DOSHISHA UNIVERSITY (KYOTO)

Founded in 1875 as a Christian college, Doshisha has become one of Japan's leading private Universities. Undergraduate and graduate students number over 26,000 students including 550 international students along with 12 Faculties and 14 Graduate Schools.
Website: http://cjlc.doshisha.ac.jp/ryugaku/english/studyinkyoto/front_03/01.html

Eligibility: UHM student only.

Minimum Requirements: One year of Japanese language; 3.0 GPA

How is Doshisha different from other exchanges? Typically students with four or more years of Japanese language participate in this program because of the ease with which exchange students are able to mainstream into the regular classes. The Doshisha student-exchange program was adopted for this purpose. For those students who do not wish to mainstream, however, Doshisha offers eight different levels of Japanese language up to the “high-advanced level”. Another distinguishing point is the university’s location: Kyoto is the former capital of Japan with numerous historical and cultural sites

Student Status: Exchange students belong to the Center for Japanese Language and Culture, known as Nichibunsei, as full-time non-degree students. They may register for courses outside of the Center depending on their language ability.

Credit Transfer: Not automatic. Students must negotiate with UH departments and professors.

Expenses:
For academic year:
UHM full-time tuition and fees (09-10 undergraduate in-state $7,170, out-of-state $19,215) + minimum living expenses of ¥120,000/month. (housing, food, incidental, transportation etc.).

Financial Aid: Students are eligible to apply for student loans through the UH Financial Aid Office. JASSO Scholarships are available but competitive. See information sheet on financial assistance for exchange students.

Housing: Doshisha will arrange for housing in international student dorms. An example is Mukaijima Gakusei Center (self-contained apartments). For a single student, the monthly rent and maintenance fee are ¥27,300 at Mukaijima with a move-in (rent-deposit) of ¥66,000. Rents may increase in the future.

Number of Slots: 3

Schedule (approximate): Fall semester (2009) begins mid September, ends mid February. Spring semester begins early April and ends late July or early August.

Application Period: (for 2009) Spring Semester: November 30th, Fall Semester: March 31st.
HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Hiroshima University (Hirodai) is one of the largest and most modern one-campus universities in Japan. It has a staff and faculty of approximately 3,350 and about 19,700 students including 1,160 international students. The campus, located 30 km from Hiroshima City, is situated in Higashi-Hiroshima—a campus town of roughly 100,000 residents. Hiroshima Prefecture lies on the coast of the Seto Inland Sea in an environment endowed with natural resources and beauty

Website: http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/top/

Eligibility: UHM Student only.

Minimum Requirements: One year of Japanese language; 3.0 GPA

Student Status: Undergraduate students are accepted with the status of Visiting International Students based on the short-term students exchange program. Graduate students will be accepted with the status of Visiting International Students, Special Research Students or Foreign Research Students. Students may take Japanese language and studies courses, content courses taught in English, and regular courses taught in Japanese. To take the regular courses, students must demonstrate high levels of language proficiency.

Credit Transfer: Not automatic. Students should speak with their UH advisors before leaving. Transfer of credits is done after the student returns from exchange program.

Expenses:
For academic year:
UHM full-time tuition and fees (09-10 undergraduate in-state $7,170, out-of-state $19,215) + living expenses of approximately ¥125,000/month. (housing food, incidentals, transportation etc.).

Financial Aid: Students are eligible to apply for student loans through the UH Financial Aid Office. JASSO Scholarships are available but students should not depend on receiving theses scholarships to fund exchange costs. Students should pursue other scholarships and prepare to pay for the costs of exchange through personal funds and/or student loans. For information on other scholarships/grants/fellowships, see sheet on financial assistance for exchange students.

Housing: Students will be placed in dormitories.

Number of Slots: 2

Schedule (approximate): Fall semester begins early October and ends mid February. Spring semester begins early April and ends late July.
KYOTO UNIVERSITY

Kyoto University, founded in 1897 by an imperial ordinance, is one of the most prestigious universities in Japan. There are over 22,700 students at KU; out of this number 1,350 students are from overseas.

Website: [http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/admissions/program/tanki.htm](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/admissions/program/tanki.htm)

**Eligibility:** UHM Student only.

**Minimum Requirements:** One year of Japanese language; 3.0 Cumulative GPA

*How is Kyoto University different from other exchanges?* This exchange program offers UHM graduate students who have advanced Japanese language skills to enter KY as special research students (graduate level). Graduate students who are conducting research for their thesis or dissertation would be especially interested in this program.

**Student Status:** KU offers two types of exchange programs. The Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) is only for undergraduate students and offers content courses in English (life science, economics, politics, arts, etc.). KUINEP is not a Japanese language study program.

For the second type of program, UHM students who are close to bilingual or bilingual in Japanese may enter KU as special research students (graduate level) or special auditors (undergraduate or graduate level). To become a special research student or a special auditor, students must be accepted by a KU Faculty or Graduate Faculty. KUINEP receives more applications from partner exchanges than it can accept.

**Credit Transfer:** Not automatic. KU courses will be evaluated by the appropriate UHM department and may or may not be accepted as transfer credits. Students should consult with advisors before attending KU.

**Expenses:**

*For academic year:*
UHM full-time tuition and fees (09-10 undergraduate in-state $7,170, out-of-state $19,215) + living expenses of approximately ¥140,000/month. Tuition will depend on student status (undergraduate or graduate). Students do not pay tuition at KU but do pay UHM tuition.

**Financial Aid:** Students are eligible to apply for student loans through the UH Financial Aid Office. Japanese Government Scholarships through KU are available but competitive. See information sheet on financial assistance for exchange students.

**Housing:** KU has a university-owned residence for its students. These accommodations are limited. Private apartments may be available through the Foreign Student Division at KU, and they rent from ¥40,000-¥60,000/month. At the time of signing the lease, students will have to pay the first month’s rent, a security deposit, and key money which amount to 4 or 5 times the monthly rent.

**Number of Slots:** 2

**Schedule (approximate):** Fall semester begins in early October and ends mid February. Spring semester begins early April and ends in July
NANZAN UNIVERSITY (NAGOYA)

In the hills overlooking metropolitan Nagoya, Nanzan is Japan's second largest catholic university. Founded in 1946, Nanzan today has seven faculties and twelve research centers and institutes. Enrollment of Nanzan is currently limited to 9,500 students in order to maintain a small teacher to student ratio.

Website: http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/English/cjs/index.html

Eligibility: UHM student only.

Minimum Requirements: One year of Japanese language; 3.0 GPA

How is Nanzan different from other exchanges? Nanzan has a rigorous, intensive Japanese language program, and also offers Japanese studies courses in English. The campus is nestled in the hills of Nagoya, and relatively close to the city of Nagoya (4th largest city in Japan). Nanzan, in addition, is the only school that has adopted an American-style schedule. This would be an excellent choice for students seeking a demanding Japanese language program within a supportive infrastructure.

Student Status: Exchange students enter the Center for Japanese Studies at Nanzan University (250 international students), which offers an intensive Japanese language program (7 levels), specialized courses in Japanese studies (politics, economy, business, linguistics, society, religion, literature, history), culture (flower arrangement, calligraphy, woodblock printing, Chinese black ink painting), and extra-curricular cultural and social activities. The advanced student can request a guided independent study in a particular field in the second semester.

Credit Transfer: Not automatic. Students must negotiate with UH departments and professors.

Expenses:

For academic year:
UHM full-time tuition and fees (09-10 undergraduate in-state $7,170, out-of-state $19,215) + minimum living expenses of ¥1,193,580 (housing, food, incidentals, transportation, textbooks, etc.).

Financial Aid: Students are eligible to apply for student loans through the UH Financial Aid Office. Japanese Government Scholarships are available but competitive. See information sheet on financial assistance for exchange students.

Housing: Nanzan University will arrange for housing either in homestays, dormitories, or international halls. 60% of exchange students are placed with host families. Nanzan does not provide housing for students who bring their families (spouses and/or children).

Academic Guidelines: Nanzan requires all full-time students to register for a language class and to carry a course load between 14-18 credit hours.

Number of Slots: 2


SOPHIA UNIVERSITY (TOKYO)

Sophia was established in 1913, when the Japanese Government granted the Jesuits permission to establish a new educational institution. Sophia is one of Japan's foremost private universities with a student body of 12,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and with a teaching faculty of close to 1,200.

Website: http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/admissions/exchangeprograms

Eligibility: UHM Student only.

Minimum Requirements: One year of Japanese language; 3.0 GPA

How is Sophia different from other exchanges? Sophia offers the widest range of courses for exchange students. In addition to a multi-track system of Japanese-language courses, it offers an array of courses in English. Japanese studies courses (taught in English) include art history, business, economics, history, linguistics, literature, religion, anthropology, philosophy, sociology, and political science.

Students majoring in business at UHM often go on this exchange program because of the business course offerings. However, students must check with academic advisor for credit transfer.

Living in Tokyo is exciting, but it is expensive. Also, students who are not used to living in a large city may grow tired of the crowds.

Student Status: Exchange students apply for non-degree student status in the Faculty of Liberal Arts for undergraduates and the Faculty of Global Studies for graduate students.

Credit Transfer: Not automatic. Students must coordinate with UHM departments and professors.

Expenses:
For academic year:
UHM tuition fees (09-10 undergraduate in-state $7,170, out-of-state $19,215) + minimum living expenses of ¥1,762,250 (housing, food, textbooks, transportation and insurance)

For semester:
UHM tuition fee (09-10 undergraduate in-state $3585, out-of-state $9608) + minimum living expenses of ¥478,750 (housing, food, textbooks, transportation and insurance)

Financial Aid: Students are eligible to apply for student loans through the UH Financial Aid Office. JASSO Scholarships are available, but competitive. See information on financial assistance for exchange students.

Housing: Sophia offers three types of housing: homestay, dormitory, and apartment-style facility

Number of Slots: 2

Schedule (approximate): Fall semester begins in mid September with orientation and ends in early February (with a two-week winter recess, encompassing Christmas and New Year’s). Spring Semester begins early April and ends in late July. This year, students were asked to arrive in Tokyo on the 16th or 17th of September and the first of April.