

# Semester Japanese Language & Culture



The JCMU Semester Japanese Language and Culture program offers a rich, immersive experience for students at the beginner through intermediate levels of Japanese, running during both fall and spring/winter semesters on the standard U.S. academic calendar. Alongside intensive language study, students explore engaging electives in Japanese history, society, and pop culture, while becoming part of the local community through meaningful cultural exchange. Specialized tracks—offered on a rotating basis—provide deeper insight into Japanese Politics & Diplomacy and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), making this program an ideal gateway to both linguistic fluency and cultural understanding.

## Dates

## Coursework

### Fall (15 weeks):

Early Sep. - Mid-Dec.  
Deadline: 1st Friday in March

### Spring (15 weeks):

Early Jan. - Late Apr.  
Deadline: 3rd Friday in Sep.

**NOTE: Students can apply to participate in a full academic year (Fall + Spring)**

### Japanese Language (4 - 5 Credits)

Level 1 (beginner) through Level 3 (intermediate)

Daily instruction addresses listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Placement is based on exams held at the beginning of the program. Follows a non-intensive pace similar to most U.S. institutions.

### Electives (9 - 11 Credits)

JCMU Experience (required; 3 cr.)  
+ Elective Choices (6-8 cr.)

*Course options vary by semester. See website for recent or upcoming options.*

*Special tracks focused on **Politics & Diplomacy** and **TESOL** are offered in rotating semesters.*

Japanese Cultural Lessons / Experiences

Language Exchange Opportunities

Chances to Join Local University Clubs / Activities

Field Trips to Historic & Cultural Sites

Short & Long-term Homestays\*

\*Pending availability

Immerse yourself in Japanese life through field trips, cultural workshops, language exchanges, and opportunities to live with a Japanese roommate at JCMU or to live with a Japanese host family during a long-term or weekend homestay. JCMU students are encouraged to join local university clubs and explore Japan on weekends—this is your chance to live the language!



# Advanced Japanese + Internship



As part of the advanced-level (4th year) Japanese language track in the JCMU Semester Japanese Language and Culture Program—offered during the fall and spring semesters—students can enhance their experience through an academic internship tailored to their career interests.

## Eligible students (per placement test) will complete:

- ◇ 4th Year Japanese (6 credits)
- ◇ Business Japanese for Pre-Professionals (3 credits)
- ◇ JCMU Experience (3 credits)
- ◇ Japanese Field Work Experience (4 credits):
  - 13-week Internship (90 hrs.)
  - Japanese Culture & Society studies related to Japanese work culture

Internships are available in various fields, including hospitality, manufacturing, and more. Students will participate in a professional Japanese-language environment.

## Sample Weekly Schedule:

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
Mon	Japanese Class		Business Japanese
Tue	Japanese Class		Business Japanese
Wed			Internship
Thu			Internship
Fri	Japanese	Cultural Activities	JCMU Experience



**JCMU Website**  
Get the most up-to-date program details (dates, costs, etc.).



**Advising**  
Schedule an appointment to ask questions.



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