

Missouri State University

# KCP Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program

CHALLENGING SERIOUS STUDENTS SINCE 1983



# Dig into learning and life in Tokyo



## 2 COURSES

### Intensive Japanese Language (levels 1–8)

- Full immersion Japanese-only classes
- English for clarification optional
- Average class size: 15-20 students
- 12 semester credits or 18 quarter credits
- 200 hours

### Japanese Culture and Society

- Courses taught in English
- Excursions to sites of interest
- Informal extracurricular activities
- 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits
- 60 hours



## TERMS OF STUDY

- Semester: 2½ months (most common)
- Extended semester: 5 months (2 semesters)
- Academic year: 7½ months (3 semesters)
- Summer short-term: 7-8 weeks
- Customized: start when you want. Study for up to 2 years.



## LODGING OPTIONS

- Dormitory with other students
- Homestay with Japanese family
- Independent lodging



## PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

### High school graduate

Are you a mature, academically minded high school graduate with a strong foundation in Japanese, who wants very intensive Japanese right away?

Get support to attend a Japanese university or vocational school.

### Recent college graduate

Raise your competitiveness in the Japanese marketplace through the employment support program, for well-paying jobs beyond teaching English.

### Lifelong learner

Are you a retiree interested in Japan, or are you seeking professional development?

Learn Japanese and experience the culture first-hand on your vacation or personal enrichment experience.

### Short-term student

Experience Japan and improve language skills significantly.

### Long-term student

See a profound improvement in language skills plus in-depth familiarity with Japanese culture and current events.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rising to the challenge has always been KCP's response to the various events in the world. At the same time, we pay close attention to the possible futures that foreign students might embrace.

The 21st century—your century—is an exceedingly complex world in its complicated systems and increasing emphasis on globalization. To realize your dream in this kind of world, it is essential for you to achieve basic competence by improving your skills in a foreign language, understanding a different culture, and IT knowledge. Your abilities to realize these core matters and to think about the world's problems are important as well, as you aim higher in your life goals. May you have the courage to keep challenging, the patience to persevere, and the energy to take your efforts to the very end in order to make your dreams come true.

To all of you who come to Japan with serious intent in your goals, KCP promises to do our best to support you.

*Takusuke Kinoshita*

**Takusuke Kinoshita**  
President KCP International Japanese  
Language School



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Being in a class almost full of students who could not speak English was very helpful, as it forced me to communicate in Japanese in order to make friends. It also forced me to think about all of the things I was learning in Japanese, rather than translating them in my head from Japanese to English.

”

**Erin Longstreet**  
University of Rochester

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## LANGUAGE & CULTURAL IMMERSION

# Learn Japanese in the heart of Tokyo



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I recommend making friends with your non-English-speaking classmates. They are the most rewarding. Not only do you get to practice Japanese all the time, but you also learn a lot about more than one new culture—both interesting and beneficial.

”

**Patrick McInerney**  
Binghamton University

Founded in 1983, KCP International is recognized as a leader in Japanese language education. It is well known for its prime focus: Japanese language and cultural immersion in Tokyo. The school, designed for the dedicated student, is a convergence of study abroad students, aspiring teachers, interns, professors, and support staff. KCP teachers are carefully evaluated for teaching effectiveness through active observation and a series of interviews.

KCP serves about 900 students per year from more than 50 American colleges and universities. While most students are from other parts of Asia and all instruction is in Japanese, English-speaking staff provide extensive language support including tutoring for our U.S. students as they learn the Japanese language.

### Experience you can trust

KCP has been working with accredited U.S. universities since 1996. We have partnership agreements with almost a dozen universities, three of which can sponsor and grant academic credit to students who are enrolled at other schools. We are firmly on your side.

### Fully accredited

As of April 2007, KCP International Japanese Language School, one of the most highly recognized language institutes in Japan, has been granted Gakko Hojin status. Gakko Hojin is a rigorous educational evaluation and accreditation process overseen by the Tokyo metropolitan government ministry.





## CULTURAL IMMERSION

The Japanese Culture and Society course is a highlight of the study abroad experience.

In this course, KCP offers Japanese cultural immersion through lectures and organized excursions to some of the most notable spots in Tokyo. The course, taught in English, is offered on Saturdays during a student's first term of study. It includes lectures on topics like Japanese classical entertainment, customs, lifestyle, business, economics, politics, history, psychology, and religion.

### Excursions add reality to lectures

Visit relevant sites in Tokyo and elsewhere in Japan to facilitate your understanding of history and culture. Typical excursions have included Kamakura, the Edo-Tokyo Museum, Nikko, Asakusa Temple, the Imperial Palace, NHK Broadcasting Company, a Sumo beya, and Kabuki and Bunraku theaters. These and other side trips provide plenty of opportunities to explore traditional Japanese art forms.

### Club Activities

All KCP students can take part in optional activities and outings throughout the term. In these sessions, connect with other students in informal, non-classroom settings by participating in any of the following: tea ceremony club, koto music club, school newspaper, yosakoi soran dance club, volunteer club, or weekend soccer club.

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Class trips were good team-building experiences. With so many students whose native language I don't understand, class trips were fun opportunities to chat with fellow students in Japanese and get to know them better. This made class time more productive because we felt comfortable with each other.

”

**Steve Brogan**

University of Washington

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Tokyo is in the thick of things. The school is in a very good, central location. The staff is hugely helpful not only with school issues, but with any issues about life in Japan.

”

**Salome Sherrer**

Stanford University

# LANGUAGE IMMERSION

KCP International is one of the most effective Japanese language schools in Japan.

## JAPANESE LEVEL 1

- Basic communication in daily life situations.
- Learn Japanese writing systems and write short paragraphs using kanji.
- Become accustomed to Japanese sounds, accents, and intonations through listening drills, exercises, and multimedia.

## JAPANESE LEVEL 2

- Develop more complex communication skills for daily life situations.
- Begin to read and comprehend short stories.
- Write short paragraphs and letters using kanji.
- Carry on short conversations through practice and pronunciation correction.
- Learn to recognize your own mistakes.

## JAPANESE LEVEL 3

- Develop advanced conversation skills.
- Be able to read general articles and essays.
- Express ideas and opinions in Japanese through analysis of issues and current events.
- Practice speaking in a variety of social situations.
- Write short essays, read journals, and deliver speeches in Japanese.

## JAPANESE LEVEL 4

- Begin reading newspapers and academic textbooks.
- Write well-developed essays.
- Read and listen to Japanese essays describing modern Japan.
- Experience steady improvement in your conversation skills through class discussions and speeches.

## JAPANESE LEVEL 5

- Japanese used in class is more advanced and complex.
- Express ideas successfully through speeches and essays.
- Interpret and express what you read in Japanese newspapers.
- Write content-oriented compositions and practice conversations through pair work and role playing.

## JAPANESE LEVEL 6

- Classroom activities are supplemented with newspaper readings, television, textbook readings, and discussions.
- Your language proficiency is enhanced through speeches, discussions, debates, task listening, and mock interviews.
- Language skills are comparable to that of a native speaker.

## JAPANESE LEVELS 7 & 8

- Skills continue to improve to take your Japanese proficiency the highest achievable level.

## RECOMMENDED EQUIVALENCIES

KCP Course Level	JLPT Score*	ACTFL-OPI*	Home University Course Level
Japanese Level 1	N5	Novice-Intermediate Low	1st or 2nd year Japanese
Japanese Level 2	N4	Intermediate Med	2nd or 3rd year Japanese
Japanese Level 3	N3	Intermediate High	3rd or 4th year Japanese
Japanese Level 4	N3-N2	Advanced Low	4th or 5th year Japanese
Japanese Level 5	N2	Advanced Mid	5th or 6th year Japanese
Japanese Level 6	N2-N1	Advanced High	6th or 7th year Japanese
Japanese Level 7	N1	Superior	7th or 8th year Japanese
Japanese Level 8	N1	Superior	8th or 9th year Japanese

\*Average test scores after completion of each level. Results vary by student.

## ACADEMICS

Direct Method Japanese language immersion is the focus.

In classes, language instruction takes place entirely in Japanese: the Direct Method, or full Japanese language immersion. Continually translating Japanese to students' native languages (often with totally different grammar structures) would take a significant cognitive effort for students. By eliminating the need to convert constantly between Japanese and English, students become adept at thinking in Japanese and expressing their thoughts directly. An immediate association is established between experience and expression.

Special emphasis on holistic language education stresses all four communication skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing—to help students gain general knowledge of the Japanese language, usable fluency, and vital Japanese context.

Student evaluations consistently rate the teachers very highly as key assets in the program. Since KCP teaches students from all over the world, Japanese is truly the only common language.

### Japanese placement for your most effective learning

On arrival at KCP, students take a placement exam to determine their appropriate class level. Each semester term consists of over 200 classroom hours of instruction where you will learn from 150 to 250 kanji, depending on Japanese proficiency level. This is a rigorous program: students spend three to five hours studying each day. However, each student gets plenty of support, with several instructors for each course as well as an assigned language advisor and a student coordinator.

Students in our top language level are routinely able to pass the Nihongo Noryoku Shiken (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) level 1 or 2, roughly correlating their Japanese language skills to those of a native speaker at the college level.

“  
I was surprised by how much I looked forward to class every day. The teachers were all incredibly helpful and have great personalities. This was the best decision I've made in my learning of Japanese.  
”

**Grant Willey**  
University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee

## STUDENT LIFE



“  
Most culture classes were small, making a lot of room for group discussion and debate. Talking about issues concerning foreigners in Japan especially was helpful, as it prepared me for what to expect. It also gave me a deeper understanding of the Japanese people and the language that I'm studying.  
”

**Katie Louise Penvose**  
Michigan State University



## 2025 PROGRAM CREDITS AND COSTS

TERMS		CREDITS		COSTS		
KCP Semester	Language Course	Culture Course	Course Only	With Dormitory	With Homestay	
Winter, Spring, Fall	12	3	\$3,000	\$6,700	\$7,700	
<b>Extended Programs</b>						
Spring Extended	24	3	\$6,000	\$13,400	\$14,400	
Fall Extended	24	3	\$6,000	\$13,400	\$14,400	
Academic Year	36	3	\$9,000	\$20,100	\$21,100	
<b>Summer Programs</b>						
Summer	12	3	\$3,000	\$6,700	\$7,700	
Summer Short-Term	10	N/A	\$2,800	\$5,700	\$6,700	

*Note: Hours posted above are semester credit hours.*

## 2025 PROGRAM DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERMS		PROGRAM DATES		DEADLINES	
KCP Semester	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Application Deadline*	Payment Deadline	
Winter	Jan 8, 2025 - Mar 27, 2025		Oct 11, 2024	Nov 10, 2024	
Spring	Apr 5, 2025 - Jun 20, 2025		Jan 5, 2025	Feb 4, 2025	
Fall	Oct 6, 2025 - Dec 20, 2025		Jul 6, 2025	Aug 5, 2025	
<b>Extended Programs</b>					
Spring Extended	Jan 8, 2025 - Jun 20, 2025		Aug 9, 2024	Nov 10, 2024	
Fall Extended	Jul 4, 2025 - Dec 20, 2025		Feb 4, 2025	May 5, 2025	
Academic Year	Oct 6, 2025 - Jun 20, 2026		May 4, 2025	Aug 5, 2025	
<b>Summer Programs</b>					
Summer	Jul 4, 2025 - Sep 18, 2025		Apr 5, 2025	May 5, 2025	
Summer Short-Term	Jun 20, 2025 - Aug 13, 2025		Mar 23, 2025	Apr 22, 2025	

*Note: Prices and dates are subject to change without prior notice. If a deadline falls on a Sunday or holiday, application/payment is due at the KCP office or sponsor school the workday before the deadline. \*Late applications may be possible. See website for details.*



## PROGRAM COSTS

Students commend our program as both an excellent value and an effective learning experience. Academic credit and financial aid are available through your college. Our goal is to make study in Japan possible for you.



### Financial Aid

To determine your eligibility and to obtain all necessary forms, check with your college's Study Abroad and Financial Aid offices.

- Resources available at [missouristate-japan.com/costs/financial-aid](https://missouristate-japan.com/costs/financial-aid)
- Scholarships available at [missouristate-japan.com/costs/scholarships](https://missouristate-japan.com/costs/scholarships)

### KCP Refund Policy

If a student is not accepted to the KCP program, all payments less a \$50 processing fee are returned.

If KCP receives written confirmation of withdrawal more than 60 days before the start of the program, all fees paid, minus the non-refundable application deposit, are returned.

If written confirmation of withdrawal is received between 45 and 60 days before the program begins, 50% of the program fee is refunded. If payment has not been made, 50% of the program fee is due.

If withdrawal occurs 45 days or less before the program starting date, no refunds are made. If payment has not been made, 100% of the program fee is due.

### Cost for semester courses includes:

- Language course tuition and fees
- Over 200 hours of language instruction
- Textbooks and supplementary material
- Pre-departure packet
- Detailed on-site orientation
- Course on Japanese Culture and Society
- Cultural activities and excursions (excluding some transportation costs)
- Minor medical and accident insurance while in the program
- Narita Airport pickup on your arrival
- Lodging: dormitory or homestay (homestay includes breakfast and dinner)
- Transportation pass between lodging and school

### Incidentals:

- Travel to and from Japan (as well as some culture class transportation) is not included. Airfare varies depending on season of travel. Typically, round-trip fares between the U.S. and Japan run \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- For all meals and personal expenses, you should budget \$1,500 to \$2,500 per semester.
- For extended or academic year terms, the homestay option is available for only the first semester.





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My goal is to become a Japanese translator, so I need to understand all aspects of Japanese. KCP has helped me do this. In the one semester I was there, I gained much more from this program than any other study I did in Japan or America.

”

**Alexander Harris**  
Elizabethtown College



## TERMS OF STUDY

Flexible terms of study ease your Japanese language immersion training in Tokyo.

KCP's flexible study terms range from eight weeks to an academic year or more. Some students plan for extended study before they start the KCP program; some choose to extend their study once they are in Tokyo.

If you plan to enroll in an extended or academic year program (staying longer than six months), we strongly recommend that you (1) apply for your first term at least six months in advance, and (2) apply for a visa as well.

### Eligibility

If you're post-high school and ready to work hard, KCP is for you.

### Academic Requirements

The KCP International Japanese Language School is open to all full-time undergraduate students regardless of their field of study, to post-graduate students, and to adult professionals. The program is open to U.S. students and students from other countries that have a visa treaty with Japan and who have a good command of the English language.

### To be accepted into the program:

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must have successfully completed high school.
- You need a GPA of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

Although there is no rigid Japanese language requirement, we strongly recommend at least one semester of Japanese, or sound knowledge of hiragana and katakana, before applying.

Students who get the most out of our program have completed at least one year of college Japanese (2-3 years of high school Japanese equal one year of college Japanese). If you are not a native speaker of English, you must demonstrate your English ability. For non-students, copies of recent high school or college diplomas are required in lieu of a transcript.

## Academic Credit

KCP courses have been approved for credit by many colleges and universities worldwide, but it is up to each student to determine transferability of credit by your home school before attending the program.

You can earn one year or more of language credit (either semester or quarter) each KCP term.

## Faculty and Staff

The main goals of our faculty and staff are to help each student to learn Japanese and advance to a higher language level.

We not only teach Japanese language; we also teach students the Japanese context so that they better understand and appreciate cultural differences. A student has two or three Japanese language instructors for each language course. These instructors are available as needed to answer your language questions and for counseling and support. In addition:

- A language program advisor is available to answer questions related to the language courses.
- A head professor is in charge of the Japanese Culture and Society course.
- Three student coordinators are available to answer your questions about homestays, dormitories, and life in Japan. They also arrange culture course excursions and other activities.
- Japanese teachers-in-training from nearby universities serve supervised internships to supplement instruction and interaction.

“

I never learned Japanese in the Direct Method in America; KCP's Direct Method of teaching required us to think in Japanese constantly, which is extremely important here. Because I had to speak Japanese every day to get around, thinking quickly in Japanese was imperative. The Direct Method was a great help.

”

**Jessica Funtanilla**  
Elizabethtown College

## STUDENT LIFE



“

I love that the school is in the heart of Tokyo. And since the classes are taught only in Japanese it pushes me to study more.

”

**Alice Hoglund**  
Central Washington University



## CAMPUS

# A quiet neighborhood in busy Shinjuku



## JAPANESE CULTURAL IMMERSION IN THE HEART OF TOKYO

The KCP campus is a five-minute walk from the Shinjuku Gyoenmae subway station (Marunouchi line), or a 10-minute walk from Shinjuku San-Chome station (Toei Shinjuku line)—an ideal location for your study abroad program in Tokyo.

The Shinjuku train station sees 3 million people every rush hour, yet the KCP neighborhood, just a 10-minute walk away, is tranquil. It's an ideal mix.

Shinjuku is the business, entertainment, and shopping center of Tokyo. Shinjuku Avenue is lined with tall buildings, complexes, and a feast of exotic neon light displays. The KCP neighborhood, however, is filled with smaller buildings and shops.

Shinjuku Gyoen Park, one of Tokyo's largest and most beautiful, is only a five-minute walk from KCP.

## Campus Amenities

Classrooms, a study room, student lounges, a computer lab (word processing in English and Japanese, a printer, and internet access), and an infirmary.

Office hours: 9 am–6 pm Monday–Friday

Morning classes: 9 am–12:15 pm

Afternoon classes: 1:30 pm–4:45 pm

## LODGING

You can choose to live with a Japanese family (homestay), in a dormitory, or independently. For more on dorm and homestay, visit:

[missouristate-japan.com/about/housing](http://missouristate-japan.com/about/housing)



HOMESTAY



DORMITORY

### ADVANTAGES:

- Daily opportunity to practice Japanese
- Experience family traditions
- Eat meals in family setting
- Secure option for younger students

### DISADVANTAGES:

- Less free time in schedule
- Possible curfew
- May need to help out around the house

### MEALS:

- Students living with families will have breakfast and dinner provided
- Lunch options abundant near campus

### ADVANTAGES:

- Opportunity to meet other young people
- Private room
- More freedom
- More control over meals

### DISADVANTAGES:

- Less exposure to Japanese family life
- Possible curfew

## STUDENT LIFE



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Pair work gave us more time to converse in Japanese, improving skill level and confidence. Role playing reinforced vocabulary and speech patterns. Drill practice forced me to answer quickly without thinking too hard. It all helped me think more naturally in Japanese.

”

**Emily Cole**  
University of North Texas



## STUDENT SUPPORT

KCP faculty and staff are always energetic and responsible. School personnel consider a student's future and provide thoughtful support to each individual, based on his/her situation.

### KCP FACULTY OFFICE

Students are welcome in the KCP faculty office. We will be there to support your academic or personal-life concerns. If explaining your concerns in Japanese is difficult, we have staff fluent in English, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We provide extra study support for those who need it—focused, concrete advice for you to improve your weak points in grammar, pronunciation, listening skills, and so on.

### SUPPORT IN DAILY LIFE

If you have any challenges—purchasing a cell phone, opening a bank account, illness and the need for a doctor—please tell the school office. Administrative staff and class instructors are happy to assist you.

### SUPPORT FINDING PART-TIME WORK

For multi-term students who have good time-management and study skills, there are options for finding part-time work. We can help with the job search and practice interviews. Many students have found part-time jobs this way.

### SUPPORT IN OBTAINING FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

If, after long-term study, you want to make a career in Japan, we help you prepare a personal resume, write proper application emails and practice interviewing. Many graduates of higher levels have gone on to very successful careers in Japan in the arts, graphic design, retail, business services, and technology.



# LOGISTICS

## Passport and Visa

You may only need a valid passport to study in Japan through KCP. Students are eligible to stay less than 90 days (one semester or shorter) without a visa. If you plan to study longer than one term, however, you will need to secure a visa.

KCP staff can assist you by checking your visa application for completeness, translating necessary parts, serving as the sponsor institution, and providing other crucial aid. Since it takes quite some time to obtain a visa, begin the visa application process as soon as you receive notification of acceptance to KCP.

*NOTE: Give yourself all the time necessary (at least six months) to apply for a visa. DO NOT leave your student visa application for the last minute.*

## AIRPORT PICKUP

KCP staff members will pick up students who arrive at Tokyo Narita Airport. Upon arrival at Narita, you will proceed through Immigration, collect your luggage, and pass through Customs.

KCP will have a luggage delivery service send one piece of luggage directly to your housing option. It will not arrive until the next day, so please pack what you'll need for the first few days in your carry-on bag.

## BRINGING MEDICATION INTO JAPAN

Access to medication is essential, especially when away for a long time. The policies of most countries differ widely on what types of medicines are available, so be sure to prepare before traveling.

When bringing in medication, you'll need to know what types of medication are allowed and what are not, as well as the allowable quantity.

## EXPLORING JAPAN



## CAREER OUTCOMES

If career improvement is your goal, Japanese language proficiency is a clear advantage.

### Japanese proficiency for a better career

Graduates from KCP have stayed in Japan, married, and made a life there. Some teach in Japan, work for Fortune 500 companies with Japanese offices, or use their Japanese experience to work in other Asian countries (such as Korea and Taiwan) where Japanese knowledge is a plus. Others have pursued an advanced education, or found work in the exciting anime-manga, film, and photography fields.

### Expand your horizons

By living daily life in Japan, you improve not only your language skills, but also your intercultural competence. Combining profound Japanese language fluency with other skills makes you much more employable. Make and nurture connections with friends in Tokyo, to help retain your ability to “think in Japanese” and have touchstone people when you return to visit.

### Continue (or complete) your studies

Having solid knowledge of the Japanese language gives you a strong position in today’s competitive landscape. For professionals, graduating from college is not an option, it’s a requirement. Since KCP is such an intensive

program, you’ll make great headway towards your degree. The KCP program is paired with 12 U.S. universities. Through these university partners, students have earned academic credit towards graduation from well over a hundred U.S. universities.

Many KCP students continue their studies full time at a Japanese university. Students have been accepted into undergraduate programs at Waseda, Sophia University, Chiba University, Musashino Art University, and others. KCP alumni have been accepted into top graduate schools such as Tokyo University, Waseda University, Nagoya University, Tsukuba University, and Sophia. In all, KCP alumni are enrolled in over 20 Japanese universities.

“  
The speech contest was extremely fun and high-energy. All of the students had a chance to try hard, perform for each other and the Sensei, and bond.  
”

**Elizabeth Brown**  
University of California, Riverside





## TESTIMONIALS

### GIVING IT MY ALL – AND REAPING THE REWARDS

Looking back on my year in Tokyo, honestly, I learned more in those 365 days than I did in my entire life.

But getting the most out of study abroad is about how much a person puts into their experience, so it's not for everybody. Study abroad is for the student who is willing to live outside of his or her personal comfort zone and reach out to the people who live there.

**Kareem Douglas**  
Lincoln University

### GROWING THANKS TO TEACHERS AND FRIENDS

KCP truly has the best staff and teachers, making my study abroad experience hugely memorable. If I ever needed something, Tanaka, Michiko, and Ryuhei were always in the office to help. My teachers—Konno, Hosoi, and Okada—were really friendly and truly dedicated to everyone's learning. But the teacher who stole my heart was definitely Konno-sensei. Her class was never dull—always full of laughter. Don't get me wrong, of course we still learned, but her unique teaching methods made everything so much fun. Back in NYC, I've had a handful of Japanese teachers, but none are comparable to KCP's teachers.

**Beatriz Gonon**  
The City University of New York (CUNY)

### A DREAM GOAL

By the end of my second year in college, after learning about Asian culture and being involved in my school Asian culture club, I knew I wanted to study abroad. I was enamored of Japan; I felt a connection to the culture that I couldn't explain. I started studying Japanese and even began practicing karate. My hunger for knowledge about Japan led me to KCP, which has a great reputation as a school using the Direct Method—total immersion in the language and culture.

Happily, by the first day of class, I was well prepared, as I had taken two semesters of Japanese in the U.S. KCP classes are intense, but I learned a lot, as long as I applied myself and kept trying.

During my time at KCP, I enjoyed opportunities to hone my language skills through English support sessions, class trips, and joint events with Hosei University students, like cooking classes and parties. I lived with a host family during my stay, which gave me chances to practice and learn Japanese daily. That increased my confidence in learning and speaking Japanese, and I also developed a lifelong relationship with my host family.

**Hector Santiago**  
Brookdale Community College



## PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

# A global village of KCP students

### Sponsor Universities

These universities grant academic credit to students enrolled at them and can also grant transfer academic credit to students from other colleges who apply to the KCP program through them.



Western Washington University



University of Idaho



Lincoln University

### Affiliate Universities

These universities grant academic credit to students who are enrolled at them.



Elizabethtown College



Idaho State University



Indiana State University



Missouri State University



New Mexico State University



Rhode Island College



Rowan University



Texas Tech University



Union University



Virginia Union University



KCP Campus in the heart of Tokyo

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I expected to be able to hold basic conversations in Japanese by the end of the program, but I was actually surprised. I became able to participate in quite complex conversations with most of my Japanese friends.

”

Bryan Metz  
Elizabethtown College

## COMMENTS FROM PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

“We have been sending our students to KCP for the last 20 years, as we have utter confidence in the quality of instruction and the care each student receives while in Japan. Students typically come back to the U.S. with much increased proficiency in Japanese and a working knowledge of contemporary Japanese society and culture. Field trips, carefully designed as part of their language learning, greatly help them see and understand Japan in its multifaceted historical context.”

### **Michiko Yusa**

Professor of Japanese and East Asian Studies  
Western Washington University

“As a study abroad advisor, I highly recommend KCP International for students seeking an intensive Japanese language experience. I have interviewed many students about their experience with KCP, and they have universally praised the quality of instruction and the helpfulness of the KCP staff.”

### **Dan Lindeman**

Program Coordinator, International Programs Office  
Western Washington University

“For the past 17 years, the University of Idaho has enjoyed a strong working relationship with KCP—a leader and innovator in Japanese language instruction. With its Tokyo location, it provides the perfect venue for students to experience the social traditions and culture in one of the great cities of the world!”

### **Bob Neuenschwander**

Associate Director of International Grants and Initiatives  
University of Idaho

“KCP is an excellent academic and cultural program. The staff is outstanding and truly committed to providing support above and beyond the call of duty. Lincoln University continues to value its longstanding relationship with KCP developed over 15 years ago. KCP is one of the most popular study abroad programs in the College Consortium of International Studies, of which Lincoln University is a member.”

### **Constance Lundy**

Director of International Programs and Services  
Lincoln University

## EXPLORING JAPAN





# KCP INTERNATIONAL

## *Japanese Language School*

Are you ready for the experience of a lifetime?

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