



# Kokunai Ryugaku: Study Overseas Without Leaving Japan

Japan Center for Michigan Universities, February 16 - 27, 2026

*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 three 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

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

#### IV. Class Timetable

| Week 1            | Monday<br>Feb. 16                         | Tuesday<br>Feb. 17                                | Wednesday<br>Feb. 18                 | Thursday<br>Feb. 19                                 | Friday<br>Feb. 20                       |
|-------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 9:00 - 10:00      |   | ET.1<br>9:00-11:00 in 207<br>Shannon              |                                      |   |   |
| 10:00 - 11:00     | Orientation<br>10:00-11:00 in 207         |   | PPS.1<br>10:00-12:00 in 207<br>Chris | MUN.2<br>10:00-12:00 in 207<br>Sam                  | PPS.2<br>10:00-12:00 in<br>207<br>Chris |
| 11:00 - 12:00     | STO.1<br>11:00-12:30 in 207<br>Sam        | Break   |                                      |   |   |
| 12:00 – 1:00      |   | OUT.1<br>12:00-2:00 in<br>LCR<br>Shannon          | Break                                | Break   |   |
| 1:00 – 2:00       | Break                                     |   | ET.2<br>1:00-3:00 in LCR<br>Chris    | OUT.2<br>1:00-3:00 in 207<br>Shannon                | SL.1<br>1:00-3:00 in LCR<br>Sam         |
| 2:00 – 3:00       | MUN.1<br>2:00-4:00 in 207<br>Sam          |   |                                      |   |   |
| 3:00 – 4:00       |   |   |                                      | TUT.1<br>30 min. each<br>Teachers' offices<br>/ 207 |   |
| 4:00 – 5:00       |   |   |                                      |   |   |
| Instruction Hours | 4 hours                                   | 4 hours   | 4 hours                              | 4.5 hours   | 3.5 hours                               |
| Evening           | Exchange Party<br>5:30-7:00 in LCR<br>Sam | Tuesday Night Activity<br>7:00-8:30 in LCR<br>Sam |                                      |   |   |

| Week 2            | Monday<br>Feb. 23                    | Tuesday<br>Feb. 24                       | Wednesday<br>Feb. 25                | Thursday<br>Feb. 26                                 | Friday<br>Feb. 27                  |
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| 9:00 - 10:00      |                                      | MUN.3<br>9:00-11:00 in 207<br>Sam        |                                     |   |                                    |
| 10:00 - 11:00     | PPS.3<br>10:00-12:00 in 207<br>Chris |  | SL.2<br>10:00-12:00 in 207<br>Chris | STO.2<br>10:30-12:00 in 207<br>Sam                  | MUN.4<br>10:00-12:00 in LCR<br>Sam |
| 11:00 - 12:00     |                                      | Break                                    |                                     |   |                                    |
| 12:00 – 1:00      | Break                                | OUT.3<br>12:00-2:00 in<br>LCR<br>Shannon | Break                               | Break   | Break                              |
| 1:00 – 2:00       | ET.3<br>1:00-3:00 in 207<br>Shannon  |  | ET.4<br>1:00-3:00 in LCR<br>Chris   | OUT.4<br>1:00-3:00 in 207<br>Shannon                | PPS.4<br>1:00-3:00 in LCR<br>Chris |
| 2:00 – 3:00       |                                      |  |                                     |   |                                    |
| 3:00 – 4:00       |                                      |  |                                     | TUT.2<br>30 min. each<br>Teachers' offices<br>/ 207 | Closing Ceremony                   |
| 4:00 – 5:00       |                                      |  |                                     |   |                                    |
| Instruction Hours | 4 hours                              | 4 hours                                  | 4 hours                             | 4 hours   | 4 hours                            |
| Evening           |                                      | Movie Night<br>7:00-9:00 in LCR<br>Sam   |                                     |   |                                    |