

JAPANESE MAJORS AND MINORS

SDSU JAPAN *DIRECT* EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Office of International Affairs, the Study Abroad Office, and the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages are pleased to announce exchange opportunities for the **2023-2024** academic year with the following universities in Japan: (length of program: S = Semester, Y = Academic Year)

	<u>Japanese Proficiency Required</u> <u>(College Level)</u>
• Aoyama Gakuin University 青山学院大学 (Tokyo) – private – Y	1 year
• Chuo University 中央大学 (Tokyo) – private - S or Y	1 year
• Doshisha University 同志社大学 (Kyoto) – private – S & Y	1 year
• Gifu University 岐阜大学 (Gifu) – national – Y	2 years
• Gunma University 群馬大学 (Gunma) – national – Y	2 years
• Hirosaki University 弘前大学 (Aomori) – national – S or Y	2 years
• Hokkaido University 北海道大学 (Sapporo) – national – S or Y	1 year
• Hosei University 法政大学 (Tokyo) – private – S or Y	1 year
• Kyoto Sangyo University 京都産業大学 (Kyoto) – private – Y	1 year
• Kyushu University 九州大学 (Fukuoka) – national – S or Y	1 year
• Meiji University 明治大学 (Tokyo) – private – S or Y	1 year
• Nanzan University 南山大学 (Nagoya) - private - S or Y	1 year
• Oita University 大分大学 (Oita) - national - Y	1 year
• Osaka International University 大阪国際大学 (Osaka) – private – Y	1 years
• Osaka University of Arts 大阪芸術大学 (Osaka) – private – Y	3-4 years
• Rikkyo University 立教大学 (Tokyo) – Private - S or Y	1 year
• Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific U. (APU) 立命館アジア太平洋大学 (Beppu) – Private – S & Y	1 year
• Ritsumeikan University 立命館大学 (Kyoto) – Private - Y	1 year
• Tokyo University of Foreign Studies 東京外国語大学 (Tokyo) -national – S or Y	1 year
• Toyo Eiwa University 東洋英和学院大学 (Yokohama) – private – Y	4 years
• Yokohama National University 横浜国立大学 (Yokohama) – national – Y	1 year

Application Forms are available at the Study Abroad Office, the website of the Japanese Language Programs, and directly from Professor Higurashi (yhigurashi@sdsu.edu).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Requirement for All Applicants:

An applicant must be an **official matriculated SDSU student** at the time of application.

Requirements for Group 1 Students:

1. An applicant must be **enrolled in Japanese** with Letter Grade in both **Fall 2022** and **Spring 2023** and receive **C or above**. If C- or below is received, the Selection Committee will rescind its positive recommendation and notify the universities in Japan.
2. If an applicant misses **25% or more** of a Japanese language class at SDSU, the Selection Committee will rescind its nomination, regardless of his/her course grade. **Three tardies will be counted as one absence**
3. An applicant must maintain the minimum **GPA of 2.75**. He/she is **required to submit the following transcript:** (A) an unofficial copy at the time of application, (B) unofficial copies submitted to Dr. Higurashi at the end of the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters, and (C) an OFFICIAL paper copy to the Study Abroad Office at the time of submitting your host school's application.
4. An applicant must make arrangements with two faculty members so that their letters of reference will be sent directly to Dr. Higurashi electronically. Please ask them to use the **Reference Form** provided.)
5. An applicant must have a favorable interview with the Selection Committee.

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Requirements for Group 2 Students:

1. If not enrolled in Japanese currently, an applicant must have successfully taken at least two semesters of Japanese at SDSU in the past and earned C or above in all Japanese courses.
2. An applicant must maintain the minimum **GPA of 2.75**. He/she is **required to submit the following transcript:** (A) an unofficial copy at the time of application, (B) unofficial copies submitted to Dr. Higurashi at the end of the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters, and (C) an OFFICIAL paper copy to the Study Abroad Office at the time of submitting your host school's application.
3. An applicant must make arrangements with two faculty members so that their letters of reference will be sent directly to Dr. Higurashi electronically. (Please ask them to use the **Reference Form** provided.)
4. An applicant must have a favorable interview with the Selection Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES for SDSU Japan Direct Exchange

September 16, 2022 In-Person INFORMATION SESSION (International Student Center Lounge)
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 14, 2022
(3:30 p.m.)

- ★ **1 original set of *complete application packet*** except two letters of recommendation
- ★ two letters of recommendation from faculty

⤴ **Must be submitted as e-mail attachments to:**
Dr. Yoshiko Higurashi at yhigurashi@sdsu.edu

Note:

For reference letters, please make arrangements with your faculty members so that their letters will be sent as e-mail attachments to Dr. Higurashi directly.

Thursday, October 20, 2022 Sign-up sheet for interviews will be available
Friday, October 28, 2022 Zoom Interviews by the Selection Committee (starting at 1:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 4, 2022 The Selection Committee announces its nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For details on each institution, please visit www.sdsu.edu/educationabroad or google each institution, or contact **Mr. Ryan McLemore** (rmclemore@sdsu.edu, 594-1970, Study Abroad Office) Education Abroad Advisor, and **Dr. Yoshiko Higurashi** (yhigurashi@sdsu.edu, 594-1005, SHW-219) Director, Japanese Language Program, Japan International Programs, and AASCU/SDSU Japan Studies Institute.