



Kokunai Ryugaku: Study Overseas Without Leaving Japan

Japan Center for Michigan Universities, March 3 - 14, 2025

Syllabus & Timetable



I. Introduction

Objectives of this course include, 1) preparing students for studying and living abroad, 2) providing students with a genuine American university classroom experience, 3) challenging students' preconceived ideas of culture and life in other countries through participation in Model United Nations, 4) developing students' skills of expression and argument in English through speech and writing, and 5) refining students' visual and verbal presentation skills.

This 2-week course consists of five modules [Study Overseas; Presentations and Public Speaking; Model United Nations; English Theater; Once Upon a Time], two special lessons and 1-on-1 tutorial sessions for a total of 40 instruction hours.

II. Instructors

You will have four main instructors over the course of the next two weeks at JCMU. They have a wide variety of experience teaching English and other subjects in Japan and abroad. Don't hesitate to ask them any questions that you have!

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III. Module / Lesson Codes and Key

PPS	Presentations and Public Speaking <i>Presentation skills, Research skills</i>
MUN	Model United Nations <i>Writing, Presentation skills</i>
ET	English Theater <i>Speaking, Pronunciation</i>
OUT	Once Upon a Time <i>Reading, Listening</i>
STO	Study Overseas <i>4-skills, Cultural exchange</i>
SL	Special Lesson <i>Conversation, Cultural exchange</i>
TUT	Tutorials <i>Individual instruction</i>

IV. Class Timetable

Week 1	Monday Mar. 3	Tuesday Mar. 4	Wednesday Mar. 5	Thursday Mar. 6	Friday Mar. 7
9:00 - 10:00		OUT.1			
10:00 - 11:00	Orientation		TUT.1	PPS.2	MUN.2
11:00 - 12:00	PPS.1	ET.1	Break	Break	Break
12:00 – 1:00		Break			
1:00 – 2:00	Break	ET.1	OUT.2	ET.2	SL
2:00 – 3:00	MUN.1	STO.1			
3:00 – 4:00				TUT.1	
4:00 – 5:00					
Instruction Hours	4 hours	5.5 hours	2 hours	4 hours	4 hours
7:00-8:30	Exchange party 17:30-19:00		Wednesday Night Activity	TOTAL:	19.5 hours + 0.5 hour tutorial

Week 2	Monday Mar. 10	Tuesday Mar. 11	Wednesday Mar. 12	Thursday Mar. 13	Friday Mar. 14
9:00 - 10:00					
10:00 - 11:00	PPS.3	OUT.3	TUT.2	SL	MUN.4
11:00 - 12:00					
12:00 – 1:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1:00 – 2:00	MUN.3	ET.3	OUT.4	ET.4	PPS.4
2:00 – 3:00					
3:00 – 4:00		Break			Closing Ceremony
4:00 – 5:00		STO.2			
Instruction Hours	4 hours	5.5 hours	2 hours	4 hours	4 hours
7:00-8:30			Wednesday Night Activity	TOTAL:	19.5 hours + 0.5 hour tutorial