

The coexistence of centuries of tradition with the highest levels of technological development in Japan is a striking phenomenon in our modern world. Students who participate in the University of Miami's study abroad programs can experience firsthand this fascinating mixture of old and new which challenges our ideas of social, economic, and cultural life. All classes except the Japanese language classes are delivered in English; therefore, students with little or no background in Japanese have the opportunity to be exposed to Asian culture and a range of subjects from Japanese business to Southeast Asian history.

## **SOPHIA UNIVERSITY**

### **Tokyo**

#### *Undergraduate Programs*

#### *Semester or Year Programs*

#### *Summer Asian Studies Program*

One of the foremost of Japan's private universities, Sophia University was founded in 1913. The university is committed to the trend toward internationalization in Japan through its network of international researchers and professors as well as its exchange programs with partner universities overseas. Sophia University is Japan's leading university in the fields of international relations and foreign studies.

There are approximately 10,500 students studying at the Yotsuya campus which is located in Chiyoda-ku, known for its luxurious residences, five-star hotels, shops, and restaurants. The many beautiful parks and gardens in this area provide a peaceful environment to Chiyoda-ku in spite of its location in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo. The university, which is adjacent to the Akasaka Palace, is a mixture of modern and historic buildings.

[www.sophia.ac.jp](http://www.sophia.ac.jp)

#### **Academic Areas**

Exchange students take classes in the Faculty of Liberal Arts/Comparative Culture at the Yotsuya, which offers courses in the humanities, the social sciences, business, and Japanese language, culture, and society. Exchange students without the equivalent of a minimum of one year of college Japanese are required to enroll in the Japanese language course.

#### **Program Dates**

Spring: Early April to late July

Fall: Mid-September to early February

Students are required to attend the mandatory orientation. Specific dates for classes, exams, and holidays will be provided upon acceptance.

#### **Estimated Expenses**

	Semester
UM Tuition	\$17,103
Room and board w/2 meals	\$4,500
Additional Meals	\$900
Commuter's Pass	\$400
Health Insurance	\$750
Books/Supplies	\$500
IIEP Fee	\$150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,303</b>

\* All expense information is based on our best estimates and UM tuition 2009-2009 rates. \*\* Depends on housing selection

## **KANSAI GAIDAI UNIVERSITY**

### **Hirakata City**

#### *Undergraduate Program*

#### *Semester or Year Programs*

Kansai Gaidai University is ideally located in the cultural heart of Japan near Kyoto and Nara, ancient capitals of Japan, and Osaka, which is Japan's second largest industrial metropolis. All of these cities and their offerings are utilized for field trips, independent research, and/or case studies. The museums, temples, and artifacts provide fine examples of the history and culture of Japan while modern Osaka allows students to visit the world's largest trading companies. Established in 1945, Kansai Gaidai is a private, nonprofit institution that has earned an excellent reputation for high quality education in its relatively short history. Over 11,300 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled.

In April of 2002, the new Katahoko campus opened its modern facilities in order to offer a better educational environment for students. The new facility has increased information technology resources and is more easily accessible to train service. The Center for International Education, which houses the Asian Studies Program, is now twice as large.

[www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp](http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp)

#### **Academic Areas**

The program was established in 1972 as a part of Kansai Gaidai's mission for international education and understanding. The curriculum is a combination of a rigorous Japanese language program in addition to courses in the humanities, social sciences, and business.

#### **Program Dates**

Spring: Late January to late May

Fall: Late August to mid-December

#### **Estimated Expenses**

UM Tuition	\$17,103
Housing (Homestay)	\$2,900
Additional Meals	\$600
Health Insurance	\$650
Liability Insurance	\$1,000
Books/Supplies	\$300
IIEP Fee	\$150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,703</b>

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Application Deadlines**

Fall: February 1  
Spring: September 15  
Summer: April 15

### **Requirements**

- Completed application, signed by your academic advisor, and essay
- GPA: 3.0 (one year Japanese preferred)
- Two faculty recommendations
- Official transcript
- Personal or telephone interview
- \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due upon acceptance (deducted from program cost)

### **Academic Credit**

Students are registered at the University of Miami and earn 12-18 undergraduate or credits per semester for all approved courses. Upon completion of the courses overseas, a transcript from the overseas university will be sent to the IEEP office. The grades and credits will be converted to UM grades and credits according to the Grading Scale established by International Admission. The course titles, grades, and credits will be reported to the Registrar and placed on your UM transcript. Non-UM students will receive a UM transcript, and one will be sent to the Registrar of your home university.

### **Room and Board**

The housing options are dormitory-style residences, apartments or Japanese host families.

Host families provide breakfast and dinner, with lunches taken at on-campus cafeterias.

### **Travel Arrangements**

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

### **Financial Aid**

Most forms for University of Miami financial aid are available to UM students studying abroad. Students receiving financial aid from other institutions should contact their financial aid office to determine if the aid is transferable. Students interested in the new Freeman Award for Study in Asia should visit:

<http://www.iie.org/pgms/freeman-asia/>

### **Medical Insurance**

Participants are required to secure health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries and/or illnesses that they may sustain or experience while participating in the program, including coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains.

### **Passport and Visa**

A valid passport is required for travel abroad. Students should inquire at the U.S. Passport Agency in their city or contact their local U.S. Post Office for information. Student visa information will be provided upon acceptance.

## ***Summer 2009 in Japan!***

Asian Studies Program at Sophia, Tokyo

- Mid July to mid August (four weeks)
- Coursework in Japanese language and area studies
- 6 UM academic credits
- Contact IEEP office for program details.



### **International Education and Exchange Programs**

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