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The surrounding areas of our campus, Shibuya/Aoyama/Harajuku, have been developed to become the most vibrant and culturally 'cool' area of Tokyo, Japan, with easy access to everywhere in Tokyo. Our summer intensive study program at Aoyama Gakuin University is designed for students from non-Japanese universities wishing to deepen their knowledge of Japanese culture in an academically rigorous and trend-setting environment in Tokyo.

Program Key Facts

- **Program Title**: Discover the Real Tokyo; from Kabuki to Kawaii
- **Entry Requirements**: Students of non-Japanese universities; non-native English speakers are required to have an upper-intermediate to advanced level of English, with a proficiency level of IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL iBT 78 or above.
- **Pre-requisites**: None
- **Dates**: From Tuesday, July 12 to Thursday, July 28, 2016
- **Location**: Aoyama Campus, Aoyama Gakuin University
- **Program Fee**: 90,000 yen (includes tuition fee, fieldwork and the day trip costs)
- **Class Size:** 15

Pre-Sessional Japanese Course

Pre-sessional Japanese Course Fee (July 4-8)	Basic (20 lessons/week)		107,880
	General (26 lessons/week)		111,480
	Intensive (32 lessons/week)		129,480

Applying for the Program

Application period for the program begins on March 1st and will remain open until all places are filled. Places will be generally offered on a first-come-first served basis. However, we might limit the number of students from each country to ensure the diversity of the participants when making the selection of applicants.

Application Process

1. Send the "Application for AGU International Short Program" by e-mail (, fax or post.

2. You will receive "Confirmation of Your Application" by e-mail within 3 working days.

3. AGU will process your application and the result will be emailed to you within 2 weeks.

4. Students accepted to the program will receive an Invoice for the program fees and accommodation information (in May).

5. Accepted students will be required to make the payment via Bank Transfer. Upon the confirmation of your payment, you will receive a Letter of Admission, which officially confirms your participation in the program.

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Program Highlights

- Various areas of Japanese culture classes and project work
- An opportunity to study with Aoyama Gakuin University students
- Explore the real culture of Tokyo
- Field trips to trend-spotting sites near the campus
- Certificate upon completion from Aoyama Gakuin University if attendance requirements are met
- Access to Aoyama Gakuin University's facilities
- (Optional) One-week pre-sessional Japanese language lessons at EF Tokyo, a few minutes' walk from our campus. An additional fee will be charged.

Lecture Themes

① Kabuki
② Japanese Animation
③ Japanese Game Industry
④ Japanese Religion
⑤ 'Cool Japan'
⑥ Japanese Cuisine
⑦ Japanese Calligraphy
⑧ Japanese Traditional Wrapping Art …**And more**

Classes are held at the Aoyama Campus of Aoyama Gakuin University, and taught by faculty members of Aoyama Gakuin University and guest lecturers such as a founder of an animation studio, a CEO in the field of Cool Japan business, and an award-winning calligrapher. Some lectures are conducted in Japanese with consecutive English interpretation.

Fieldwork

To explore both the traditional and current aspects of Japanese culture, participants will have an opportunity to conduct fieldworks by visiting off-campus sites such as Kabuki Theatre, Japan's largest kitchen knives producing company and traditional downtown as well as the modern cultural areas of Tokyo.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the programme, the students will be able to:

- Deepen their understandings about both traditional and modern Japanese culture through lectures, demonstrations and hands-on experiences
- Gain first-hand experience of communicating with native Japanese speakers
- Undertake field research and give a presentation in a professional manner

Teaching and Learning Methods

- Lectures
- Field trips including group research
- An individual research
- A group presentation

At the end of this programme, students are expected to prepare a final presentation on the material they have learned.

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Assessment

- Class participation including group work contribution 25%
- Group presentation 65%
- Individual photo journal 10%

Certificate of Completion

A certificate will only be issued upon successful completion of your program.

Schedule (tentative)

	Morning Sessions	Afternoon Sessions		
Day 1	Orientation	Welcome Luncheon and Campus & Neighborhood Tour by AGU Students		
Day 2	Lecture on Animation	Lunch break	Calligraphy Workshop	Japanese Chat Session
Day 3	Tokyo Day-Trip (Food Sample Making, Boat Trip on Sumida River, Asakusa, etc)			
Day 4	Lecture on Kabuki	Lunch break	Trip to Kabuki Theatre	
Day 5	Shibuya/Omotesando/Harajuku Walking Tour with AGU Students			
Day 6	Free Time			
Day 7	Free Time			
Day 8	Lecture on Japanese Religion	Lunch break	Lecture on Game Industry	
Day 9	Lecture on 'Cool Japan'	Lunch break	Group Work	Japanese Chat Session
Day 10	Lecture	Lunch break	Traditional Wrapping Art Workshop	
Day 11	Japanese Cooking Workshop & Explore Akihabara			
Day 12	Free Time			
Day 13	Free Time			
Day 14	Lecture	Lunch break	Workshop	Japanese Chat Session
Day 15	Lecture	Lunch break	Lecture	
Day 16	Group Work	Lunch break	Presentation	
Day 17	Wrap-up Session	Completion & Award Ceremony		