



AGU International Short Program : Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Am I eligible to participate in this program?

A. If you are a student of a university outside of Japan who is a native English speaker or has adequate English fluency, you are eligible to participate in this program.

Q. How do you select participants in the program?

A. Places will be 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. We will send you a receipt of the application within three working days by e-mail, and you will be notified about the placement within two weeks. Once the place is offered, you can finalize the placement by making payment.

Q. Can I have a student ID card and an access to university facilities?

A. Yes, we will issue a temporary ID card for the duration of the program, so that you can access the PC workstations and the library on campus. Please note that you are free to read books in the library but you cannot check out library books.

Q. I have never been to Japan before. Can I have more information about staying in Tokyo prior to my departure?

A. Yes, we will send pre-departure information which contains transportation and customs, shops, etc. to individual students. You can also communicate with Japanese student buddies through Facebook Group before and after your arrival.

Q. I want to stay in a hotel instead of your university-arranged accommodation. Do you know any hotels near the campus?

A. Please refer to the list of hotels near the campus, which is to be updated on this website in April. As our Aoyama campus is located in the heart of Tokyo, accommodation is relatively expensive.

Q. What is covered in the program fee?

A. The program fee includes tuition, fieldwork costs, a bus tour, and meals at the farewell party. Airfare, accommodation, transportation expenses and daily meals, and travel insurance during the period of the program are NOT included.

Q. Are all lectures delivered in English?

A. Not all of them; however, some lectures by guest lecturers that will be delivered in Japanese will have English interpretation.



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Q. Can I pay the fee by credit card?

A. Unfortunately bank transfer is the only payment method acceptable.

Q. Can I obtain academic credits from this program?

A. No, academic credits will not be awarded, as this is a non-credit program. However, a certificate will be issued by the university upon successful completion, and participants will be assessed on their group works and the final presentation.

Q. Do you have any opportunities to meet with Aoyama Gakuin University students in the program?

A. Yes, there are a number of opportunities to meet with AGU students. A group of our students will help participants as student buddies during the program. Another group of AGU students working as 'chat leaders' organizes Japanese conversational chat sessions for participants of all level of Japanese fluency. Also, some of the lectures are open to regular AGU students who are interested in the topics.

Q. Is there any transportation service from and to the airport?

A. The university does NOT provide any transportation from or to the airport. However, we will assist you in finding the best way to get to your accommodation. Also, if you would like the information on door-to-door airport limousine service, please contact us.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate contact us at aquisp@iec.aoyama.ac.jp.