Get out of the classroom and come experience JAPAN! For the first part of the program, we will explore the ancient capital Kyoto—a city that offers Japan’s equivalent of Paris, London, and Rome all in one valley of astonishing beauty. Through blogs, scavenger hunts, field trips and other forms of interactive learning, we will develop our cultural knowledge and language ability while discovering the temples, shrines, parks, culinary delights, and other cultural offerings of Kyoto along with the deep pockets of coolness in neighboring Osaka. For the final part of the program, we will tour Japan by bullet train, stopping to visit war memorials in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, ancient castles in Himeji, hot springs resorts in the mountains of Gunma Prefecture, and festivals in northern Honshu and Hokkaido. We will also spend several days in Tokyo—a city renowned for its Instagram worthy street fashion, cool stationery shops, world-famous anime studios, cutting-edge architecture, otaku culture, and many many Michelin-starred restaurants—the most of any city in the world!

DATES
29 April–14 June 2024 (approximately)

HOUSING
Students will stay in the Kyoto House as they further develop language skills and learn about the culture. While traveling throughout Japan, the group will stay in hotels and inns.

COURSES
Student will enroll in 6 credit hours from following:
Required:
JAPAN 345R—Traditional Japanese Culture (3.0 credit hours)

Electives:
JAPAN 211R—Second-Year Conversation (3.0 credit hours)
JAPAN 311R—Third-Year Conversation (3.0 credit hours)
JAPAN 490R—Individual Study in Japanese (3.0 credit hours)
Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST
$4,500–5,000
Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduates and non-Latter-day Saint students), lodging, program travel expenses within Japan, bicycle rental, international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare, food, passport, and all other personal expenses.

**TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare 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**

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This class will be held during the second block of the Winter 2024 semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

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).

Most students will be eligible for a $500 Japanese studies scholarship. The following resources may also help fund this program:
- aatj.org/Japan-bridging-scholarships
- iie.org/programs/freeman-asia
- iie.org/programs/gilman-scholarship-program

**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: 1 November 2023

**FACULTY**

Steve Moody  
3069 JFSB  
(801) 422-6405  
sjmoody@byu.edu

Dan Dewey  
4064C JFSB  
(801) 422-6005  
ddewey@byu.edu

**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Students are required to be in Japan by the beginning date of the program and stay with the study abroad group for the duration of the scheduled program.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs  
101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686  
isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

**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.