

# SIJ2018 Summer in Japan June 25 – July 20



@ Kyushu University, Fukuoka



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### What is SIJ2018?

Summer in Japan 2018 (SIJ2018) is a **4-week, summertime, intensive study abroad program** that **Kyushu University** offers **for credit** to students from around the world. Designed for **undergraduate-level students** in all academic fields, SIJ offers participants a comprehensive package of resources, opportunities, and hands-on experiences to become familiar with, or further deepen their understanding of, **Japan** in today's social, cultural, political and economic contexts. Using **English** as the primary medium of instruction, SIJ offers participants both **traditional in-class academic coursework** and **off-campus activities for experiential learning**. Together, both types of activities facilitate, in an intensive and effective manner, participants' understanding of contemporary Japanese society and culture.

SIJ is based on Kyushu University's rich and successful 16-year legacy of offering the intensive summer program known as *Asia in Today's World (ATW)*. From 2001 through 2016, the University enjoyed offering ATW as its flagship summer program. ATW concluded in 2016 upon the University's strategic decision to develop an alternative, successor program – SIJ – that is designed to be accessible to a wider range of international students in terms of their levels of prior knowledge and familiarity with Japan's contemporary society and culture. SIJ is also designed to tap into local resources more closely, in order to provide participants with more intensive experiential learning opportunities.

This Program Description will first inform you of the basic profile of Kyushu University, the host university of SIJ, and Fukuoka City, the home-base of Kyushu University. It will then describe the contents and details of SIJ2018, and provide information about how to apply for this study abroad program.



# KYUSHU UNIVERSITY

Kyushu University is among the top-ranked, highly renowned, national universities in Japan. Originally founded in 1911 as one of the country's seven imperial universities, the University has continuously thrived for over a century as one of the leading institutions of higher education and research not only in Japan but also across Asia. Today, Kyushu University consists of 11 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools, 5 research institutes and a hospital for comprehensive care. With Ito Campus as its new main campus, the University offers high quality education and engages in cutting-edge research at five campuses located from the east to west outskirts of Fukuoka City. The total enrollment was approximately 19,000 students, including nearly 2,000 international students from more than 80 countries around the world. For more information about Kyushu University, please access: <https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>



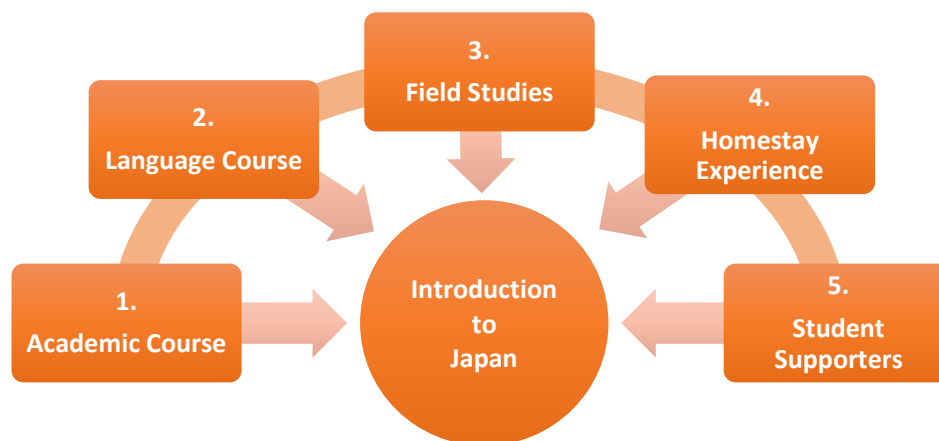
# FUKUOKA CITY

The home of Kyushu University is Fukuoka City, one of Japan's hubs of economy, culture and education, located in the country's southwest. Fukuoka is a pleasant coastal city of about 1.5 million residents of diverse backgrounds and is the largest metropolis of Kyushu Island, one of the four major islands of Japan. Rich in history, culture and business, it is also an internationally recognized popular city: *Monocle Magazine*, a UK lifestyle magazine, ranked Fukuoka as one of the world's top-10 best cities in its 2014 'Quality of Life' World Survey. Also, thanks to its favorable location close to other major countries in Asia, including China, Korea and Taiwan, from ancient times Fukuoka City has prospered as a gateway to continental Asia. For more information about Fukuoka City, please access: <http://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/english/>



# PROGRAM CONTENTS

What is in SIJ for you? SIJ offers participants five categories of resources for their academic and experiential learning of contemporary Japanese society and culture. Each resource category also contributes to supplementing the effectiveness of the other categories as illustrated in the diagram below:



## 1. Academic Course – *Introduction to Contemporary Japan (ICJ)*

SIJ offers a standard academic course titled *Introduction to Contemporary Japan (ICJ)*. As a quality, theme-based course taught in a traditional classroom setting, the ICJ course challenges participants to acquire, or further develop, their knowledge of key issues and perspectives on contemporary society, culture, politics, and economy of Japan (and other countries in Asia relevant to the themes).

The ICJ course is co-taught, in a relay manner, mainly by a group of faculty members at Kyushu University's International Student Center, who are experts of international education for exchange students from all around the world.

- ✘ SIJ requires that all participants enroll in the ICJ course.
- ✘ Over the course of the program the ICJ course runs 15 sessions, including lecture-centered sessions, field studies and sessions for participants' in-class presentations of their learning outcomes.
- ✘ Participants may earn 2 credits upon successful completion of the ICJ course.

## 2. Language Course – *Japanese Language (JL)*

Another in-class learning activity that SIJ offers is a language-instruction course titled simply *Japanese Language (JL)*. The main objective of the JL course is to help participants develop their Japanese language skills as a pivotal cultural skillset that is essential to effectively enhancing their immersion experience into Japanese society and culture through their daily social interactions and communication.

SIJ offers four levels of the JL course: *Beginner, Elementary 1, Elementary 2 and Intermediate*. Participants are required to take a placement test to determine the level of JL course in which they should enroll, based on the level of their Japanese proficiency at the time of participating in SIJ.

- ✘ SIJ requires that all participants enroll in the JL course.

- 🗑 Over the course of the program the JL course runs 15 sessions.
- 🗑 Participants may earn 1 credit upon successful completion of the JL course.

### 3. Field Studies – Off-Campus Experiential Learning –

SIJ conducts various field studies in and around Fukuoka City. These activities aim to provide participants with valuable opportunities to substantiate and deepen the knowledge they have gained from the ICJ course through direct observation and experience with diverse aspects of Japanese culture and society beyond the classroom and off campus.



SIJ also provides a pre-field study lecture prior to each activity, which helps to prepare participants for effective and dynamic experiential learning onsite.

### 4. Homestay Experience

SIJ arranges homestay opportunities for all participants: one host family for each participant. Daily interactions with host families in community settings help facilitate participants' immersion experience into Japanese social life and daily-life communication, which further enhances their learning outcomes of the ICJ course. These homestay experiences also aim to help substantiate and deepen knowledge that participants gain mainly from their respective JL courses.

- 🗑 Homestay for 2 weeks.
- 🗑 Host families are recruited in Fukuoka City and Itoshima City, a town neighboring Fukuoka.

### 5. Student Tutors – One-on-One Interaction and Friendship –

SIJ also assigns student tutors to all participants: one tutor for each participant. Those tutors are fulltime local students at Kyushu University, mostly at the undergraduate level, who are enthusiastic about helping and are seeking opportunities to interact with international students on campus. Tutors aim to assist participants in smooth adjustment into campus and social lives, as well as helping you develop your circle of friends.

The one-on-one partnership with a student tutor provides participants with opportunities to practice and hone their Japanese language skills and to broaden their knowledge of Japanese society and culture today from cross-cultural perspectives.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

### When and How Long?

June 25 – July 20, 2018 (4 Weeks)

### Where Will You Be?

The program will be held mainly on Ito Campus (Main Campus), Kyushu University.

The address of this campus:

744 Motooka Nishi-ku, Fukuoka City 819-0395 JAPAN



### What Language?

English is the primary medium of instruction and communication for most activities of the program.

## Who May Participate?

To be considered for participation in SIJ 2018, applicants are required to meet all of the following four criteria:

1. Undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in degree programs at accredited higher education institutions outside Japan;
2. Hold a grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application;
3. Hold a TOEFL iBT score of 79 or higher (or the equivalent), if a non-native English speaker, by the time of application; and
4. Plan to continue their degree programs at their home universities following completion of SIJ2018.

## Where to Stay?

All participants of SIJ2018 will stay at the following two accommodation settings:

1. Ito Campus University dormitory  
June 24 – July 7 (2 weeks)  
(one room for up to 4 participants)
2. Homestay  
July 7 – July 20 (2 weeks)  
(at local residents' houses)



## How Many May Participate?

SIJ2018 is scheduled to accept up to about 20 participants.

## Credit Transfer

SIJ is prepared to send to participants' home universities the academic credits and grades that participants achieve upon completion of the program.

Please note, however, that it is participants' responsibility to consult with their respective home universities and seek agreement for the credit transfer prior to participating in SIJ.

## Program Fee

The total program fee is approximately 170,000 JPY per participant. Breakdown of the fee is as follows:

Breakdown:	
Tuition:	44,400JPY
Accommodations (including dormitory & homestay):	95,000 JPY
Activity Fees (including field studies):	20,000 JPY
Administrative Fee:	10,600 JPY
Total:	170,000 JPY

Please note that the total fee estimated herein **does not** include the costs for meal during the period of time staying at the University dormitory and the transportation fees during homestay.

## Notes on Scholarship

Kyushu University offers a limited number of scholarships to students who present a strong undergraduate academic record. All applicants are considered; recipients are selected by the University.



## HOW TO APPLY

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If you are interested in participating in SIJ2018, first, please follow the instructions below, and then submit all the following five application components as listed further below.

### Instructions:

- ✘ Download all the forms to fill in from **the SIJ2018 official website** at:  
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/admission/sij>
- ✘ Turn in all the required application materials via e-mail to:  
[sij-kyushu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:sij-kyushu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp)
- ✘ Complete the application process by **no later than 5:00pm, February 28, 2018 (JST)**.
- ✘ Applicants will be informed via e-mail about the selection by late March 2018.

### Application Materials:

- 1. A completed SIJ2018 Application Form (FORM-1a, 1b)**  
Please completely fill in and submit this form in order to be included in the participant selection process.
- 2. A letter of recommendation (FORM-2)**  
The letter needs to be written by a faculty member (i.e. a professor) of the applicant's home university, other than a language instructor, who is familiar with the applicant's academic background and potential.
- 3. A short essay (FORM-3)**  
In this essay applicants are required to state, in a clear and concise manner, why they want to participate in SIJ2018. This essay needs to be written using between 800 to 1000 words, typed in single space format.
- 4. An official academic transcript**  
This material needs to be issued in English by the university in which applicants are currently enrolled.
- 5. A copy of an official English test score report (FORM-4)**  
Only non-native English speakers are required to turn in this material. The test scores need to be of TOEFL, IELTS or other internationally recognizable tests.

## **Contact**

*We very much look forward to receiving your application!  
If you have any questions regarding SIJ2018 or the application procedures, please contact:*

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