

TOKYO

FIELD SCHOOL SPRING-SUMMER 2023



The Tokyo field school is a research-based study abroad program located in Japan's largest metropolis. At the center of the field school experience is the opportunity to conduct first-hand mentored research on Japanese culture in Tokyo. Students will pursue their own research projects under the supervision of the field school director. This is an excellent opportunity to conduct research for a capstone project in any major and to learn about and demonstrate competence in first-hand research in one of the most exciting cities in the world. Throughout the field school students will have guidance and support in conducting qualitative research methods common to anthropology. Students will also register for a course on the anthropology of contemporary Japan (Anthr 348) where they will learn about the history of Harajuku street fashion, anime pop culture, Japanese Nationalism, and Buddhist, Christian, and Shinto religions in Japan. During the field school students will live together in airbnbs, business hotels, and traditional ryokan. Students will also have opportunities to take part in various cultural activities such as Shinto shrine devotion in Tokyo and trips to the beautiful nature reserves of Nikko and Mt. Fuji. Students will also visit Tokyo Disneyland and the Studio Ghibli Museum as part of a project on representations of cultural difference in Japanese and American cartooning. Professor Haug will also lead interested students through the back-alley ways of Harajuku, Shibuya, Ikebukuro, Nakano, Akihabara, and Asakasa for all your *otaku* shopping.

DATES

1 June–31 July 2023 (approximately)

HOUSING

Students will stay in airbnbs, hotels, and hostels.

COURSES

Students must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours during the spring-summer semester from the following courses:

ANTHR 348 —Contemporary Japan (3 credit hours)

ANTHR 495R—Ethnographic Field Project (6 credit hours)

Alternative course options may be possible. A twelve-credit hour option may be arranged for students who need to meet scholarship requirements.

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$6,400–6,900

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), lodging, public transportation, local research assistants/translators to assist students with research, in-country excursions, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare (typically \$1,200-1,700), passport and visa, vaccinations (if needed), meals, personal expenses, personal travel, and additional research expenses not covered by the program.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION

Students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of winter semester 2023.

It is recommended that students take the following courses prior to departure:

ANTHR 101—Social/Cultural Anthropology (fulfills both the Global and Cultural Awareness and Social Science requirements)

JAPAN 101—First-Year Japanese 1

All anthropology majors wanting to use the field school experience for thesis research must take ANTHR 442—Ethnographic Research Design and Methods prior to departure. All other students are strongly encouraged to take this course in order to develop their research proposal and learn principles of social science research.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships). The director has applied for various sources of funding for this program. In the event that some of these sources are awarded, this may reduce program costs. Additional funding may be available and eligible students can apply for such funding based on either merit and/or demonstrated need. Please consult the director to discuss this and other possible funding options.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 31 December 2022

FACULTY

Jordan Haug is the faculty director of the program. Professor Haug teaches courses in the Department of Anthropology and has lived in Tokyo for over 4 years. Professor Haug has taught two field school in Provo, Utah.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students should plan to be in Japan for the complete duration of the program from approximately 1 June until 31 July.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.