



2026-27
RITSUMEIKAN

SUMMER & WINTER

KYOTO

**JAPANESE
PROGRAM**

5-week/2-week Intensive Japanese Program at Ritsumeikan University

***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.

We have 5-week RSJP/RWJP programs and also 2-week “Express” programs in summer and winter.

Japanese Language

Japanese Language classes are conducted for 150-minute 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.

- Taught in Japanese
- Improve Japanese proficiency in all four skills in a well-balanced (Speaking/Listening/Writing/Reading)



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.

Ritsumeikan BUDDY

Buddies from Ritsumeikan University will be here for you to support your life at Ritsumeikan. It will not be a 1-on-1 system but they will assist you in groups by speaking only in Japanese for you to fully immerse in the Japanese language. You will have opportunity to interact directly with local students and practice Japanese and learn about Japanese culture such as recent Japanese pop culture, trending words, anime, and many other topics. You might also be able to find life-long friends.



Accommodation

You will have the option to stay at the International House TAISHOGUN or book accommodation on your own (must be within Kyoto city).

IH TAISHOGUN

Address: 22 Taishogun, Sakata-cho, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8335 Japan
(20 minutes walk from Ritsumeikan Univ.)

Usage Fee: 5-week RSJP: JPY 95,000/RWJP JPY92,500

2-week RSJP/RWJP Express: JPY 42,500

NOTE1 : Those who selected IH TAISHOGUN at the time of application cannot make changes later.

NOTE2 : Some programs may not be eligible to use the IH Taishogun. Please check the website for details.

*website: <https://rsjprwjp.com/>

5-week Summer/Winter Program



RSJP : Jun. 16 - Jul. 17, 2026

Application: 2026/03/18 - 03/31 (payment due: 2026/04/16)

RWJP: Jan. 12 - Feb. 11, 2027

Application: 2026/10/14 - 10/27 (payment due: 2026/11/06)

The Winter Program is one day shorter than the Summer Program (RSJP), but the fee and program content are the same. The total Japanese class hours, the number of cultural experiences, and student exchange activities will not change.

Sample Schedule

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
CHECK IN	FIRST DAY		AM: Japanese		FREE	
	Orientation	Japan Study#1		Japan Study#2		
		AM: Japanese				
Japan Study#3		Japan Study#4		Japan Study#5		
		AM: Japanese				
Japan Study#6		Japan Study#7		Japan Study#8		
		AM: Japanese				
Japan Study#9		Japan Study#10		Japan Study#11		
			LAST DAY			
		AM: Japanese		Completion Ceremony		
					CHECK OUT	

PROGRAM FEE

Included

Completion certificate, Textbook, Ritsumeikan Buddy, Orientation, Campus Tour, Completion Ceremony, Visa support (if applicable), Library access (only browsing), Wi-Fi access, Travel insurance, and One-way transportation for selected Japan Study activities

×NOT included

Return traveling fees (such as Air Fare), Airport pickup/Drop off, Facility use fee (IH Taishogun or self-arranged lodging), Local transportation fees in Kyoto, Meals, Passport, Health Certificate, Short-term stay visa (not a student visa), and other personal expenses.

NOTE

5-week program: We will issue the transcript one month after the final day of the program.

2-week "Express" Summer/Winter Program

RSJP Exp: Jul.28 - Aug.7, 2026

Application: 2026/04/28 - 05/12 (payment due: 2026/05/28)

RWJP Exp: Feb.16 to Feb. 26, 2027

Application: 2026/11/18 - 12/01 (payment due: 2026/12/11)

Sample Schedule

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
CHECK IN	FIRST DAY		AM: Japanese		FREE	
	Orientation	Japan Study#1		Japan Study#2		
	PM: Japanese			LAST DAY	CHECK OUT	
		AM: Japanese		Completion Ceremony		
Japan Study#3		Japan Study#4				

NOTE

2-week program:
No transcript issued.
Only the comments from Japanese teachers will be given to students.



How to Apply

(1) Check your eligibility

- ☐ Currently Undergraduate or Graduate student
- ☐ Able to communicate in English or in basic Japanese.
- ☐ Master Hiragana and Katakana before the program starts.

*Students who already hold a Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 qualification are not eligible to participate.

(2) Prepare documents

- ☐ Handwritten Essay in Japanese
- ☐ Official Enrollment and Transcript ready
- ☐ Passport (COPY)
- ☐ Medical Form from your doctor (Only for 5-week Program)
- ☐ Signed Letter of Consent

Assessment Criteria

PASS
A+: 100-90
A: 89-80
B: 79-70
C: 69-60

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 (No previous study)

- Able to read Hiragana and Katakana before arrival in Japan

Beginner

- About 150 hours of previous study
- Able to read Hiragana and Katakana, and carry out conversation using simple sentences and words
- Completed: Genki L1-5/NAKAMA 1 Ch 1-7/ Minna no Nihongo L1-L12

Beginner II

- About 250 hours of previous study
- Able 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

- About 300 hours of previous study
- Knowledge of 200 kanji. Able to read sentences containing Kanji.
- Completed: Genki L13-23/ NAKAMA II Ch.5-10/ Minna no Nihongo L26-L50

Intermediate I

- About 450 hours of previous study
- Completed beginner level textbook such as Genki, Minna no Nihongo, etc.

Intermediate II

- About 550 hours of previous study
- Have started studying with intermediate level textbook such as Intermediate Japanese: Tobira Gateway to Advanced Japanese, etc.

Advanced

- About 750 hours of previous study
- In process of or have completed intermediate level Japanese: Tobira Gateway to Advanced Japanese/Shin Nihongo no Chukyu, etc.

Attention

- Participants must spend the entire days of the program. No late arrival, no early leave.
- The students are required to participate in the program from orientation on the first day to the completion ceremony on the final day.
- Please note that once we reach the capacity of participants, we will close the application.
- This is a non-degree program which means no credits are issued, Certificate of Completion and comments from Japanese teachers will be issued.



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