STUDY ABROAD

The University of Memphis offers semester, academic year, and summer programs in Japan, allowing students to earn academic credit while immersed in language and culture.

Exchange Partners:

- Chuo Gakuin University (Chiba)
- Nagoya Gakuin University (Nagoya)
- Meiji University (Tokyo)
- J.F. Oberlin University (Tokyo)
- Seikei University (Tokyo)

Programs via ISEP:

- Chukyo, Kansai Gaidai (Osaka), Nanzan, Ritsumeikan (Kyoto), APU (Beppu), Toyo

Programs via CCIS:

- KCP International Language Institute

For more information, contact Dr. Yuki Matsuda (ymatsuda@memphis.edu).

QUESTIONS?

Contact the University of Memphis Education Abroad Office at tigersabroad@memphis.edu

PAID HUMANITIES INTERNSHIPS MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT

Through generous support from the Mellon Foundation, majors in the humanities—including World Languages & Literatures—have access to paid internship opportunities with local nonprofit and community-based organizations. These internships allow students to apply their language skills, cultural knowledge, and critical thinking in real-world settings while gaining professional experience.

Since the program's inception in spring 2025, over 40 world languages majors have received a semester-long internship through the Mellon program. Learn more at memphis.edu/cas/mellon-foundation and contact Prof. Christina Gómez, WLL Internship Coordinator (cmbggett@memphis.edu), for more information.

ADD A MAJOR/MINOR

If you want to change your major to one in the College of Arts & Sciences, or already have a major in the College of Arts & Sciences, come to Scates 107 or email casgraduation@memphis.edu to declare a second major or Japanese minor. Please send your:

- Name
- UUID
- The new major/minor

If your major is in another college, you should contact the advising office of your college to declare a minor.

QUESTIONS?

Email Dr. Yuki Matsuda at ymatsuda@memphis.edu



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STUDY ABROAD IN NAGOYA, JAPAN!

WHY STUDY JAPANESE?

- Studying Japanese opens doors to careers in international business, translation, and education. Over 180 Japanese-owned companies operate in Tennessee, employing over 40,000 Tennesseans. Japan's global influence in traditional arts, pop culture, and technology makes language proficiency a valuable asset.
- As the only institution in the Mid-South offering both a Japanese major and a Tennessee teaching licensure in Japanese at the graduate level, UofM prepares students for roles in K–12 education, the JET Program, and careers with Japanese businesses and media outlets.

Japanese Language Table

A weekly informal gathering to practice Japanese and connect with exchange students from Japan.
Contact Dr. Hironori Nishi at hnishi1@memphis.edu

SOTJP – Students of the Japanese Program

A student-led organization promoting Japanese language and cultural learning through:

- Book clubs
- Outreach events
- Game nights & karaoke
- Contact Us: sotjpuofm@memphis.edu

COURSES

Lower-Division Courses

- JAPN 1010: Elementary Japanese I
- JAPN 1020: Elementary Japanese II
- JAPN 2010: Intermediate Japanese I
- JAPN 2020: Intermediate Japanese II

Upper-Division Japanese Courses

- JAPN 3301: Conversation & Composition I
- JAPN 3302: Conversation & Composition II
- JAPN 3401: Intro to Japanese Literature
- JAPN 3402: Directed Readings in Japanese Culture
- JAPN 3500: Japanese Writing System
- JAPN 3600: Japanese Food Culture
- JAPN 4401: Advanced Japanese I
- JAPN 4402: Advanced Japanese II
- JAPN 4501: Japanese Linguistics
- JAPN 4601: Multimedia Translation I
- JAPN 4602: Multimedia Translation II
- JAPN 4701: Japanese for Professional Purposes I
- JAPN 4702: Japanese for Professional Purposes II
- JAPN 4780: Individual Studies
- JAPN 4791–99: Special Topics in Language, Culture, or Literature
- JAPN4800: Internship in Japanese
- JAPN 3900: Japanese Culture and Society (Study abroad)
- WDLL 4500: Japanese Culture & Society (taught in English)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General Education (41 hours)

Complete university-wide Gen Ed requirements.

College & BA Requirements (6–9 hours)

Additional coursework as required by the College of Arts & Sciences. If you have prior academic or lived experience with Japanese, contact us at wll@memphis.edu for testing options.

Major Requirements (24–33 hours)

Choose one of the following concentrations:

- Single Language (Japanese only): 24 upper-division hours
- Two Languages: 27 upper-division hours (min. 9 hours per language)
- Three Languages: 33 upper-division hours (min. 12 hours in two languages + coursework in third)
- Electives as needed to reach 120 total credit hours.

Minor in Japanese (18 hours)

For the Minor in Japanese, students must take JAPN1020, 2010, 2020 as well as 3 upper-division courses (9 hours).

Experiential Learning & Internships

The Japanese program offers outreach and hands-on learning with local organizations (e.g., Memphis Botanic Garden), K–12 schools, and nonprofit groups. Many opportunities are funded by Japanese companies and government agencies.