



# Kokunai Ryugaku: Study Overseas Without Leaving Japan

Japan Center for Michigan Universities, March 2 - 13, 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 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. 2	Tuesday Mar. 3	Wednesday Mar. 4	Thursday Mar. 5	Friday Mar. 6
9:00 - 10:00		ET.1 9:00-11:00 in 207 Chris			
10:00 - 11:00	Orientation 10:00-11:00 in 207		PPS.2 10:00-12:00 in 207 Chris	MUN.2 10:00-12:00 in 207 Sam	STO.1 10:00-11:30 in 207 Sam
11:00 - 12:00	PPS.1 11:00-1:00 in 207 Chris	Break			
12:00 – 1:00		OUT.1 12:00-2:00 in LCR Shannon	Break	Break	Break
1:00 – 2:00	Break		ET.2 1:00-3:00 in LCR Chris	OUT.2 1:00-3:00 in 207 Shannon	SL.1 1:00-3:00 in LCR Sam
2:00 – 3:00	MUN.1 2:00-4:00 in 207 Sam			TUT.1 30 min. each Teachers' offices / 207	
3:00 – 4:00					
4:00 – 5:00					
Instruction Hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4.5 hours	3.5 hours
Evening	Exchange Party 5:30-7:00 in LCR Chris, Sam	Tuesday Night Activity 7:00-8:30 in LCR Chris, Sam			

Week 2	Monday Mar. 9	Tuesday Mar. 10	Wednesday Mar. 11	Thursday Mar. 12	Friday Mar. 13
9:00 - 10:00		MUN.3 9:00-11:00 in 207 Sam			
10:00 - 11:00	PPS.3 10:00-12:00 in 207 Chris		SL.2 10:00-12:00 in 207 Chris	STO.2 10:30-12:00 in 207 Sam	MUN.4 10:00-12:00 in LCR Sam
11:00 - 12:00		Break			
12:00 – 1:00	Break	OUT.3 12:00-2:00 in LCR Shannon	Break	Break	Break
1:00 – 2:00	ET.3 1:00-3:00 in 207 Shannon		ET.4 1:00-3:00 in LCR Chris	OUT.4 1:00-3:00 in 207 Shannon	PPS.4 1:00-3:00 in LCR Chris
2:00 – 3:00					
3:00 – 4:00				TUT.2 30 min. each Teachers' offices / 207	Closing Ceremony
4:00 – 5:00					
Instruction Hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours
Evening		Movie Night 7:00-9:00 in LCR Sam			