

# Japan Study highlights

- An orientation session in Tokyo.
- Classes at the 2,700-student School of International Liberal Studies at Waseda University, one of Japan's premier universities, with students from Japan and around the world.
- The rich extra-curricular life at Waseda University, which enrolls about 40,000 students, provides activities and lasting friendships through participation in clubs and activities such as rugby, martial arts, riding, *koto*, international student club, and foreign language.
- Weekend retreats and other opportunities to meet Waseda students who spend a year on GLCA/ACM campuses through Japan Study.
- A home stay with a Japanese family. Through this experience, students learn about Japanese society by immersion in the most basic social grouping, the family.
- A range of field trips to cultural, recreational, and industrial sites in and around Tokyo, as well as overnight trips to cultural and historic sites.
- A four- to six-week cultural practicum living with a host family and engaging in internship-style experiences with local institutions in a rural or urban location.
- A community of 30-35 co-learners chosen from liberal arts colleges across the Midwest and the nation.
- A full-time Resident Director and Japanese Program Associate who ease the transition to living in Japan and help students explore their interests and meet their goals.



Above: Recruiting new club members at Waseda University.  
Cover: A temple in Asakusa, Tokyo.



*Japan Study is a collaborative initiative in international education managed by Earlham College linking the member institutions of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, Inc. (GLCA) and the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) with Waseda University in Japan.*

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Students from ACM colleges may also contact the ACM office at the address below.



Top: Program participants gather before the fall retreat.  
Above: Kenn Washington with his host sister.  
Left: Program participants visiting a Kamakura temple.

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# Japan Study

At Waseda University in Tokyo



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"I'll always remember the beauty, love, and friendship I found in Shimane-ken. I feel lucky that I was able to see a more rural part of Japan and meet the wonderful, warm people of Unnan-shi."

Meredith Attaway, Japan Study participant on her Cultural Practicum experience



For nearly 50 years, undergraduates have experienced the daily life of Japan through **Japan Study**.

Students become international citizens as they explore Japan in depth, build language skills, and experience Japanese culture.



Students may participate for a full academic year or choose one of three shorter options. The full-year program offers the richest academic and cultural opportunities.

Top: Derek Arthur calling the kamisama at a nearby shrine.  
Above: Emel Cetin, Andrew Bond, and Nick Accordino with elementary school students at their Cultural Practicum site in Shimane Prefecture.  
Left: Liz Griffith with her host sister.

For more details, go to [www.acm.edu/japan](http://www.acm.edu/japan)

**Host institution** Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan

**Dates** Full-year: mid-September - late July  
Fall semester + Cultural Practicum: mid-Sept. - mid-March  
Fall semester: mid-September - early February  
Intensive language + Spring semester: late Feb. - late July

**Courses** All participants take courses at the School of International Liberal Studies (SILS) at Waseda University. See the Japan Study website ([www.earlham.edu/~jpns](http://www.earlham.edu/~jpns)) for the Waseda course catalog.

**Japanese language** In the intensive language program, students enter one of three tracks as well as additional elective courses for a total of six credit hours each semester.

**Academic electives** SILS offers a wide array of courses taught in English, covering topics in Japanese and Asian studies, as well as content courses across the curriculum including science and mathematics. Both Waseda professors and visiting international faculty members, including the Japan Study Resident Director, teach these classes, which are taken by Japanese and international students at SILS.

**Cultural practicum** Many students describe the cultural practicum as one of the highlights of Japan Study. Students spend part of their winter break living with a host family, or in a comparable setting, and experiencing the local community through an internship-style program. Recent practicums have included assisting educators in a rural community, volunteering in a residence-care facility for the elderly, working at a ski resort, and experiencing life in a Buddhist temple.

**Credit and grades** Credits vary, but students typically transfer equivalent credit to their home institution. Students should consult their campus program advisor or off-campus studies officer for details on their college's credit transfer policies.

**Eligibility** All students enrolled in American colleges and universities are eligible to apply; preference is given to students who will be participating in their third year of college. Selection is competitive and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.

**Language requirement** At least one semester or term of Japanese language study prior to departure.

**Costs** Complete information about the program fee and other costs is at [www.earlham.edu/~jpns](http://www.earlham.edu/~jpns).

**Scholarship opportunities** The Japan Study website includes a list of possible scholarship opportunities.

**How to apply**

- An online application and instructions are available on the Japan Study website ([www.earlham.edu/~jpns/](http://www.earlham.edu/~jpns/)). The application process includes essays, letters of reference, signatures, etc., and can take a month or more to complete.
- Return the completed application to the program advisor or off-campus study office by your campus deadline. The Japan Study office must receive completed applications by its mid-January deadline for participation the following academic year.

Japan Study offers four schedule options:

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		Full-year program		
		Fall semester + Cultural Practicum		
		Fall semester	Intensive language + Spring semester*	
		mid-September - early February	February - March	April - late July
Orientation in Tokyo		Japanese language	Cultural Practicum	Japanese language
		Elective courses	Internship-style program outside Tokyo; live with a host family	Elective courses
		Live with a host family in Tokyo		Live with a host family in Tokyo

\* This option does not include the Cultural Practicum.