Application deadline is 11:59pm on November 1st, 2019. Applicants will be interviewed for 25 spots. Acceptance is not guaranteed.

A passport is NOT required in order to apply. Leave passport section blank on program application if you don’t have a valid passport.
THE PROGRAM
Details to know

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PLEASE NOTE:
INFORMATION IN THIS PACKET IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
MAY 28- JUNE 27, 2020

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• Program start date (arrive in Japan): May 28
• Program end date (depart Japan): June 27
• Flight purchase details and arrival/departure instructions will be provided to accepted students
  o Do not purchase your flight until you receive this information from the program coordinator in December or late January

• IEE will work with the corresponding academic department to register accepted students during the registration period in fall and in January.
  o Please ensure any bars have been taken care of
• Course has been approved to meet a Global Cultures Flag

~$5700-5800
PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES

• Accommodation
• Welcome & farewell dinner
• On-site orientation & walking tour
• Breakfasts in Kyoto & Hiroshima
• Group transfer from/to airport in Tokyo
• Local transportation pass in Tokyo with credit for class and activities/visits (~$200)
• 1 week JR pass during Kyoto & Hiroshima week
• Program activities and visits
• 24/7 Local Emergency Support
PROGRAM FEE EXCLUDES

- International airfare (~$1700)
- International health insurance (~$95)
- International phone plan (~$0-$300)
- Passport/visa (where applicable) (~$150 passport)
- Most meals (~$600-$800)
- Laundry services
- Additional credit for local transportation pass (~$100-$300)
- Personal expenses

*These are estimates. UT is not responsible for student budgeting or expenditures.*

HOUSING (subject to change)

Private room / single occupancy in an extended-stay hotel Flexstay Inn Nakanobu
At 4 Chome-27-8 Futaba, in the Shinagawa neighborhood of Tokyo. Each room has a small kitchenette and bathroom. Amenities include wifi. Laundry facilities (self-pay) are available. Housing will be a ~45 minute commute (door to door) via public transportation to class at a local university.

In Kyoto & Hiroshima, housing will be shared rooms in a centrally located budget hotel. Housing info is subject to change.

SITES & ACTIVITIES (subject to change)

- Arrival activities
- Weekly academic visits and/or lectures
- 5-night excursion to Kyoto and Hiroshima
- La Vida Local Culture Series
  - Activities/projects to enhance cultural immersion
MEALS

- Welcome dinner
- Farewell dinner
- Breakfasts in Kyoto and Hiroshima

All other meals are the student’s responsibility. Tokyo housing includes a private kitchenette.

Meal cost examples: 24-hour convenience stores with meal options (e.g. bento box) are common – 300-600 yen. Chain restaurants 400-600 yen. Fast food 100-700 yen. Ramen 600-1000 yen. Conveyor belt sushi 2000-3000 yen.

Cafeteria meals at university are ~500-600 yen.

TRANSPORTATION

Accepted students arrange their own international flight after receiving booking instructions from the program coordinator. A one-time group airport pick up and drop off in Japan is provided.

Transportation in Tokyo will be mostly by public transportation (SUICA pass) and walking. Transportation to Kyoto and Hiroshima will be by train. Transportation within Kyoto and Hiroshima will be public transportation and walking.

Students must add credit to their SUICA pass after their initial pre-loaded amount is depleted.

OVERSEAS INSURANCE PACKAGE

UT International Office will enroll accepted students in overseas insurance, which includes international health insurance provided by ACE/Chubb, International SOS (ISOS) assistance coverage, and general liability coverage. The $19 per week fee, charged as “International Office” on What I Owe, is due at least 10 days prior to the program start date. Overseas insurance is required of all students, regardless of other insurance coverage or nationality. Coverage begins 2 weeks before the program start date and ends 2 weeks after program end date. (These extra 4 weeks are at no charge to the student).
There will be a Kick Off celebration for accepted students in November. There will be two pre-departure orientations in the spring. Once announced, students must plan accordingly and make appropriate arrangements to ensure attendance.

After acceptance into the program, a health clearance is required by March 1. A physical at UHS costs ~$70. An additional approval is required if seeing a specialist for a physical condition, mental health, etc. Discuss questions or concerns about any current prescriptions or medical treatment you are currently receiving and considerations for travel abroad with your physician. Ensure routine vaccinations are up-to-date and determined if additional vaccinations are required.


Some medications are prohibited, or require a special certificate. (Permitted medications must be for personal use only and limited to up to a one month supply. Prescriptions need a doctor’s note of explanation). However, some over-the-counter medicines and prescriptions commonly used in the United States are prohibited, including some inhalers, some allergy and sinus medication, and Adderall. If you are staying more than 30 days, and will be bringing more than a month supply of a permitted prescription medication, you need to have applied for a Yakkan Shoumei certificate, and declare it at customs. See last page of this document for additional important info.
Classes will be held at a local university, Oberlin University’s Shinjuku campus in Tokyo.

Local students will be invited to participate in an ambassador program for cultural and social exchange with UT students.

UT collaborates with local study abroad provider CIS Abroad to organize program logistics and housing. CIS Abroad also serves as the local 24/7 emergency contact.

Partner university is subject to change.

PASSPORTS & VISAS
(If you are traveling to other countries, check the corresponding requirements for those countries as well)

All accepted students will need a valid passport by March 1st. U.S. citizens do not need to apply for a visa for the program. Non-U.S. citizens may need a visa for entry into Japan. Please visit the Japanese Embassy website for more info https://jp.usembassy.gov/

All passports must be valid during the intended period of your stay (minimum 6 months remaining validity is recommended) and minimum 1 blank page for entry into Japan. https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/japan.html

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Accepted students must complete forms and modules in MySAO by December 10th.

Requirements for passport, airfare, and health clearance due by March 1st. (Passport details and flight information must be added to MySAO by March 1st.)

Additional requirements if applicable will be communicated to students by the program coordinator.

HOST INSTITUTION
Apps (such as Line) allow texting and phone calls abroad. While these can be used with wifi access, an international phone plan on your U.S. phone OR a phone with a local SIM card is a program requirement. A plan should include data, texts and the option to make a local or international call, so you have various options for communication in the event of an emergency or urgent situation.

Please contact your cell phone carrier/service provider, or visit their website for more information. Your plan should be active at a minimum for the duration of the program.

This option for a local SIM is an acceptable alternative: https://www.mobal.com/japan-sim-card/

Think about the environment you will be living and studying in, class schedule, etc. Are there academic accommodations you will need abroad? After you’re accepted into the program, talk to the faculty director in advance if you are unsure. Register with Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) and request an accommodation letter for the Maymester course if needed.

After acceptance into the program, students are encouraged to disclose information that will enable program faculty & staff to better assist in pre-departure advising and on-site, and to make applicable arrangements or plans. Disclosure ranges from medications, food allergies, dietary restrictions; medical and mental health history, and anything else you would like faculty or staff to be aware of. An online disclosure form will be provided in the spring to accepted students.

Access forms can be used as a tool for students to help them assess what adjustments or assistance will be needed abroad for a physical disability, learning disability or ADHD, hearing disability, mental health, visual disability, chronic health condition, autism spectrum or other.
RESTRICTIONS ON PERMITTED MEDICATIONS; REQUIREMENTS

If you plan to bring over-the-counter or prescription medication with you to Japan. Some items are prohibited, or require a special certificate.

You can bring most over-the-counter or prescription medication (with prescription and a doctor’s note stating purpose of the medication) into Japan without any special procedures provided:

- it's for personal use only
- it's up to a one month supply

However, some over-the-counter medicines commonly used in the United States are prohibited, including some inhalers and some allergy and sinus medications. Specifically, products that contain stimulants (medicines that contain Pseudoephedrine, such as Actifed, Sudafed, and Vicks inhalers), or Codeine are prohibited if it contains more than allowed quantity of stimulant raw materials.

Some prescriptions, like Adderall, are prohibited.

If you are staying more than 30 days, and will be bringing more than a month supply of a permitted prescription medication, you need to have applied for a Yakkan Shoumei certificate, and declare it at customs. You would also need to have applied if you are bringing medication that needs to be administered with a syringe.

Visit this page for more information: https://jp.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/doctors/importing-medication/ (This website has a list of the medication classifications: http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visa_medicine_en.html)

- Over-the-counter medication and prescriptions are viewed as “imports” and must be claimed at customs.
- Fill any prescriptions so that you have at least 4 weeks worth, or more if you are traveling before or after the program ends. If you have prescription medications for more than 4 weeks, you need to have obtained a special certificate to bring them into Japan. See above.
- Keep prescriptions in their original packaging and take in your carry-on. You must have a note from your doctor in addition. See above.
- An optional medical disclosure & dietary restriction form will be made available via an online survey. This is to note if you have a medical condition, allergy (food or medicine, etc), other health-related issue, or dietary restriction that would be important for local staff & faculty to know in a physical or mental health emergency.