



**SOPHIA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN**

**Japanese Studies**

Information Guide

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Sophia University is ranked one of the top private universities in Japan and is known for its international academic learning environment. Sophia takes its name from the greek meaning of “wisdom” and its Japanese name Jochi Daigaku means “University of Higher Wisdom”. Located in Tokyo, a megacity that invites students to enjoy all the benefits of its state-of-the-art technology, facilities, and infrastructure. Best of all, the city affords an invaluable opportunity to experience a unique culture in which traditional and modern elements intermingle.



Sophia University’s short term Japanese Studies program invites university students from around the world to create a stimulating learning environment to promote globalisation and diversity.

Sophia University’s Short Term Programs enable participants to look at Japan from many different perspectives to study, discuss, and reflect on Japan’s role in the world. Students directly experience many aspects of Japanese culture and society and witness the myriad ways in which the cultures of the world are reflected in the maze-like urban landscape of Tokyo.



Find out more here: <http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng>

### Program Overview

- Four week study program
- Experience complete cultural immersion
- Learn Japanese
- Broaden your Japanese skills with locals
- Global classrooms with students from all over the world
- Lectures, interactive workshops and field trips
- Intercultural learning
- Additional cultural activities
- Live in the most populous metropolitan hub in the world

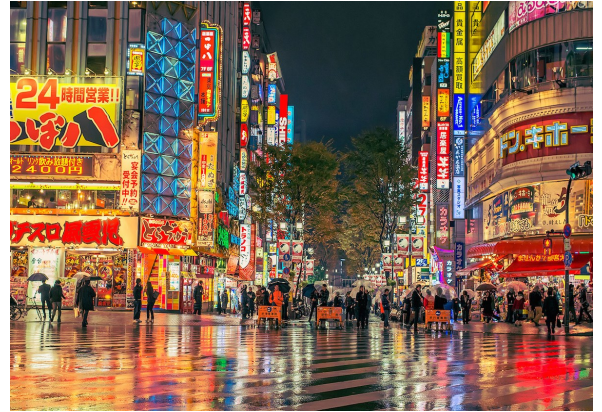


## Program Details

Sophia University Short Term program is a four week program.

At the end of four weeks you will have:

- Japanese language skills
- Skills in cross-cultural communication
- Asia intelligence
- Extensive in-depth learning through participation in workshops, lectures, and public presentations
- Experienced cultural immersion in Japanese society in one of the megacities of the world



The program consists of three courses and you can choose to study a minimum of two courses and a maximum of three. Each course consists of 15 x 90 minute sessions, as well as many cultural tours. The course has been specifically designed so that students will learn about Japan both inside and outside the classroom.

**Japanese Language:** Designed for students whom have no knowledge of Japanese, the aim of the course is to enable students to begin communicating in Japanese through learning sentence structures, vocabulary, common expressions, and strategies for daily conversations. The course will also introduce the Japanese writing system at a beginners' level. Students will practice their language skills with native Japanese students of Sophia University through the "Language Exchange Program".

**Japanese Business and Economy** —This course will provide students with an overview of the development of the Japanese business world and economy and an analysis of Japan's challenges and opportunities the "Asian Century".

**Media and Contemporary Issues in Japan**—This course will introduce students to significant social issues in Japan and how they are reported. Examining the complexity of the nature and background of media, students will be equipped to think critically about the role media plays in raising awareness of and resolving the social issues.

*To explore a different country and all it has to offer and learn a different culture and language and to make international friends—it was truly incredible and unforgettable!*

## Program Dates

Monday 5 January to Friday 30 January 2016

## Program Cost

¥153,000 for two courses (approx. AUD \$1,755)

¥173,000 for three courses (approx. AUD \$1,985)

## Accommodation

The course will be held on the Yotsuya campus, and all students are required to arrange their own housing. You can find housing [here](#).

## Travel Grants

Applications are on a competitive basis and ranked on the merit of the application statement. Grants of AUD \$1,000 are available. Once you have been accepted for a travel grant, you must then apply directly to Sophia University to be accepted into the course. Once you are accepted into Japanese Studies, you will receive the travel grant.

## OS-HELP Loan

Extra financial support can be gained by applying for an [OS-Help](#) loan if applicable. This program must be for academic credit.

## Included In Program Cost

- Tuition and study material (not textbooks)
- Travel and medical insurance through UTS Travel Insurance Policy

## Not Included in Program Cost

- International airfares from Sydney to Japan
- Accommodation
- Textbooks
- Visa application costs
- Personal expenses and spending money

## Guide for Budgeting

- Accommodation cost: 150,000 to 300,000 JPY per month
- Train expenses for commuting: 5,000 to 20,000 JPY for a monthly pass depending on your commute
- Food: 500 to 5,000 JPY per meal
- Textbooks: 2,000 to 5,000 JPY



## Who can apply

This fantastic trip is open to students with:

- A keen interest in Japanese culture and a background in either economy or media.
- A minimum GPA requirement for acceptance is 2.50.
- An easy going, flexible and independent character with a willingness to take initiative to learn.
- Not afraid to be overwhelmed in a large city of over 20 million people
- Willingness to work hard and adapt to different surroundings and work environments
- Strong team working skills

## Requirements

If you are selected you must:

- Attend a pre departure session
- Represent UTS with distinction at all times during the program
- Submit at least two blog posts during the program to UTS to be used on the UTS:BUiLD Abroad Blog
- Submit a reflection piece to BUiLD on your return
- Complete a feedback survey on your return



## Academic Credit

Students successfully completing the Sophia University short term program may be eligible for academic credit towards their UTS course; 6CP electives only.

***To receive academic credit, you must submit a concurrent study form to your Faculty Student Centre and have it approved before being participating in this program.***

## Next steps

**Applications close on Wednesday 30 September 2015 at Midnight.**

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