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Overview

24 JUNE - 8 AUGUST 2014

To be considered for admission to ATW, applicants must be:

- currently enrolled in a degree program at an accredited university or college outside Japan;
- in good academic standing (with a grade point average of 3.2 out of 4.0 or higher);
- proficient in English for academic purposes (if a non-native speaker, able to demonstrate a TOEFL PBT score of at least 550 or the equivalent); and
- planning to continue university study following ATW.

up to 40 students

The ATW curriculum design provides a uniquely productive educational experience relating Asian Studies courses (ASCs) to Japanese Language courses (JLCs) in a synergistic learning opportunity for students. As they broaden and deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Japan and its neighboring countries through the ASC offerings, students are made aware of the various sociocultural contexts of communication, thereby enhancing their synthetic understanding of the Japanese language as developed in the JLCs.

The program requires students to enroll for credit in *two* of four available Asian Studies offerings (see below) and in *one* skill level-appropriate Japanese language course. Selections should accord with the student's home university study plan. Those who satisfy all ATW expectations will be awarded a certificate of program completion in recognition of their effort. (Students must fulfill 85% attendance for each registered course.)

tentative timetable

Asian Studies Courses (ASCs)

ASCs give ATW a distinction as a comprehensive academic program studying on Japanese language and sociocultural background of the country. The field of study is not limited to Japan but covers Asia and the Pacific, which are increasingly playing an important role in the world. It will be a valuable asset of the program that the students will be able to approach Asia and Japan from various directions. ASCs, **taught in English**, are presented by eminent scholar-specialists invited from around the world.

ASC offerings for 2014

- AS1401: Psychology in Asian Context: Theory and Practice
- AS1402: Mangomania and Japan
- AS1403: Japan in East-Asia: the Dynamics of Politics and Society
- AS1404: Death in Traditional Japanese Literature in the Asian Context

More about ASCs

Japanese Language Courses (JLCs)

Japanese Language instruction is offered from beginning through advanced levels. Elementary aim to improve students' abilities to the point where they can cope practically with the communicative demands of a home stay or the

experiences of daily life in Japan. In the intermediate and more advanced courses, students will learn how to give a presentation in Japanese and debate on various subjects relating to Japanese society or culture.

More about JLCs

Several study trips will be held during the program. Each excursion is planned in the expectation that students are able to experience some part of Japanese culture and the Japanese aesthetic sense. The following study trips are planned to be held. Study trips registration form will be sent to successful candidates for the secondary application. Please click each study trip to open a popup window for more information.

World heritage sites in Mikasa	Fee: 25,000 yen
Farming work experience	Fee: 2,500 yen
Japanese traditional culture	Fee: 500 yen

(* The study trip fees are subject to change.)

Are you interested what those trips looked like? Please visit the ATW Photo Albums

ATW2005
ATW2006
ATW2007
ATW2008

Four options will be offered to participants:

- Option 1—four weeks in an off-campus dormitory*; three, in a home stay
- Option 2—four weeks in a local hotel**; three, in a home stay
- Option 3—seven weeks in an off-campus dormitory
- Option 4—seven weeks in a hotel

*An off-campus dormitory is located in 50 minutes by train and walking from the University.

** The hotel reserved by ATW is located in 7 minutes walk from the University.

Fees: 150,000JPY (min) -240,000JPY (max)

[More about accommodation \(under construction\)](#)

Program Fees and Charges

Program fees: 91,800 JPY including:

- tuition for taking 3 courses (6 credits), which is the requirement for completing the ATW program and
- insurance charge for **Kyushu University Emergency Secure Plan for International Students**

Estimated costs for participating in ATW, excluding the program fees

- **150,000-240,000 JPY** for accommodation
- **10,000-30,000 JPY** for commuting expenses (by public transportation)
- **3,000 JPY** for a Japanese language text book
- **24,500JPY** for lunch and dinner at a university cafeteria (700yen x 35days)
- **28,000 JPY** for three optional study trips

These costs are merely indicative. Personal expenses and expenses for a round-trip airline ticket are not included in the costs mentioned above.

Kyushu University offers a limited number of scholarships, of 120,000 JPY each, to students who present a strong undergraduate academic record. All applicants are considered; recipients are selected by the University

One-to-one assistance by a peer tutor is offered to ATW students. Peer tutors are Kyushu University students and will look after you and help you settle in by picking you up from the airport, helping you explore Fukuoka city or a festival held during your stay on ATW.

Credits and grades earned by participants for ATW courses will be reported to their home universities upon request. Students should consult with their academic advisors about the possibilities and procedures of credit and grade transfer before coming to Japan.