions and receive special lectures on Japanese culture from masters who are well respected in their field in order to reinforce what they have learnt.

Important Dates

Most students take Japanese Language Classes between “Beginner1” level to “Intermediate2”.

Schedule	2023 RSJP1	2023 RSJP2	2024 RWJP
Application begins	Feb 17, 2023	Apr 7, 2023	End Sep, 2023
Application deadline	Mar 10, 2023	Apr 28, 2023	End Oct, 2023
Payment due	Mar 31, 2023	May 19, 2023	Mid Nov, 2023
Arrival date	May 8, 2023	Jun 26, 2023	Early Jan, 2024
Program starts	May 9, 2023	Jun 27, 2023	Early Jan, 2024
Program ends	Jun 9, 2023	Jul 28, 2023	Early Feb, 2024
Check out	Jun 10, 2023	Jul 29, 2023	Early Feb, 2024

Program Sample Schedule

Japanese Language 50 min x 3 x 23 days
Japan Studies 90 min x 11 days

Subject to change

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st	Arrival Day	Orientation Campus Tour	Japanese Class (Placement Test) Welcome Party	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Off	Off
2nd	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Off	Off
3rd	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Off	Off
4th	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Off	Off
5th	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Japan Studies	Japanese Class PM Free	Japanese Class Completion Ceremony Farewell Party	Off	Off

Japanese Language Class	(1)09:00-09:50, (2)10:00-10:50, (3)11:00-11:50	*Assessment Criteria
Lunch Time	12:00-13:00	Pass A+:100-90, A:89-80, B:79-70, C:69-60
Japan Study	14:00-15:30	Fail F: 59-0

Japanese Language Class Level Description

Participants will be placed into classes depending on the information given in their application and essay written in Japanese. On the first day of Japanese Language Class, they will take a placement test in the class.

Introductory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No previous studyAble to read Hiragana and Katakana before arrival in Japan*The Introductory class will be available for only RSJP2 and RWJP, not for RSJP1.*In principle, minimum number of participants for this class is 10.
Beginner I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">About 150 hours of previous studyAble to read Hiragana and Katakana, and carry out conversation using simple sentences and wordsCompleted Genki L1-L5, NAKAMA I Ch.1-7, Minna no Nihongo L1-L12
Beginner II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">About 250 hours of previous studyAble to carry out conversation using simple sentences and words. Has studied Kanji.Completed Genki L6-L12, NAKAMA I Ch.8- NAKAMA II Ch.4, Minna no Nihongo L13-L25
Beginner III	<ul style="list-style-type: none">About 300 hours of previous studyKnowledge of 200 kanji. Able to read sentences containing Kanji.Completed Genki L13-L23, NAKAMA II Ch.5~10, Minna no Nihongo L26-L50
Intermediate I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">About 450 hours of previous studyCompleted beginner level textbook such as Genki, Minna no Nihongo, etc.
Intermediate II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">About 550 hours of previous studyHave started studying with intermediate level textbook such as Intermediate Japanese, Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese, etc.
Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">About 750 hours of previous studyIn process of or have completed intermediate level Japanese, Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese, Shin Nihongo no Chukyu etc.

RSJP/RWJP Campus Lives

Term	5 Weeks	Capacity	48 Students	Orientation	Yes
Japanese Lang.	3,450 min	Text Book	Included	Buddy	Yes
Japan Studies	990 min	Visa Support	Yes	Campus Tour	Yes
Total Hours	4,440 min	Credit/Degree	No	Airport Pick Up	No
Program Fee	JPY 271,000	Certificate	Yes	Meal	No
Housing Fee	JPY 200,000 (around)	Transcript	Yes	Bus Pass	No
Service Fee	JPY 5,000	Wi-Fi	Yes	Travel Insurance	Mandatory
Amount	JPY 476,000 (around)	Library	Yes	Ceremony	Yes