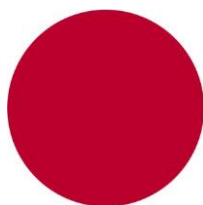




Study Abroad in Japan



Higher Education in Japan

- The higher education academic year usually starts in April, although some courses start in October. Most courses/academic years are divided into 2 semesters.
- Japan has about 780 universities, of which about 80% are private. There are undergraduate colleges, junior colleges, and graduate schools. Most undergraduate degrees in Japan last for 4 years. The exceptions are medicine, dentistry and veterinary science which require 6 years of study.
- Japan is keen to attract more international students and is offering more courses taught in English and more exchange programmes.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

- Normally, applications are made online, directly to the university concerned, check the English version of the university website that you are interested in.
- Most universities in Japan require international applicants to take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU).
- Some applicants may also be asked to take additional entry exams which must be sat in Japan.

Visa

- International students intending to study for more than three months in Japan will need to apply for a student visa. To do this, you should first obtain a Certificate of Eligibility, which will be applied for on your behalf by the Japanese institution you have been accepted by.
- Once this has been issued, you will need to apply for your visa through your local Japanese embassy or consulate.
- As well as the original certificate of eligibility (and an additional photocopy), you will also need to provide a valid passport, a completed application form and a recent passport-sized photograph.

Working

- If you want to work in Japan while studying, you'll need to obtain 'Permission to Engage in Activity Other than that Permitted by the Status of Residence Previously Granted', which you can apply for at an immigration bureau once you arrive in Japan.
- Generally, this permission will entitle you to work up to 28 hours a week during term-time and eight hours a day during official holiday periods.

World Rankings

The University of Tokyo (23)
Kyoto University (33)
Tokyo Institute of Technology (56)
Osaka University (75)
Tohoku University (82)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Fees

Typically, you can expect to pay between ¥535,800 and ¥1,725,966 (£3,600-11,500) annually. There is a range of scholarship funding available to help international students.

Further Information

- **Japan Study Support:** information for international students <https://www.jpss.jp/en/>
- See the **QS World Rankings** website for more information about studying in Japan <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/asia/japan/guide#tab=2>
- Degree courses in English can be found on the Japan Study Support website. www.jpss.jp/en/univ/english/
- **Japan Student Services Organisation** <http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/>