

DOSHISHA WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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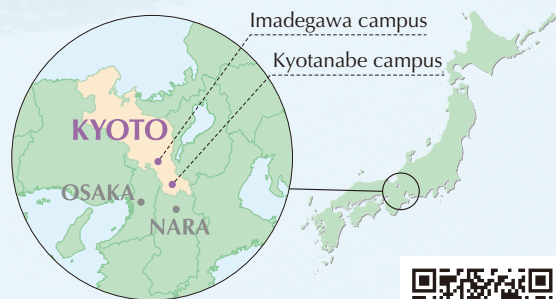
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Location of Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts

DWCLA has two campuses. One is the Imadegawa campus, located in the center of Kyoto City, and the other is the Kyotanabe campus, located midway between Kyoto, Nara, and Osaka. The location of the Japanese Studies Program at the Imadegawa campus provides students with easy access to major cultural centers and historic sites and is thus ideal for field trips and exploration.



Download the application materials from our website at
https://www.dwc.doshisha.ac.jp/english/school_life/international_exchange_system/international_exchange_system05/js_program

How to apply to the JSP

Applicants must submit the following documents to the staff in charge at their home institution. The staff then forwards the PDF documents to DWCLA by E-mail before April 25th, 2025.

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| ①2025 Japanese Studies Program Application Form | ⑤Letter of Recommendation |
| ②Statement of Purpose | ⑥Official transcript from home institution |
| ③Certificate of Health | ⑦A clear color copy of your passport (the page on which your name and photo appear) |
| ④Japanese Language Inquiry | ⑧A clear color ID photo data |

*Documents No.1-5 can be downloaded from our DWCLA website.

Qualifications

At least 18 years old as of September 1st, 2025.
Female university/college student who has completed at least one year of Japanese language study.
Be recommended by the home institution.
Native English speaker / B2 level of English on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or equivalent.

Visa Information

All JSP participants must come to Japan on a student visa.
DWCLA will procure a Certificate of Eligibility (issued here by the Ministry of Justice, Immigration Bureau) on each participant's behalf and send it to her. With that in hand, the application for the student visa can be made at any Japanese embassy or consulate.
Your student visa is valid for three months. Students who wish to stay more than three months are expected to change the visa status by themselves before the program ends.

Japanese Studies Program 2025



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JSP

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Welcome to the Japanese Studies Program

Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts (DWCLA)

The Doshisha was founded in 1875 by Joseph Hardy Neesima with the lofty aim of training students in Christian principles so that they would gain the skills, ability, and integrity needed to become “the conscience of the nation.” Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts, which originated as Doshisha Girls' School, was established the following year. Today there are about 6,200 students and about 190 full-time faculty members. There are also graduate programs. DWCLA enjoys an excellent reputation as one of the leading women's higher education institutions in Japan.

Undergraduate Programs

Kyotanabe
campus

Department of Music
Department of Media
Department of International Studies
Department of Social System Studies
Department of Childhood Studies
Department of Clinical Pharmacy
Department of Nursing

Imadegawa
campus

Department of English
Department of Japanese Language and Literature
Department of Human Life Studies
Department of Food Science and Nutrition

The Japanese Studies Program (JSP)

The Japanese Studies Program at DWCLA was started in 1992. The JSP is a 13-week program which starts in late September and ends shortly before Christmas. The program offers up to 10 female international students both intensive Japanese language courses and Japanese culture and society courses in English.

Credit

DWCLA will give one credit for each of the four Japanese language courses and two credits for each Japanese culture and society course.

Credit Transfer

Credit transfer will depend on the decision of the participant's home institution. Therefore, applicants are advised to consult in advance with the appropriate officials at their home institution.

Evaluation

Students will receive a grade for each course they are enrolled in. Transcripts will be sent to home institutions after the completion of the program.

Imadegawa campus



JSP Components (13 weeks)

- **Japanese Language Courses**
— Improve your ability to communicate effectively and confidently in Japanese in a wide variety of situations.
- **Japanese Culture and Society Courses (in English)**
— Develop your understanding of historical and contemporary Japanese culture and society. Some field trips related to the content of the courses will be included.

Japanese Language Courses

Four 90-minute classes, plus one supplementary class with teaching assistants, per week

The Japanese language classes are divided into three levels, Elementary A, Elementary B, and Intermediate C according to students' language proficiency, background, etc. Participants will take a placement test on the day of orientation. There will be 2-3 students in each class.

Japanese Culture and Society Courses

Four 90-minute classes per week in English

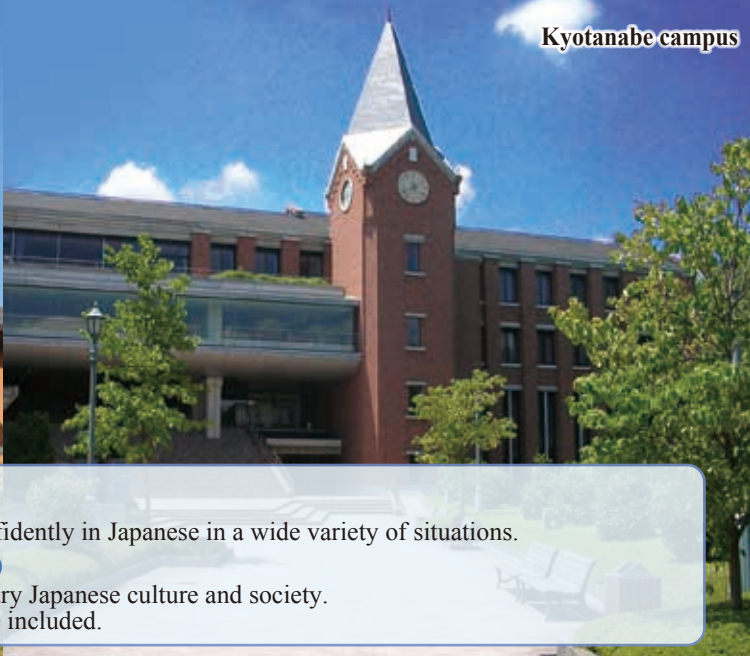
* These courses are subject to change

A: Intercultural Skills for Living in Japan

Intercultural competence is essential in today's global interactions. What specific knowledge and skills are necessary to better understand Japanese culture? In this class, we will study theories of intercultural communication and competence and connect them to students' own experiences of cultural difference. We will consider how cultural dimensions such as harmony, high-context communication, collectivism, uncertainty avoidance, power distance, and masculinity affect students' daily lives. Additionally, we'll discuss the relationship between culture shock and these dimensions as well as identifying practical applications of this knowledge: What does culture shock feel like and how do you know you are experiencing it? What behaviors and expectations do these cultural dimensions create? Students are encouraged to intelligently reflect on their daily intercultural interactions as they learn the perspectives and skills necessary to better understand Japanese culture.

C: Kyoto Culture and History

In this class we will take a look at some of the important cultural moments in Kyoto's long history. We will follow a chronological approach beginning with Pre-Heian Kyoto and ending in the present. We will discuss the religion, geography, art, literature and architecture of Kyoto. The class will visit some of the temples and shrines that we talk about during class time. Students should understand the role of geography and the historical importance of location. Gaining an understanding of Kyoto's central position in the history and culture of Japan is the aim of this class.



Kyotanabe campus

B: Representation of Nature in Japanese Culture: from ukiyo-e to anime

This course explores modern and contemporary cultures in Japan from the late 19th century to today through a variety of genres and media: woodblock prints (*ukiyo-e*), modern literature, painting, cinema, and animation. The main objective is to develop a narrative that shows both the historical changes and the cultural processes that constitute what we understand nowadays as Japanese Popular Culture. To do so, we will focus on how the image of nature is represented historically in a range of media. At the end of the course, the students will have the opportunity to create their own narrative through a *kamishibai* performance.

D: Zen and the Gardens of Kyoto

This course introduces the Zen culture of Kyoto expressed through its gardens. It focuses on the history of Zen, its philosophy, aesthetics, and attitudes to daily life, as well as understanding its relationship to the history of the garden and the different types of arrangements. Special emphasis is placed on the contribution of famous gardener monks and on the doctrinal approaches offered by the different branches. An exchange with a Zen monk and a guided study tour to relevant temples and gardens in the city of Kyoto are planned to strengthen the debates and discussions, as well as to help the formation of research groups for the final evaluation. The study of Zen, the practice of meditation, and an understanding of ecology, religion, art, and garden design principles are pursued to develop a deeper understanding of Japan and awaken a more sensitive disposition in the student towards nature.

Academic Calendar for the JSP

Orientation Wednesday, September 24th, 2025
Classes Begin Friday, September 26th, 2025
Classes End Wednesday, December 17th, 2025
Participants should arrive at **Kansai International Airport** on Monday, September 22nd, 2025.

Accommodations

Mukaijima Gakusei Center : 94,266 yen

[38,266 yen × 1 month, 28,000 yen × 2 months]

Single rooms are available in the Kyoto municipal housing for international students. No meals are included in the fee. The dormitory is located 30 minutes by train from the Imadegawa campus and a 15-minute walk from Kintetsu Mukaijima station.

Program fees

Tuition	398,200 yen
Accommodation fee	94,266 yen
Total	492,466 yen

Financial Aid

Grants of **200,000 yen** are available for participants from affiliated colleges/universities.

Recipients will receive **20,000 yen** cash on the first orientation day, and the remaining **180,000 yen** will automatically be allocated as follows:

94,266 yen for accommodations & 85,734 yen for meals (for 3 months)

Transportation Allowance

Participants may commute to campus using a commuter's pass. If the total cost of the pass exceeds **15,000 yen**, DWCLA will pay the difference.

Students' Comment

I had always dreamed of going to Japan for a long period of time so I could experience the country's culture and history the best I could. I discovered the Japanese Studies Program through my home institution and immediately decided to apply for it, since it seemed to offer just exactly what I was looking for!



R. R.

(Hochschule Düsseldorf, Germany)

Looking back, the program really did give me the most wonderful first Japan experience. With its culture and language classes, I was able to get a perfect idea of the country's history, traditions and language. The topics we discussed in class were exactly what I was interested in, and it was very interesting to learn about so many things each week. There were plenty of interesting fieldtrips we attended which were super fun! I especially loved the Tokyo trip, the Kimono Club and the shrine and temple visits!

One thing I really appreciate is the many chances I got to interact with and meet Japanese students. I made lots of friends and can't wait to come back to Kyoto to see them again! I am once again extremely grateful for the JSP Coordinators kindness, hospitality, and care throughout and even outside the program. Moreover, I appreciate the time I got to spend in Kyoto, the many friends I made and the wonderful memories I am now blessed with!

Extracurricular Activities

The program encourages participants to experience Japanese culture by offering extracurricular activities such as taking trips to nearby temples and historic sites, and making traditional Japanese sweets.



Club Visits & College Activities

We offer a series of club visits to enable participants to experience aspects of traditional Japanese culture such as kimono, tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and calligraphy. There will also be a variety of college activities including performances by DWCLA students. JSP participants are more than welcome to attend all college events.



Japanese Language Immersion Course (JLIC)

JLIC is a short term program and offers introductory Japanese language courses to international female students.

- JLIC 2025 will be held as following schedule:
 - Term A: May 19th to June 13th, 2025
 - Term B: June 23rd to July 18th, 2025
 - Students can study for both courses if they wish.
- A grant of 60,000 yen for each term is available for participants from DWCLA's affiliated colleges / universities and from ASEAN-member countries.
- In addition to studying in the classroom, students can also experience multiple fieldtrips during the program.
- DWCLA will not issue credits for JLIC.

For further information,
please refer to our website

