

Japan

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Language, Culture, Architecture, and Botany in Japan. Japan is a land of vast cultural and natural diversity: modern cities, Buddhist mountain sanctuaries, feudal castles, and thousand year- old thatched roof houses and ancient flora and moss gardens. Students will be immersed in the culture, architecture and botanical wealth of Japan as they learn the Japanese language in order to apply that knowledge more effectively and retain more vocabulary for future application. Students will, additionally, find in Japan a mixture of old and new: where old traditions, remedies, botanical necessities and construction, modern technology, and the latest pop culture, meld together. Immersion in the culture, markets, food, and architecture of Japan is the most complete and comprehensive way for students to learn and apply the Japanese language.

PROGRAM DATE: May 20-June 5, 2019

PROGRAM SITE: Japan

COURSES: Students will be required to select two of the following courses: Elementary Japanese I (JAPN 1411); or Elementary Japanese II (JAPN 1412); or Intermediate Japanese (JAPN 2311); and Introduction to Architecture (ARCH 1311); or General Botany (BIOL1411)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION: Students are required to take two courses and will receive seven hours of credit upon successful completion of the program.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS: 2.0 GPA and 12 cumulative academic credits. Alamo Colleges District expects study abroad participants to perform academically at standards commensurate with on-campus performance. This includes attending classes, taking exams, reading required materials, completing homework, etc. If students' GPA drops below a 2.0 before they study abroad, they will not be allowed to participate in the program.

FACULTY LEADERS:

Professor Yuko Kawabe will be the lead faculty for the Japan program and will teach Japanese. Presently, Professor Kawabe is a faculty member in the Foreign Languages Department at San Antonio College. She is a native speaker and is familiar with the Kyoto and Tokyo areas. Professor Kawabe has extensive experience traveling with groups of students. She has led successful programs to Japan since 2009 with Alamo Colleges District. Professor Kawabe will teach Elementary Japanese I (JAPN 1411); Elementary Japanese II (JAPN 1412); and Intermediate Japanese (JAPN 2311). **Contact: ykawabe@alamo.edu**

Professor Dwayne Bohuslav is Associate Professor in Architecture at San Antonio College and a designer with 25 years of professional activity in the field. Professor Bohuslav has lived or traveled to Japan, for 4 years and has a Bachelor's from UT-Austin and a Masters in Architecture from Cornell University where he also earned an Intensive Japanese Language Program Certificate. Professor Bohuslav participated in the 2018 Study Abroad to Japan. Professor Bohuslav will be the lead faculty for Introduction to Architecture (ARCH 1311). **Contact: dbohuslav@alamo.edu**

Professor Jose L. Egremy has 18 years of experience teaching at community colleges. International teaching experience includes the 2002 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and 2004 Northwest Vista College Botany program. He has extensively traveled throughout the country. Professor Egremy will be the lead faculty for General Botany (BIOL 1411). **Contact: jegremy@alamo.edu**

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required for travel. You can visit www.travel.state.gov/passport for additional information. Passports are due to the International Programs Office by **February 15, 2019**.

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PROGRAM FEE: *\$4,900 Includes airfare, lodging, in-country transportation, most meals, and entrance fees. **This does NOT include tuition**, passport fees, visa fees, books, materials, and spending money. Financial aid is available. **Summer Momentum Program may be applied towards tuition, if applicable.**

APPLY: alamo.edu/studyabroad

SCHOLARSHIP: alamo.edu/studyabroad/scholarship

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINES:

December 7, 2018 – Priority Application Deadline	\$200
January 4, 2019	\$500
January 25, 2019 - Final Application Deadline	\$1,050
February 15, 2019 Final Application Deadline	\$1,050
March 8, 2019	\$1,050
April 1, 2019	\$1,050

Failure to pay by the scheduled deadlines will result in cancellation of participation in the selected Study Abroad program. All payments must be paid by **April 1, 2019**.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

May 20 Depart US
May 21 Arrive in Narita, Japan; Welcome Dinner; Narita tour
May 22 Narita City Sightseeing (Narita san Temple and History Museum and Boso No Mura)
May 23 Asakusa Temple; Edo Museum; Department store Isetan and Takano shop
May 24 Classes; Ueno National Museum; Ameyoko
May 25 Classes; Meiji Shrine and gardens; Shinjuku Gyoen park and Harajuku
May 26 Tokyo; Tsukuba Botanical Garden and Science Museum Mori Building Museum in Odaiba (optional)
May 27 Tokyo to Osaka; Visit Nishikohama Beach Park, Suntory Yamazaki Distillery
May 28 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Hall of Remembrance; Miyajima;
May 29 Himeji Castle
May 30 Kyoto; Ryoanji Temple; Evening classes
May 31 Golden Pavillion and Nijo Castle and Rock Garden
June 1 Meet Host Families; Bamboo Forest; Tenryu-ji Temple
June 2 Fushimi Inari;
June 3 Nara day trip
June 4 Class
June 5 Depart Japan