



Kokunai Ryugaku: Study Overseas Without Leaving Japan

Japan Center for Michigan Universities, September 7-18, 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

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 Sep. 7	Tuesday Sep. 8	Wednesday Sep. 9	Thursday Sep. 10	Friday Sep. 11
9:00 - 10:00		OUT.1 (Janeth)			
10:00 - 11:00	Orientation (Sam)		ET.2 (Janeth)	PPS.2 (Chris)	MUN.2 (Sam)
11:00 - 12:00	PPS.1 (Chris)	ET.1 (Chris)			
12:00 – 1:00			Break	Break	Break
1:00 – 2:00	Break	ET.1 (Chris)	KWU Presentations	OUT.2 (Janeth)	SL (Chris, Sam, Janeth)
2:00 – 3:00	MUN.1 (Sam)	STO.1 (Chris)			
3:00 – 4:00					TUT.1 (Chris, Sam, Janeth)
4:00 – 5:00	Exchange party 17:30-19:00 (Chris, Sam)				
Instruction Hours	4 hours	5.5 hours	2 hours	4 hours	4 hours
7:00-8:30					19.5 hours + 0.5 hour tutorial

Week 2	Monday Sep. 14	Tuesday Sep. 15	Wednesday Sep. 16	Thursday Sep. 17	Friday Sep. 18
9:00 - 10:00					
10:00 - 11:00	PPS.3 (Chris)	MUN.3 (Sam)	ET.4 (Janeth)	SL (Chris)	MUN.4 (Sam)
11:00 - 12:00					
12:00 – 1:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1:00 – 2:00	ET.3 (Janeth)	OUT.3 (Janeth)		OUT.4 (Janeth)	PPS.4 (Chris, Sam, Janeth)
2:00 – 3:00					
3:00 – 4:00		Break		TUT.2 (Chris, Sam, Janeth)	Closing Ceremony
4:00 – 5:00		STO.2 (Sam)			
Instruction Hours	4 hours	5.5 hours	2 hours	4 hours	4 hours
7:00-8:30		Tuesday Night Activity		TOTAL:	19.5 hours + 0.5 hour tutorial