Program Overview

This program is based in Kyoto, Japan, where we will venture out to historic and commercial areas and huge local markets. We will also visit the commercial sites in Tokyo, such as Akihabara, Harajuku, and Shibuya to experience popular contemporary Japanese culture. We will glance at how people live in a country where ancient and modern life live in harmony.

Program Facts

Location .......... Kyoto, Nara, Nagoya, Tokyo & Hiroshima, Japan
Tentative Program Dates ...................... June 16- June 25, 2018*
*Online language courses start on May 14 until June 8, 2018

Program Leader(s):
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Academics

The three-credit language instruction is begun on campus or on-line (instructor approval necessary) with video conference meetings. Abundant practice times are available in class and/or on-line with the instructor and American peers. We will then travel to Japan where students will venture out to assigned sites to use the language and experience and learn about the historic and cultural facts of Japan.

Students have the option to extend their stay in Japan by participating in the month-long summer program at Aichi Shukutoku University or a 2-week internship at Osaka Kyoiku University.

Application

Application Deadline: March 12, 2018
- To apply, log in at: educationabroad.uncw.edu and select your program of choice
- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:
- Degree-seeking student
- At least Sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.5+ GPA at time of application
Kyoto (the ancient capital of Japan for over one thousand years) offers historical and modern faces of Japan. We will visit Nijo Castle, Golden Pavilion Temple, Gion Maiko/Geisha districts, and explore the local traditional street market and one of Japan’s biggest flea markets. Kyoto is close to Nara (the first capital of Japan) and Osaka (the biggest commercial and cultural center of Japan next to Tokyo). Our hotels are in the midst of the city of Kyoto and a minute walk to the stations where you can enjoy all the conveniences that Japan offers, and then we will stay at a beautiful modern facility of Aichi Shukutoku University in Nagoya. Each person has a single room accommodation throughout the trip.

**Program Activities & Features**

Strolling in Yukata (summer Kimono) around temples and shrines will make you wonder about the pre-modern time in Japan. Zen meditation session at a temple in Kyoto will provide an experience of mindfulness. In Nara, we will be greeted by the famous Nara deer and visit the ancient Buddha and Kami. We will make a day-trip by the Shinkansen bullet train to Tokyo to see the world-famous popular cultural sites of Akihabara, Harajuku, and Shibuya. Another day trip to Hiroshima will expand your understanding of world peace. Cultural tips and orientations are interwoven in the course.

**Estimated Program Fee: $1,260**

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<td>• Accommodation</td>
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<td>• Japan rail pass</td>
<td>• Round trip flight Approx. $1,800-$2,000</td>
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<td>• Welcome breakfast and farewell dinner</td>
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Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at: www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html