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## Japanese II

Learn Japanese in Japan! Immerse yourself in the rich culture and experience life as a college student on a prestigious university campus in Kasukabe City, a short train ride from Tokyo.

**Summer 2010**  
**First Summer Session—Four Weeks**

### course information

- Japanese II / JAPN 1512 - Continuation of JAPN 1511 with more advanced conversation, basic writing, listening and reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture.
- Earn 5 ACC Credits!
- Prerequisite: By the end of Spring 2010, students must have completed a first semester college Japanese course of at least four semester hours with a grade of C or better, or have equivalent credit by examination to enroll in JAPN 1512.
- There are 14 spots in this program. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Course is taught by an ACC faculty member. Classmates are ACC students.
- The program will take place in Japan over 4 weeks during the first summer session. There may also be several days of classes prior to departure. TBA.

### Host university

Classes will be hosted for four weeks by Kyohei University, located near Kasukabe City in the prefecture of Saitama. The University is a short ride from Kasukabe City, which is less than forty minutes by train from Tokyo. Like much of the Kanto area, Kasukabe is made up of light industrial, agricultural and residential areas. The University is surrounded by a mix of residential and agricultural land including rice paddies and orchards. The University adopted green as its color to highlight its beautiful green environs and green campus.



### accommodations



Students will stay in the Sprouting House, an on-campus house designed for student living. Students will share dorm-style rooms, common areas including a fully-equipped kitchen, male/female separate community bathrooms, and a sun room.

### course instructor

Emi Schuster is a foreign language professor at Austin Community College. She currently teaches Japanese I & Japanese II at ACC, as well as Japanese at local middle schools and high schools.

She led the ACC Japanese II in Japan Study Abroad Program in the summers of 2008 & 2009, not only teaching the course but also accompanying students on field trips and cultural activities. Schuster Sen-sei is a native of Japan and a great resource for students when it comes to the language, culture, tradi-





## Excursions & cultural activities

### NIKKO & CHUZENJI

Students will enjoy a two day, one night stay in the beautiful Nikko/Chuzenji area. The excursion includes round trip rail transport between Kasukabe City and Nikko; an overnight stay at a Japanese style inn, including breakfast and evening meal; 2 day bus pass for the Nikko/Chuzenji area and entrance to Toshogu shrine.

### TOKYO

Japanese members of the English club at Kyohei University have designed a tour of Tokyo that will appeal to young American students interested in Japanese culture and will take students to areas of Tokyo that the everyday tourist does not get to see. Only transportation and free guides are included in this excursion.



Students will experience three cultural activities:  
 \*Tea Ceremony Lesson - learn the ancient art of the Japanese tea ceremony  
 \*Flower Arranging Lesson - a hands-on activity in which students will be required to judge, measure, and cut their own flowers  
 \*Calligraphy Lesson - a hands-on lesson taught by a highly-rated professional calligrapher

## program fee

**\$1200-1400** Includes:

- Airport pick-up/drop-off (if on group flight)
- Welcome BBQ
- Accommodations
- Tea Ceremony Lesson
- Calligraphy Lesson
- Flower Arranging Lesson
- Weekend excursion to Nikko
- Day trip to Tokyo
- Host Facility Fee
- General fee (covers some instructor expenses)

Does not include:

- Roundtrip airfare
- ACC Tuition, Books
- Meals
- Personal expenses

## scholarships & application process

### ACC Board of Trustees Study Abroad Scholarships

ACC Board of Trustees will award \$50,000 in Study Abroad Scholarships to participants for the Spring/Summer of 2010. Scholarships are \$1,000 and can be used towards any program-related expense. Visit [www.austincc.edu/intstudy](http://www.austincc.edu/intstudy) for more information and an application. Deadline 2/25/2010

### CAB Funding

CAB provides funding for travel opportunities that enhance the cultural and intellectual lives of students. Visit [www.austincc.edu/intstudy](http://www.austincc.edu/intstudy) for info and an application. After submitting an application, students will be scheduled for a 2-3 minute presentation. Awards are \$200, and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Program Applications

Applications are available at [www.austincc.edu/intstudy](http://www.austincc.edu/intstudy). Submit applications to the International Programs Office.

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## **What's Included in Your Program**

The Japan program fee is not all-inclusive. Please see below for details.

### ***What does the Program Fee include?***

- Transportation from/to the Narita Airport in Tokyo
- Accommodations
- Three cultural activities: tea ceremony class, calligraphy class, flower arranging class
- Day trip to Tokyo (includes transportation and guides)
- Two-day, one night excursion to Nikko including transportation, breakfast, dinner, accommodations, entrance fee to shrine
- Host Facility Fee
- General fee

An additional \$100 currency devaluation deposit may be required. This will be determined at a later date.

### ***What is the General Fee?***

The general fee is a contribution towards the instructor's airfare and program-related expenses.

### ***What is a currency devaluation deposit?***

The currency devaluation deposit is a designated amount of money intended to cover any changes in cost due to the fall in value of the dollar. Any amount unused will be returned to students following the conclusion of the program.

## **What's Not Included**

- Meals
- Local transportation
- Personal expenses
- Roundtrip airfare
- ACC Tuition and Fees
- Textbook(s)
- International Health Insurance

### ***How much should I budget for local transportation and meals?***

Housing is located on the Kyoei University campus; you can walk to/from class. However, if you wish to venture outside of the campus area, train or bus may be necessary. Plan for a few dollars per day for local bus transportation. (A train to Tokyo is \$20 round trip).

A campus cafeteria offers lunches for around \$5 or less. Budget about \$3 daily for breakfasts, and \$5-10 daily for dinners. (A fully-equipped kitchen is available for student use in the Sprouting House. Please note the kitchen, like most Japanese kitchens, does not have an oven).

### ***How much is airfare?***

2009 fares ranged from \$900 to \$1300.

### ***What will I pay for tuition and fees?***

In-district students will pay approximately \$275. Out-of-district students will pay approximately \$765. Out-of state & International students will pay approximately \$1505.

### ***How much are textbooks?***

About \$50.

## **Group Travel**

ACC will arrange a group flight for program participants. Group travel is mandatory for this program, unless special permission is granted for independent travel.

### ***How does group travel work?***

ACC will work with an airline to reserve seats for program participants on a single flight. With a minimum of ten students, participants are eligible for the airline group rate. Once the reservation is made, participants will need to pay a flight deposit, usually \$100. The deposit can be applied to the cost of the flight, or will be refunded upon return. The cost of the flight will be due in full within 30-90 days (depends on the airline) following the reservation.

(Without the minimum of ten students, participants are not eligible for the group rate. The reserved flight will then need to be paid for within 24 hours)

### ***Can I request to be seated with my friend on the group flight?***

Typically seats are assigned by the airline upon check-in, although you may contact the airline ahead of time to ask if they can accommodate your seating requests.

### ***Can I earn frequent flier miles?***

This depends on the policy of the airline.

### ***Are the tickets refundable?***

Group flight tickets are non-refundable. If ACC can secure a replacement if a participant drops out, and if the airline permits name changes, you will be refunded the money less any differences in fare and any name change fees.

### ***What airline does ACC use?***

ACC's priority is booking both a low fare and convenient flight schedule. In the past, we've generally booked flights with American, Continental, Delta, and United. However, we are not limited to these airlines.

### ***Will we have direct flights?***

We try to obtain the most direct route to Tokyo, however we cannot guarantee the absence of layovers or connecting flights.

## **Accommodations**

Students will share rooms in an on-campus house:

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## **Accommodations (continued)**

Sprouting House. Rooms are multiple occupancy; usually 4 students are assigned to each room. Common areas include an equipped kitchen, a sun room, and gender separate community bathrooms

### ***Can I request a specific roommate?***

Yes. Requests will be taken into consideration as roommates are assigned.

### ***Can I share a room with someone of the opposite sex?***

No.

## **Passports and visas**

### ***Am I responsible for obtaining my passport?***

Yes, students are responsible for obtaining their own passports. Students should submit a copy of their passport or a copy of the completed passport application with the program application.

### ***How can I get a passport?***

You must fill out a passport application and bring it along with a certified birth certificate, two passport photos, and fee to a passport acceptance facility. Passport acceptance facilities include most U.S. Post Offices and also the International Office: Passport & ID Services at UT-Austin. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for a passport application. Typical passport processing times are 3-6 weeks.

### ***Do I need a visa for Japan?***

U.S. citizens do not need a visa for this program. Please contact the International Programs Office if you are not a U.S. citizen.

## **Insurance**

### ***Do I need to obtain insurance to go abroad?***

Participants must purchase a \$22 International Student ID Card (ISIC), which provides basic medical coverage while abroad.

*Students that are not eligible for the ISIC must check with your current insurance provider for information on out-of-area/overseas coverage and/or visit [www.hthstudents.com](http://www.hthstudents.com) to sign up for temporary international coverage. Proof of insurance is required with the program application.*

## **Course**

The study abroad course for Japanese in Japan is Japanese II (JAPN 1512).

### ***Are there any prerequisites?***

Participants must have successfully completed Japanese I or have obtained equivalent credit by exam by the end of the Spring 2010 semester.

### ***How many credits can I earn?***

5 ACC credits

### ***Who is teaching the course?***

ACC faculty member Emi Schuster. This is her 3rd year to lead the program.

## **Cell Phones**

A cell phone can be rented for between \$100-150, plus call charges.

The Sprouting House has a phone; however, international calls may not be made from the phone. (International calls can be received, however).

### ***Will my cell phone work in Japan?***

Check with your service provider. International rates and roaming charges may apply.

## **Payment**

The program fee is due upon acceptance into the program, unless otherwise specified.

### ***Are payment plans or payments in installments possible?***

Yes. Please contact Ellen Aoki 223-7688 or [eaoki@austincc.edu](mailto:eaoki@austincc.edu).

### ***When do I register for the course itself?***

The International Programs Office will register students for the course on May 3. Course tuition/fees must be paid by May 7.

## **Refund Policy**

\$100 program deposit is non-refundable, unless a student is not accepted into the program.

### ***Pre-Departure***

If a student withdraws prior to departure, the student is responsible for all costs that are non-recoverable. Non-recoverable costs may include non-refundable airline tickets, deposits, costs paid to the host institution, housing costs, and other costs that occur as a result of the student's withdrawal.

Any costs recovered will be returned to the student, less any amount to be applied if he/she has an outstanding balance with ACC.

### ***Post-Departure***

If a student withdraws from or is released from the program while abroad, all costs are non-refundable.

## **ACC Board of Trustees Study Abroad**

### **Scholarship**

Scholarship is for the amount of \$1,000.

### ***Withdrawal or Involuntary Drops***

If a student withdraws from or is released from the program at any time, the student must return the full amount of the scholarship to ACC. If the student fails to do so, disciplinary action will follow.

## **Program and Scholarship Applications**

Applications can be downloaded at [www.austincc.edu/intstudy](http://www.austincc.edu/intstudy) or picked up at the International Programs Office  
Highland Business Center #513  
5930 Middle Fiskville Road  
Austin, Texas 78752

## **Acceptance Policy**

First-come, first-serve acceptance.

Applicants for this program must sign the indicated space on their application acknowledging that they have read and understood the information in this packet.