About EAI

One Semester In Japan...
One Life-Chaging Experience!

Learn and speak Japanese every day both on and off-campus!

Study about Japan and the Far East while experiencing it!

Worship and serve in local Japanese, Korean-speaking, Chinese-speaking, and/or English-speaking churches!

Join in field trips that make your classroom studies come alive!

Experience dorm life with Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and other international students from around the world!

About Tokyo Christian University

- Students from all over the world join together to live, learn, and serve with Christian values.
- A Christ-centered, liberal arts education.
- An evangelical Christian univeristy fully accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education, an accreditation recognized around the world.
- The spacious and nature filled campus adjoins a goverment flower garden and park, with nearby working rice paddies, in a goverment-mandated green zone.
- Less than 35 minutes from main international airport and less than 55 minutes to downtown Tokyo, with frequent and convenient commuter trains to both.
- A stable and mature univeristy whose roots go back to 1881 in the city of Yokohama.
- The oldest and first international affiliate of the North American based Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

Courses

Spring Intensive

In the spring semester, students may take any courses from TCU's regular curriculum.
On average, students take around 13 credits, and they may add additional courses at no extra cost.

Elementary – Intermediate Japanese Language and Culture （3 credits）

TCU's Regular Courses 2 credits each

*Courses for the spring semester will be decided in March.

*If the course instructor is able to accommodate it, one credit of content may be added to a course to make it 3 credits instead of 2.

Fall Program

Each fall semester, the East Asia Institute offers four primary course that give a balanced introduction to Japan and East Asia. However, students may replace primary courses with electives.

Primary Courses

Global Studies III: Japanese Arts and Aesthetics（3 credits）

Global Studies VII: Religion and Society in Japan （3 credits）

Global Studies X VI : Japanese Culture and Society（3 credits）

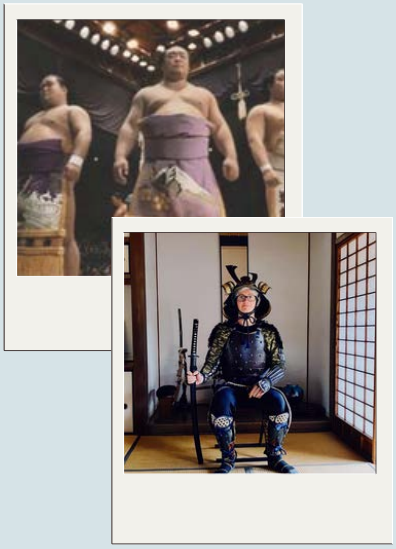
Elementary – Intermediate Japanese Language and Culture （4 credits）

Field Trips

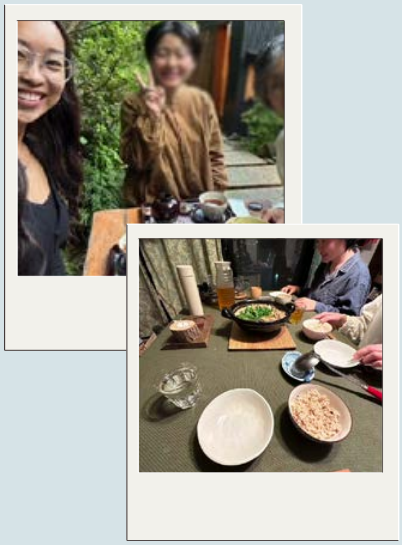
Numerouns sponsored field trips, such as a homestay with a Japanese family. An experience of Japanese things - Manga, Anime, Sushi, Noodles, Tempura, Karaoke - in Japan, where they are “done right.”

An Overnight Hakone Trip

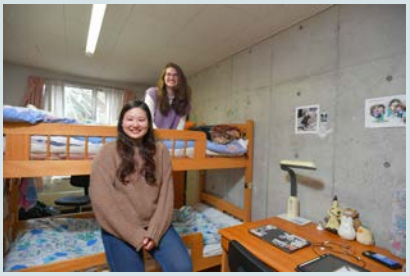
Modern Japan Study Trip



An Overnight Homestay



Campus Life



Dormitory

By living alongside Japanese and other international students from diverse backgrounds, you will experience the fellowship of God's family, transcending differences in nationality, culture, and language.

Meals

Three meals are available Monday through Friday except holidays.
Fee for the meal is included in the program fee.

Resident Assistant

To support their new life in Japan and at TCU, Resident Assistants will provide follow-up support when new students have questions or face challenges in various aspects of life at TCU.

Students' Voice

Elijah from Covenant College (2024 Fall)

I had the incredible opportunity to study at TCU during the Fall 2024 semester—a dream come true after years of longing to experience Japan. While I initially had fears about the language barrier, cultural differences, and being far from home, God's faithfulness cleared every obstacle, making this semester one of the most transformative of my life. During my time in Japan, I gained a deeper understanding of cultural differences and the beauty of God's global church. Visiting diverse churches and worshiping with believers from various backgrounds brought the words of Revelation 7:9-10 to life. I was also inspired by the unwavering faith of Japanese Christians, some of whom face opposition from their families for their beliefs. Their courage challenged me to reflect on my own faith and its strength under pressure. This experience taught me that God's plan is always good and that His purpose will succeed, no matter how difficult the circumstances. I am deeply grateful to the TCU community for their kindness and support, which made me feel at home. The memories, friendships, and lessons I've gained will stay with me forever.

Ella from Biola University (2024 Fall)

I came to Japan seeking a new experience, though I had no idea what that experience would be. I asked God to lead me where He wanted me to go, and His plan brought me here. I listened, followed, and I am far from disappointed. These past four months in Japan, and specifically at TCU, have been incredibly rich and fulfilling. Words cannot fully capture the happiness this journey and the amazing people I have met have brought me. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything in the world. I truly believe this is why God led me here—to feel the love of so many brothers and sisters in Christ and to experience an adventurous life that is so wonderfully different from my home in California. To anyone reading this, I wholeheartedly encourage you to come to Japan and live among the students at TCU. You won't regret it. I know I don't.

Programs

Intensive Spring
April - Early July

- Cherry Blossoms
- Japanese Language Course

13 credits in 10 weeks

Fall
Late August - Early December

- Japanese Culture, Arts, Religion Courses
- One-night Homestay

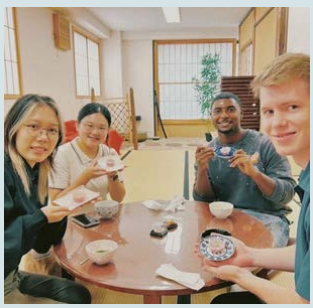
13 credits in 15 weeks

One Year
Late August - Early July

- Deepen Understanding of Japan

39 credits in one year

Application Form

- Would you like to learn and speak Japanese every day both on and off-campus?
- Would you like to experience dorm life with Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and other international students from around the world?
- Would you like to worship and serve in local Japanese churches?
- Would you like to live and study in Japan?

If yes, apply now!