

Information for Exchange Students



7 reasons to choose iCLA

Experience Japan while Studying in English: All courses at iCLA are taught in English (except Japanese language courses).

Wide Variety of Subjects within a Liberal Arts Curriculum:* Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Language Arts (Literature, Linguistics), Music, Arts, and Performing Arts.

*Subject to change for the 2019 academic year.

Small Interactive Classes: A low faculty-to-student ratio fosters close connections between faculty members and students.

World-class Japanese Language and Japan Studies Programs: Experiential learning of cultural aspects unique in Japan.

Highly Diverse International Community: iCLA has a network of dozens of universities around the world and hosts a diverse body of exchange students every semester. Most of the faculty members and about a half of the degree-seeking students are also from around the world, creating a truly multi-cultural learning and living environment.

Residential Campus: All incoming exchange students are guaranteed to have a single-bed room in our brand-new residential halls without a reservation.

*There are no alternative options as availability for private apartments for short-term foreign students is quite limited.

Picturesquely Located at the Foot of Mt. Fuji: The iCLA campus is located only 90 minutes from Tokyo, the heart of Japan.

Study Period at iCLA

You can choose to study at iCLA for 1 or 2 semester(s). Extension of study period - from 1 to 2 semester(s) - is available.

Academic Calendar at iCLA

Spring Semester: Early April to the end of July. (Exam period typically ends in early August).

Fall Semester: Early September to December. (Exam period typically ends in the 4th week of December).

Winter Break: January to March.

Tuition Fees

Exchange students will pay full tuition fees to their home institution. Based on the exchange agreement, tuition fees at iCLA during the exchange program are **100% waived**.

*Please note that all the other fees and costs must be covered by the exchange students.

National Health Insurance

Japan National Health Insurance is mandatory for those who are staying in Japan over 90 days. The premium (after applying for a special student discount) will be about 15 USD per month.

Housing and other Fees

	JPY	USD* ¹
Housing	35,000/month	315
Utilities & Miscellaneous fees* ²	12,000/month	108
Board* ³	1,800/day	16

*¹ Rates are approximate

*² Water, gas, electricity, maintenance (including common areas)

*² Deposit (including a non-refundable cleaning fee) JPY 50,000 year

*³ Participation in the meal plan is mandatory unless you have medical or religious reasons.





2019 Application Schedule (All dates and times are in Japan Standard Time—JST)

Admission Period	Application Period	Screening Period	Notification Day	CoE Application Deadline* ¹
Spring 2019	Jul 15 – Oct 15, 2018	Oct 16 – 25, 2018	Oct 26, 2018	Nov 26, 2018
Fall 2019* ²	Jan 15 – Apr 15, 2019	Apr 16 - Apr 25, 2019	Apr 26, 2019	May 31, 2019
Spring 2020* ²	Jul 15 – Oct 15, 2019	Oct 17 – 26, 2019	Oct 27, 2019	Nov 27, 2019

*¹ CoE: Certificate of Eligibility, a preliminary visa document required before applying for a student visa.

*² Actual dates may slightly differ. A detailed application guide will be provided once the application period opens.

iCLA Exchange Program Requirements & Required Documents

Minimum Requirements for Eligibility

1. Completed at least one academic year at home institution
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent (some exceptions may be allowed)
3. TOEFL score: 213 (CBT), 550 (PBT), 80 (iBT); Cambridge FCE or equivalent (Required for non-native English-speakers)
4. Two signed recommendation letters from home institution

Required Documents

1. Passport Copy (photo page)
2. Form 1: Application for Study Abroad at iCLA
3. Form 2: Faculty Recommendation Letters (two copies required)
4. Form 3: Statement of Purpose
5. Form 4: Study Plan at iCLA
6. Form 5: Mental Health History and Class Assistance
7. Certificate of English Language Proficiency (For non-native English-speakers only)
8. All Post-secondary Academic Transcript(s) in English

How to Apply: Submit the designated forms and required documents to the international office at the home institution. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Please check ALL of the required documents before submitting.

Obtaining a Student Visa

First, iCLA requires a signed Confirmation and Agreement Letter for entering into the Study Abroad Program at iCLA before iCLA can start assisting in the visa application.

There are 2 steps in an actual visa application process.

- 1) Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) - Only iCLA can apply on the behalf of the student in Japan. Please make sure to submit all the required documents by the specified date to the iCLA study abroad office.
- 2) Once the CoE is issued, it will be mailed to the student's home institution. The student should collect the original CoE and then apply for a visa at the nearby Japanese Embassy/Consulate General.

Financial Aid for Short-term International Students in Japan

Currently no financial aid is available for short-term international students at iCLA. We will update you when a new opportunity becomes available for short-term international students.



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