

**Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC)**  
***Advanced Japanese 7-week Summer Program***  
June 20, 2024–Aug 7, 2024

***General Information***

1. The 2024 IUC Summer Program begins on June 20 and ends on August 7.
2. Morning classes are held 10:00–11:50 five days a week. Afternoon classes are held 12:50–2:40 four days a week. Five afternoon field trips are held, each equivalent to three class hours. There are approximately 140 contact hours in total for the seven-week program.
3. Average class size is about eight students. Final size and number of classes depends on total enrollment and number of teachers. Placement is based on the results of a proficiency test given at the start of the program.
4. No scholarship or financial assistance is awarded by the IUC to students enrolling in the Summer Program, except for a \$600 tuition scholarship for students currently enrolled in a degree granting program at an IUC member institution or who graduated from a member institution during the 2023–24 academic year. Questions concerning the applicability of outside sources of funding (FLAS, fellowships, etc.) should be directed to the funding agency.

The Inter-University Center does not issue grades or academic credit. However, upon request, the IUC can provide a written evaluation including contact hours, examination scores, and other information.

***Who Will Benefit from the IUC Summer Program?***

The IUC Summer Program is designed for people who desire to acquire professional-level proficiency in Japanese, primarily students who intend to focus on Japan as scholars or specialize in fields such as law and business, as well as people who are currently employed in work related to Japan. We especially seek to address the needs of those who wish to raise the level of their overall language skills through active engagement in communication with fellow students in class.

***Course Objectives***

The Inter-University Center's Summer Program class sessions are focused on advanced spoken Japanese. The objective is to acquire the ability to naturally, correctly, and appropriately express thoughts and opinions. 60 years of instruction in our ten-month program and our summer courses have demonstrated convincingly that the best way to achieve improvement of one's Japanese is to work on *all* major skill areas (speaking, listening, writing, and reading, all of which reinforce each other), with emphasis on speaking.

The learning experience in the IUC summer program is enriched by having students from various fields in the same class. Most of the vocabulary one needs for reading and discussion is common to all academic and professional specializations. Students benefit from the synergies that arise from encounters with others from different backgrounds.

Field trips provide the opportunity to acquire greater understanding of Japanese culture and society, as well as chances to use Japanese outside the classroom.

To realize the maximum positive results in the seven weeks of our Summer Program, we place greatest emphasis on two objectives:

1. Increasing students' ability to carry on oral discussions of complex or abstract matters. Students pursue improvement through oral practice of grammatical patterns, drafting and delivery of speeches, and expanding their vocabulary and repertoire of idiomatic and specialized expressions through discussions based on readings done in common.
2. Training students in the style of speech that is regarded as acceptable in formal situations such as graduate school seminars and business presentations to guests or clients.

#### The IUC's Academic Expectations of Students

1. Students are expected to participate actively in class. They should ask for the views of other class participants and join in constructive discussion and debate.
2. Students are expected to spend several hours a day preparing for the next day's classes, doing homework assignments, writing drafts of speeches, and doing other program-related tasks. For the seven weeks of this Summer Program, they should put aside their research projects and other work and devote themselves exclusively to study at the IUC.
3. In excursions and other extracurricular activities of the Center, students are expected to make active use of the skills they have acquired in class.
4. In addition to attending classroom work and excursions, students are expected to take a midterm and a final examination and to give a final presentation.

#### ***Qualifications for Admission***

To qualify for admission, an applicant must (1) demonstrate a clear intent to pursue a professional or academic career requiring the use of Japanese; and (2) have successfully completed two or more years of college-level instruction or the equivalent. In terms of actual language proficiency, successful applicants are expected to have a solid foundation in the fundamental structures of Japanese, to have mastered both *kana* syllabaries, and to be able to read and write approximately 500–700 *kanji*. Admissions to the Inter-University Center are made without regard to gender, age, race, color, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic origin.

#### ***How to Apply***

The 2024 application period will open November 30, 2023 and close on February 28, 2024. Applications will only be accepted via our [interfolio.com online application portal](https://interfolio.com). No email or paper submissions will be accepted. Only completed applications including the application fee payment of \$100 will be considered.

#### ***Selection***

Students are selected for admission by the IUC Summer Program Selection Committee based on the following considerations:

1. Whether the applicant meets the conditions for admission listed under Qualifications for Admission above.

2. The applicant's statement of purpose and objectives.
3. The applicant's Language Evaluation Form.
4. The applicant's transcripts.
5. When necessary, an online interview with the applicant.

***Please note that enrollment in the Center Summer Program is limited and admission is competitive; if there is a large number of applicants, it may not be possible to admit all qualified individuals.***

### ***Tuition Fees***

Tuition for the 2024 summer program is \$5,200 (US). Students currently enrolled in a degree granting program at an IUC member institution or who graduated from a member institution during the 2023–24 academic year will receive a guaranteed tuition scholarship of \$600 to attend the Inter-University Center Summer 2024 program.

### ***NOTE:***

Please be aware that housing arrangements are the personal responsibility of each student. Information about how to locate and reserve housing, including a short list of recommended accommodations, is provided by the Yokohama office in mid-May to all successful applicants who have agreed to attend.

IUC Summer Program participants who are not nationals or citizens of a country or region that has a "Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangement with Japan" are required to apply for and to obtain visas to enter Japan. (See [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html) for a list of nations with such visa exemption arrangements.)

*The IUC retains the right to cancel or modify the program at any time, for reasons that may include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, emergencies, or health and safety considerations. Program modifications shall not alter the student's obligation to pay tuition.*