



2025 Summer Short Programs



JCMU Summer Short Programs are faculty-led courses offered in May that explore a specific topic within the faculty leader's area of expertise. All programs are open to all students regardless of their major. Courses are taught in English and no previous Japanese language study is necessary.

The topics for JCMU Summer Short Program vary by year. Topics for summer 2025 include:



Teaching English in Japan (3 cr.)

This course will provide students with foundational knowledge necessary for a career in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). Students will learn the basics of communicative language teaching, observe English classes in Japan at multiple levels (from children to adults), and gain a deeper understanding of English language teaching in the Japanese context. Students will travel to historic and culturally-rich locations and enjoy hands-on cultural experiences arranged by JCMU.



Criminal Justice in Japan (3 cr.)

Students will explore the criminal justice system and the culture of Japan and how both contribute to Japan's recognition as one of the world's safest countries. Visits to various criminal justice entities typically include: policing organizations, courts, a prison, and a juvenile detention center. In addition to this first-hand glimpse of the criminal justice system, the course will also integrate cultural activities, as well as field trips to other sites near and far, including Kyoto, Osaka, Tokyo, and Hiroshima.



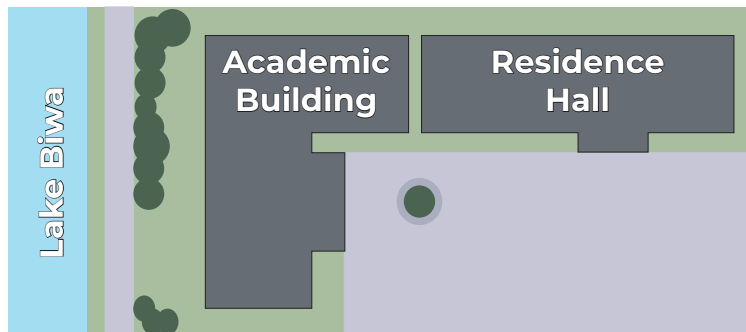
Business Communications in Japan (3 cr.)

This course offers an immersive opportunity for students to delve into both Japanese language acquisition and business communications. Throughout this intensive study abroad program, students will develop skills in Japanese language while gaining practical insights into Japanese culture and business practices. The group will enjoy several cultural activities / events and field trips, including visits to various companies to experience Japanese business practices firsthand.



JCMU Housing & Facilities

JCMU campus, located right on the shore of Lake Biwa, consists of the Academic Building and the Residence Hall.



JCMU's Residence Hall offers double-occupancy apartments (and a wheelchair-accessible single room), each equipped with private bedroom(s), a kitchen, and a bathroom. Kitchens come equipped with a stove, sink, refrigerator, and several appliances.

JCMU campus is located outside of downtown Hikone. Students are provided with bicycles* to help get around the area. Distances to various Hikone locations include:

- <.25 mi Coco's and other local restaurants
- 0.8 mi Convenience store (with ATM)
- 1.6 mi Grocery store, cafés / restaurants
- 1.7 mi Shiga University & Hikone Castle
- 2.4 mi Hikone Train Station
- 4 mi University of Shiga Prefecture

**Students with mobility considerations are encouraged to set an advising appointment to discuss other transportation options with JCMU staff.*

Location

JCMU is located in Hikone, a city of approximately 100,000 people in Shiga Prefecture situated on the eastern shore of Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan.


As a castle town located off the beaten tourist track, Hikone preserves much of its charm and heritage. Hikone is only a 45-90 minute local train ride from the cities of Kyoto, Nagoya, and Osaka.

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Program Costs and Dates

See the JCMU Website for current fees and dates.

JCMU Summer Short Program fees cover JCMU-arranged travel and housing costs within Japan for any required program activities or experiences (as indicated in each program's finalized itinerary). Housing is typically a combination of JCMU on-campus housing and hotels (as necessary for longer field trips outside Shiga).

Costs for travel to and from Japan are the responsibility of each student.

JCMU Website

See the most up-to-date program details (dates, costs, etc.).



Advising

Schedule an appointment to ask questions or learn more.

Apply

Visit the JCMU Application Portal when you're ready to apply.

