

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN JAPAN

(Reference material for students interested in studying abroad in Japan)



Leaflet 2024 BCL Program Senshu University



ABOUT SENSHU UNIVERSITY



Senshu's mascot ("Sendy")



Senshu University was established in 1880 and has two main campuses: Ikuta Campus (pictured top left) and Kanda Campus (pictured top right). Its founders (Nagatane Soma, Inajiro Tajiri, Tanetaro Megata, and Shigetada Komai) studied abroad in the USA at the dawn of the Meiji era, and after returning to Japan, created *Senshu Gakko* (the forerunner of present-day Senshu University). It was one of the first academic institutions in Japan to teach law and economics in Japanese. Through our study abroad programs, we aim to build upon the founders' achievements and provide opportunities for students from all around the world to learn about Japanese business, culture, and language.

OVERVIEW OF THE BCL PROGRAM

The BCL Program has been designed for students from Senshu's partner universities and offers them a general understanding of not only the Japanese language, but also Japanese business, cultural paradigms, and a chance to experience daily life in Japan. The program starts on September 20 and ends December 13, 2024 (12 weeks in total).

It consists of three courses:

- Survey of Japanese Business*
- Survey of Japanese Culture & History*
- Japanese Language

*Taught in English.



The "Japanese Language" course is offered to all international students. It features class levels ranging from beginner to advanced. Applicants can choose to enroll in any one of the following course combinations:

- "Japanese Language" + "Survey of Japanese Business" + "Survey of Japanese Culture & History"
- "Japanese Language" + "Survey of Japanese Business"
- "Japanese Language" + "Survey of Japanese Culture & History"

Note: Since each home university has its own rules in place regarding transferable credits, we issue individual "Certificates of Completion" that state the students' grades and class hours (in order for the home university to determine the number of credits that are transferable).

OVERVIEW OF EACH COURSE

Note:

- (1) The following information refers to the previous year's BCL Program, so the specific class hours, company visits, and activities are subject to change for the 2024 BCL Program.
- (2) Some classes BCL Program participants attend might also be attended by Senshu University students.

Survey of Japanese Business

Throughout this course, students gain invaluable insight into the business concepts and management philosophies that made Japan one of the world's largest economies.

1. The first objective of this course is to provide students with a theoretical framework of Japanese-style business practices through informative lectures.
2. The second is to give students a firsthand look into the inner workings of Japanese corporations through company visits projects.
3. The third is to improve students' analytical skills by having them conduct research and present their findings.

Lectures

Teachers and professionals from various backgrounds share their expertise



with students through lectures, case studies, and class discussions.

[Last Year's Lectures]

- Marketing Evolutions and Corporate Strategies of Japanese Companies
- Gender and Organizational Customs in Japanese Companies
- Japan's Success, Failure, and Lessons Viewed from Financial Aspects
- Work Style Reforms and Japanese Philosophy of Work

Company Visits

Students visit companies, factories, and other organizations located within Tokyo /Kanagawa.

[Last Year's Company Visits]

- Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan
- System I (IT Company)
- Startup Hub Tokyo TAMA (Entrepreneurship Support Facilities)



Field Research Project (Topic: "Museum Safari")

The purpose of this field research project (using qualitative research methods) is to visit museums in and around Tokyo with Senshu University students and give a presentation about their findings (including visual aides and a Q&A session). The Senshu University students who accompany BCL Program participants provide assistance and answer questions. In order to give thorough presentations, BCL Program participants are instructed to take "fieldnotes" (notes about what they observed, learned, and experienced at the museums).

Survey of Japanese Culture & History

The purpose of this course is to deepen students' understanding of Japanese culture and history through various lectures, field trips/excursions, and hands-on activities that are culturally unique to Japan.

Lectures

Throughout this course, students are exposed to a wide range of viewpoints regarding Japanese culture and history, especially through the lectures conducted by teachers and professionals (all with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise). These Lecturers aim to provide students with a well-rounded understanding of Japanese society by discussing topics that cover both ancient and modern Japan, such as the Japanese history, pop-culture, intercultural communication, and other aspects of modern Japanese culture and subcultures (such as *anime* and *manga*).

[Last Year's Lectures]

- Gender Equality in Japan
- Labour and Bildungsroman in Ghibli Works
- Intercultural Communication: Polite Fictions

Field Trips, Excursions, and Activities

In this course, students gain access to places of cultural interest through field trips and excursions. Since the goal of this course is not simply to teach students about Japanese culture and history, but let them experience it firsthand, students are provided with many opportunity to immerse themselves in traditional Japanese activities.

[Last Year's Field Trips, Excursions, and Activities]

- Senshu University Kanda Campus Tour
- Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center
- Asakusa Visit Tour
- Sho-do (Japanese Calligraphy)
- Sado (Tea Ceremony)



Japanese Language Course

The purpose of this course is to equip students not only with fundamental Japanese grammar and vocabulary, but also a comprehensive understanding of how to communicate effectively in Japanese.

Classes are arranged according to students' levels (usually four to six different levels) with a maximum of 12 students per class. Students are placed in an appropriate level class according to the results of their preliminary comprehension checklist. Upon arriving in Japan, students will also be given a final oral and written test to determine the most appropriate class level for them.

Classes: 9:00 am – 12:50 pm Monday to Friday
(four periods comprised of four successive 50 minute sessions)
Activities and field trips may be held in the afternoon and on Saturdays.

Students will have a homeroom teacher, but also be regularly taught by different instructors throughout the week. At the end of the course, **students will give short presentations in Japanese** on any topic they choose.

日本語

Home Visit

Students have the option of participating in a “Home Visit” (i.e. weekend homestay lasting for 3 days and 2 nights) during the BCL Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to intimately experience the dynamics of Japanese family life and apply their Japanese language ability in a meaningful way.



Life in Japan SENSHU UNIVERSITY



Location

Participants in the BCL Program reside and take classes at Senshu University's Ikuta Campus. The nearest train station to the campus is Mukogaoka-yuen Station, which is only 25 minutes away via express train from Shinjuku (a major metropolitan area pictured top right). Therefore, students are able to easily access cultural and historical places, as well as business districts. Classes are sometimes held at the Kanda Campus.

Dormitory

Students in this program stay at an international student dormitory called the “Senshu International House” (known as *kokusai kōryū-kaikan*, or the “i-House”), which is located a one-minute walk away from campus. Full-time Senshu University students also reside in the dormitory as resident assistants/resident partners throughout the entire BCL Program to facilitate many opportunities for cross-cultural interactions (as well as provide support in solving any issues or difficulties international students may have).



The dormitory does not provide meals, but is equipped with large kitchens. There are also five (5) cafeterias on Senshu University's Ikuta Campus that provide inexpensive yet delicious cafeteria meals, as well as an on-campus convenience store.

The area surrounding the university has many restaurants, supermarkets, and convenience stores. Please refer to the website for more information.

“Senshu International House (Dormitory)” [Website]
<https://www.senshu-u.ac.jp/global/english/house.html>



Pre-Departure Information

Healthcare

Before coming to Japan, serious medical and dental treatment should be fully taken care of. After arriving, all hospital charges for any illness diagnosis and/or prescribed medicine must be paid for by the participant, so students are required to have health insurance that covers them while in Japan. Please note that students are only able to use the free on-campus Student Health Center for emergencies and basic first aid.

Finances

Students should plan their budgets to meet all their anticipated living expenses, including meals. It is recommended that students bring around ¥120,000 – ¥150,000 JPY to cover miscellaneous expenses while participating in the program (or at least ¥80,000 JPY for immediate expenses).

Entering Japan / Visa

“Student Visas” will not be issued to participants in this program. Instead, participants must obtain a “Temporary Visitor Visa” at the airport immigration control counter upon entering Japan. Passport holders from the following countries/regions can stay in Japan with “Temporary Visitor Visa” for 90 days.

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| 1. UK | 2. Ireland | 3. Germany | 4. France | 5. Spain | 6. Taiwan |
| 7. Taiwan | 8. Korea | 9. Canada | 10. USA | 11. Australia | 12. New Zealand |

For more details, please refer to the following URL and QR code:
“Ministry of Foreign Affairs”

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html



Dormitory Move-In Date **Thursday, September 19 or Friday, September 20, 2024**

The check-in time at Senshu International House (dormitory) is between **10:00 am – 6:00 pm** on F Thursday, September 19 or Friday, September 20, 2024. Therefore, please make sure you do NOT book flights that arrive in Japan late at night.

Note:

- (1) We do **NOT offer any airport pick-up services.**
- (2) **All participants are required to move into the dormitory by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20.**
- (3) The earliest students can move into the dormitory is, Thursday, September 19 after 10:00 am. However, students who move in on this day will be charged an additional fee of ¥1,400 JPY per day (which can be paid in cash upon arrival).
- (4) **Since the maximum period of validity for most “Temporary Visitor Visas” is 90 days, participants in the BCL Program CANNOT enter Japan before Sunday September 15.**

Required Application Documents

1. Online Application
2. Online Comprehension Checklist (for the “Japanese Language” course)
3. BCL Program Confirmation Sheet
4. Home Visit Registration Form (Optional)
 - * The Home Visit Registration Form is not necessary for applicants who do not wish to experience the three-day home-visit.
5. Official Transcripts
6. Health Check Form
7. Photos of the Applicant (4 cm × 3 cm / 1-5/8” × 1-3/16”)
 - * Headshot (passport style; facing front, showing your full face and shoulders, no hat or background)
 - * Informal or casual photos are not accepted
 - * Taken within the last 3 months
8. Copy of Passport

Note: The above forms (#1 to 4 and #6) are downloadable via following URL and QR code:

[Apply to the BCL Program]

<https://www.senshu-u.ac.jp/global/english/bclprogram/program.html>





Voices of Past Participants

SENSHU UNIVERSITY



Caelan Bennett (2023) UNIVERSITY of WOLLONGONG [AUSTRALIA]



Immersive daily lifestyle and organised classes enhance my Japanese language abilities!

I have been able to enhance my Japanese language abilities through both the immersive daily lifestyle and organised classes. Also, I have been able to learn about Japanese culture and customs naturally. The integration of excursions to places have given me numerous experiences to contextualise my ever-growing knowledge of Japanese culture. In addition, the Business Course has given me the ability to view various corporate and economic matters from a different perspective.

Logan Thompson (2022) UNIVERSITY of OREGON [USA]



The BCL Program has been a rewarding experience!

The BCL Program has truly been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I've had a number of fantastic teachers during my time in the program and I've learned a lot of useful Japanese. Moreover, I've become much more comfortable speaking the language, especially in public. While the program can be challenging at times, it's been a rewarding experience. I've also made friendships with people from all around the world that I feel will last a lifetime. I'd recommend this program to anyone looking for a challenge or who wants to experience a new country with others from all over the world.

Sophie Roopnarinesingh (2019) The University of Dublin, Trinity College [IRELAND]



I now have friends from all over the world.

I had never studied Japanese before arriving at Senshu. Despite the language barrier, everyone was exceptionally friendly and welcoming. This made it easy to settle in quickly. The international house is very comfortable and homely. From the BCL programme, I now have friends from all over the world, who I have learnt to communicate and interact with while we learn more about Japan's beautiful and unique society."

