

Japan Exchange Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where in Japan can I go?

A. Our partnership in Japan is with the Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (NUFS).

Q. How long can I study for in Japan?

A. NIC students may study for one semester or one year (two semesters).

Q. Do I have to speak or understand Japanese?

A. No. One program offers classes are taught in English. The other program offers beginner Japanese instruction. Please see point four below. Some understanding of the Japanese language would be helpful for day-to-day interactions off-campus.

Q. What NIC programs can study in Japan?

A. Students from NIC can enter into one of two streams at NUFS 1) Contemporary Japan Program or 2) Japanese Language and Japanese Studies Program (beginner Japanese speakers may apply to this program). The NIC programs that are best suited to the programs at NUFS are as follows:

- Tourism & Hospitality Programs, as determined with program chair and host institution.
- Human Service Program, as determined with program chair and host institution.
- Business Programs, as determined with program chair and host institution.
- Fine Arts programs, as determined with program chair and host institution.
- University Studies courses, as determined with program chair and host institution.

Q. What kind of city is Nagoya?

A. Nagoya is located at the centre of Honshu (the main island of Japan) with a population of 2.24 million. Its central location means that it is only 1 hour 40 minutes to Tokyo, 50 minutes to Osaka, and 35 minutes to Kyoto all on Japan's convenient bullet train system.

Some things that are a must-see in Nagoya. Visit Nagoya Castle, Gifu Castle, and Atsuta Shrine. Misokatsu and tebasaki top most people's to-eat lists, but take the time to explore Aichi's tea fields and sake breweries too. Nagoya is home to Toyota, Yamaha, and Mitsubishi. See how the world's leading corporations do things differently and what makes the Port of Nagoya Japan's busiest trading port. Another option is to head into Sakae to shop for the world's leading brands or get lost in Osu Kannon for an eclectic array of boutiques, cafes, thrift shops, markets, and izakaya dining.

Q. What is the best way to travel around Japan for a student with no vehicle?

A. The bullet train system or bus system is the best way for the public to travel.

Q. How much will it cost me to study in Japan?

A. Studying in Japan presents a very enticing opportunity financially because both NUFS and the Japanese Student Services Organization (JASSO) funded through the Japanese government offer scholarship opportunities for international students. Exchange students studying for one-semester or one-year eligible to apply for the NUFS scholarship may receive up to ¥ 60, 000. Exchange students studying for one-year are eligible to apply for the JASSO scholarship up to ¥ 80,000. Both the programs listed in point four above, are open to these scholarships.

Below are some examples of costs in Japanese Yen. Please use a currency converter to determine cost in Canadian dollars.

¥ 1500 – 3000 New Textbook	¥ 3000-5000 Weekly Groceries	¥ 500+ New T-shirt
¥ 1000 – 1500 Average Lunch Out	¥ 600-800 All-day Bus/Train Pass	¥ 1000-2000 Karaoke

Q. Will I have to study an extra term when I come back to NIC if I go on a study abroad experience?

A. Generally speaking, no. Study abroad partnerships are developed to allow students to study in their program and receive course credits for any course studied abroad. All course selections must be reviewed and approved by program chairs in order for students to receive transfer credit. However, a study abroad experience is a weighty undertaking. Some students choose to study less than 5 courses when they study abroad in order to be successful in their courses. In this case, students may have to adjust the study duration when they return to Canada.

Q. What are the accommodations options at NUFS?

A. Students studying at NUFS have several choices for living arrangements to best suit their individual needs. Please refer to the NUFS website directly for more information about their accommodations options.

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