

How to apply

Check your eligibility

	Check
(1) Currently an undergraduate or graduate student.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Able to communicate in English or in basic Japanese.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Prepare documents

	Check
(3) Have your official Enrollment and Transcript ready.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Have a photo copy of your passport.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Have 2 color photos.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check

(6) Visit www.rsjprwjp.com and fill in our online form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7) Fill out our online application form.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Accommodation

Ritsumeikan University will arrange your lodging during the program period. Housing fee is not included.

Certificate / Credit Transfer

Students willing to transfer their credits earned during the exchange program at Ritsumeikan University must consult with their academic advisor or International Office of their home university beforehand in order to avoid trouble in transferring the credits. Accreditation is generally regulated under the regulations of the home university.



Buddy

Ritsumeikan students play a great part in this program through their roles as volunteer buddies. Buddies will introduce participants to life on campus as well as provide assistance with daily life in Japan outside of class. They will also join participants on most field excursions for Japan Studies classes and also participating in the Japanese language classes as teaching assistants. By spending time with the buddies, participants can practice everyday conversation and at the same time make friends, both of which are highlights of the program.

Visa Support

Participants are responsible for contacting the Japanese embassy or consulate in their home country directly to determine if they are required to apply for a visa in advance. If it is determined that you need to obtain a visa, please notify the International Center.

Medical Service Center

The Medical Service Center offers medical assistance to students with health concerns. Consultations are available in English during certain times of the day.

Ritsumeikan Pop

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Library

Over 2.3 million books in Japanese, Chinese, English, Korean and other languages are housed in the Ritsumeikan library. Each participant will be given a library card and will be able to borrow books during the program period.

International Center

The International Center handles all incoming and outgoing student exchanges at Ritsumeikan. We offer Pop Culture participants' assistance with all aspects of academic and student life, as well as providing comprehensive support on everything from initial application procedures to sending out the final transcript at the end of the program. We hope that studying abroad with the RSJP and RWJP will help you immerse yourself further in Japanese culture and strengthen your language skills while in Japan!

Internet Access

Participants will be given a login ID and password, giving them access to the Internet. The university also provides a campus-wide wireless network.

Co-op / Cafeteria

The University Cooperative (Co-op) offers everything from food, books, stationeries, and even a travel service. A wide variety of food is available at the cafeteria at reasonable price. Halal is also available.

International Travel Insurance

It is mandatory to buy international travel insurance to participate in RSJP/RWJP.

Come study with us !



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JAPANESE POP CULTURE 2017



2017 Summer Pop Culture

2 Weeks Intensive, Non Degree seeking

Overview

This course overviews the birth, the present and the future prospects for Japanese pop culture. It focuses on those elements of Japanese pop culture that have had a substantial influence globally: manga, anime, computer games, and the character business.

The course will look at the uniqueness of the culture and its impact on the world while also studying the connections with traditional Japanese culture as well as Japanese culture more broadly speaking.

Pop Culture Theme 90 min each x 15, taught in English

- (1) Field Trip: Kyoto International Manga Museum-Characteristics of Japanese manga and the outlook for it. Boys magazines, book-borrowing culture, manga magazine, wide variety of genres
- (2) Field Trip: FUSHIMI INARI Shrine-Japanese anime and Contents tourism. Digital animation, 'slice of life' anime, contents tourism
- (3) Globalization of Japanese Pop-culture
- (4) The Origin of Japanese Comic Industry
- (5) The development of Japanese Comic Industry
- (6) Development of Local Characters and Character Business-1
- (7) Development of Local Characters and Character Business-2
- (8) Group Discussion
- (9) The Origin and Development of Japanese VFX Entertainment(Monsters)
- (10) Groups Project One: Utilizing Entertainment Products to Regional Economy Revitalization
- (11) Development of Anime Industry
- (12) Origin of Anime Industry
- (13) The Origin of Video Game Industry Development of Video Game Industry
- (14) Emergence and Development of Kawaii
- (15) Integration

(Subject to change)

Scenes of Japan Studies

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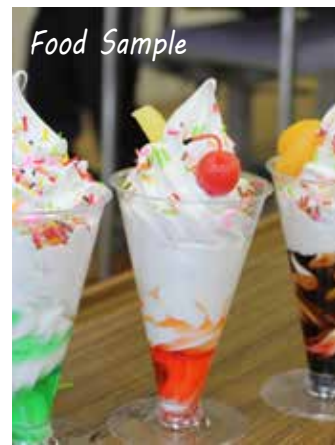
Maiko



Kinkakuji



Nijojo



Food Sample



TATE



Manga Museum



Fushimi Inari

Program Sample Schedule

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2017	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1st week	July 24 Orientation Campus Tour Welcome Lunch Kinkakuji Temple	July 25 Pop Language① Pop Language② Pop Language③ Maiko & Geiko	July 26 Pop Language④ Pop Language⑤ Pop Language⑥ Food Sample	July 27 Pop Language⑦ Pop Language⑧ Pop Language⑨ Nijojo Castle	July 28 Pop Language⑩ Pop Language⑪ Pop Language⑫	July 29 Off	July 30 Off
2nd week	July 31 Pop Culture① Pop Culture② Pop Culture③	Aug 01 Pop Culture④ Pop Culture⑤ Pop Culture⑥	Aug 02 Pop Culture⑦ Pop Culture⑧ Pop Culture⑨	Aug 03 Pop Culture⑩ Pop Culture⑪ Pop Culture⑫	Aug 04 Pop Culture⑬ Pop Culture⑭ Pop Culture⑮ Completion Certificate	Aug 05	

Japan Studies

Japan studies classes are held four times during the program. In addition to the lectures on Japanese Culture held in the Pop Culture and Pop Language classes, participants are given the opportunity to take part in fieldwork excursions and also receive special lectures pertaining to Japanese culture and historical places from masters or experts who are well respected in their field in order to reinforce what they have learnt.

Pop Language

Twelve Pop Language classes will be offered during the program. Those students who have no previous Japanese language study are welcome. In this class, students will learn how to read Japanese in their MANGA comics, Anime, Video games and other interesting sub-cultures. No previous study is necessary and beginners are welcome! Why don't you come and enjoy Japanese Pop Culture in its original language?

Schedule 2017

Application period	April 1
	May 24
Payment Due	June 8
Check In	July 23
Program Starts	July 24
Orientation	July 24
Welcome Lunch	July 24
Culture Study	July 24 ~
Pop Language	July 25 ~
Pop Lectures	July 31 ~
Program Ends	August 4
Check Out	August 5

Campus Lives

Term	2 weeks
Program Fee	JPY 140,000
Housing Fee	Extra
Service Fee	JPY 5,000
Orientation	Yes
Buddy	Yes
Campus Tour	Yes
Airport Pick Up	No
Meal	No
Bus Pass	No
Travel Insurance	Mandatory
Completion Ceremony	Yes

Academics

Pop Culture	1,350 min
Pop Language	600 min
Japan Studies	360 min
Total Hours	2,310 min
Capacity	48 Students
Text Book	Included
Visa Support	Yes
Credit/Degree	No
Certificate	Yes
Transcript *1	Yes
Wi-Fi	Yes
Library	Yes

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*1*Pop Lectures only