



# School of Global Studies and Collaboration 2019



AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY



Learning Beyond Boundaries.  
Collaboration Beyond Differences.

Learn about Japanese art and culture from renowned creators and performers. Perform cutting-edge research alongside established scholars and analysts. Cultivate language ability with native speakers and motivated learners from around the globe. All at a bucolic campus just outside Tokyo, one of the world's most vibrant metropolises. The GSC Japan Studies Program provides students interested in Japan with the ideal environment to enrich themselves culturally, academically, and linguistically.

# The Japan Studies Program

at the Aoyama Gakuin University School of Global Studies and Collaboration



## Student Voices



“GSC field trips offered me the chance to **immerse** myself in Japanese culture with peers from many different countries. ”

Nattida (Thailand, Thammasat University)

## Field Trips and Excursions

Experience the rich culture and society of Japan firsthand.

We offer a variety of excursions to popular destinations such as Asakusa and Hakone, where students have the opportunity to experience both traditional and contemporary Japanese culture. These events give students the chance to become familiar with Japan's vibrant cultural heritage while building lasting connections with peers. Our program also includes company visits, giving students the rare chance to go behind the scenes at innovative businesses.

## Internship Opportunities

Qualified students may request placement in an internship with local businesses.

“During my internship at a mobile application developer, I had the opportunity to help design and implement the user interface for a language-learning app. I gained valuable experience about real world business environments and Japanese work culture, and had the opportunity to work with some of Japan's top manufacturers.” - Chonnipa (Internship participant, 2017)



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“The year at GSC has been the best time of my life... not only **studying** about Japan but also **experiencing** it. ”

Nguyen (Vietnam, Vietnam National University)

## About the Program

A unique multidisciplinary approach to Japan studies.

The Japan Studies Program provides highly motivated students with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Japan, Japan-related academic fields, and Japanese language through an intensive one-to-two semester program. Students choose from a selection of courses grouped into five clusters: Spatial Information, Media, Sociology, Collaboration, and Business. Students can tailor their course load to fit their interests, learning about Japan's culture, society, and economy from a multidisciplinary perspective. Enrollees will have the chance to explore Japan's history in courses such as Modern Japanese History: From Samurai Age to Modernity; experience traditional art and performance hands-on in Traditional Art and Culture in Modern Japan; study Japanese business in Financial Systems and Economic Development in Postwar Japan; learn about contemporary daily life in Lifestyle and Society in Japan; and discover new technological innovations in New Frontiers in Geospatial Gaming.



Featured Class 01

## Traditional Art and Culture in Modern Japan

A hands-on introduction to Japanese culture

In this workshop-based course, students will explore traditional features of Japanese culture, including *ikebana* (flower arrangement), *kabuki* (traditional theatre), *shodo* (Japanese calligraphy), and traditional games such as *Go*. Each week, students will learn about a different facet of Japan's culture directly from internationally known artists, performers, and experts in each discipline.



Featured Class 02

## Global Environment and Resources Management

Protecting the environment in a changing world

In this course, students will learn about the importance of protecting the environment and resource management in realizing sustainable development, with a special focus on climate change and the developing world. The course provides a broad overview of environmental issues and strategies to address them. In small groups, students will consider and discuss issues facing the environment along with their peers.

### Message from the Dean



**Norio Hirasawa**  
Dean (2015 – present)  
School of Global Studies and Collaboration

## “ Educating global citizens for the 21st century ,,”

Studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the culture, language, and society of another country. But it is also a chance to step outside of one's comfort zone and reconsider one's own place in the wider world.

At the School of Global Studies and Collaboration (GSC), our aim is to nurture resourceful global citizens who can cross national, ethical, and religious boundaries and take on important roles in both developed and emerging countries around the world. It is often said that to become a global citizen, one must possess three qualities: strong communication competency and language skills, leadership ability, including initiative and cooperation, and intercultural understanding with a strong sense of self-identity. Our program provides a curriculum geared towards cultivating these abilities, along with a specialized skillset rooted in broad social science education. We instill our students with a spirit of coexistence and contribution to global society. Here, students with a consciousness of global issues and the desire to pursue them academically come together to generate solutions, both in the classroom and in the field.

### Program Structure

	Course Category	Course Title	Credit	Semester
Japan Studies Courses	Spatial Information	New Frontiers in Geospatial Gaming	2	Fall
		Advanced Resilient Communities against Disaster	2	Fall
		Surveying and Cartography in Japan	2	Spring
	Media	Drone Journalism	2	Spring
		Modern Japanese History: From Samurai Age to Modernity	2	Fall
		War Memory in Modern Japan	2	Fall
	Sociology	Introduction to Japanese Politics and Society	2	Spring
		Issues in Modern Japanese Education	2	Spring
		Lifestyle and Society in Japan	2	Fall
	Collaboration	Introduction to Japanese Culture	2	Fall
		Traditional Art and Culture in Modern Japan <span>Featured Class 01</span>	2	Spring
		Cool Japan: Contextualizing Contemporary Popular Culture	2	Spring
Business	Travel and Tourism in Contemporary Japan	2	Fall	
	Financial Systems and Economic Development in Postwar Japan	2	Fall	
	Economic and Industrial Development Policy in Postwar Japan	2	Spring	
	Japanese Economic Cooperation with Developing Countries	2	Spring	
GSC Courses	In addition to Japan Studies courses, students may enroll in various GSC courses offered in both Japanese and English. <span>Featured Class 02</span>			

### Credit Requirements

Students enrolled in the program may register in any course offered by GSC. Students are required to register for at least 14 credit hours per semester (including Japanese courses).

### Eligibility

Applicants should be a student at one of Aoyama Gakuin University's partner institutions and have a 2.5 GPA or above (4.0 scale).

### Required Language Ability

GSC requires students to have language ability equivalent to either of the below:

- (1) at least one year of formal study and JLPT N5 or above
- (2) IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 68 or above

### Learn More Online

Visit the GSC Japan Studies Program website for more details about the program, eligibility, and application process:

<http://www.gsc.aoyama.ac.jp/>



### Message from Support Staff

## “ We are here to support you! ,,”

The Japan Studies Program provides comprehensive academic and extra-curricular support to students in both Japanese and English. Feel free to visit our Student Center and chat with our helpful staff if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your study-abroad experience.

## Student Support



Advisers, Buddy/  
Tutor System



Airport Pick-Up  
Service



Student  
Orientation

## Campus Facilities



Fitness Center



Library



Bookstore



High-speed Wireless Internet



Cafeteria



Health Facilities

## Accommodation

We help students find affordable housing convenient to campus. Students may request accommodation in AGU I-House Sagamihara, a dormitory located adjacent to the university.



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