

Japan Studies Program: Welcome Message

“Discover Japan and discover yourself!” This is not just a catch phrase for us: it’s the primary goal behind every aspect of the Seigakuin University Japan Studies Program (JSP). Seigakuin University is highly regarded in Japan as a school that takes good care of its students, and this is certainly true for the students chosen to participate in the JSP for either one or two semesters.

As a relatively small, private, Protestant Christian school of approximately 3,000 students located in a suburb of Tokyo, Seigakuin University is uniquely situated to offer a specialized program that enables students to have the best of both worlds in that they can study the Japanese language and culture in small, non-threatening classes, and yet still have access to all of the cultural attractions of one of the largest, most dynamic cities in the world.

Living in-country allows students to put into practice the language skills learned in class naturally, as well as to experience Japanese culture from a hands-on approach. Becoming an active part of the Seigakuin student body further enables students to get involved in campus life, as we encourage our JSP participants to interact with other students and take part in the special events and activities the university offers each semester.

With the many opportunities for cross-cultural comparative study and interaction and the chances to experience the myriad of Japan’s cultural wonders, participants gain knowledge not only about Japan, but also about their own cultures as well as themselves on a personal level. We welcome you to join the Japan Studies Program at Seigakuin University, allowing us to serve you as you learn about Japanese culture, the Japanese language, and yourself!

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