

JAPAN

STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2025



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

5 May–20 June 2025

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

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

\$4,000–4,500

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 2025 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.

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>

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 and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid.

All students accepted to the program will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Asian and Near Eastern Languages at BYU to offset costs. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist.

kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships

aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships

iie.org/programs/freeman-asia

iie.org/programs/gilman-scholarship-program

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

Application Deadline: 1 November 2024

FACULTY

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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

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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.