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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate, graduate
- **Language of instruction:** Japanese, English
- **Language requirement:** two years college-level Japanese prior to exchange
- **University website:** www.aoyama.ac.jp/en/
- **Length of exchange:** Academic year

TOKYO AT A GLANCE

Population:
34,750,000
(metropolitan area)

Climate:

Mild winters with occasional snow (average temperature 37° F), rainy springs, and hot, humid summers (average temperature 90° F)

Proximity to:

(reflects travel times on the bullet trains)
Kyoto: 3.5 hours
Osaka: 3.5 hours
Sapporo: 4.5 hours
Nikko: 2 hours

Aoyama Gakuin University

Aoyama Gakuin University's history dates from 1874 when Methodist Episcopal missionaries from the US established three small schools. The institution took its present form in 1949 when AGU was established as a comprehensive university. Today, the central Tokyo campus enrolls a total of 19,362 students, 314 of which are international students.

Academics

Most classes at AGU are conducted in Japanese. UM students must have obtained a 3.0 or better in their Japanese classes in order to participate in this exchange. Students usually follow courses in Japanese language and culture, but other classes are available depending on the student's language

proficiency. AGU also offers classes in English in International Politics, Literature, Economics, Business, and Law and a list of these classes can be found at: <http://web.iec.aoyama.ac.jp/english/exchange/classes.html>

Housing & Meals

Students can stay in dorms provided by AGU, or arrange their own apartments or home stays (through private sources). There are male and female dorms, each located about one hour from campus. Meals are provided in cafeterias in the dorms, and kitchens are also located on most dorm floors.

Cost Information

Students pay their regular tuition to UM and pay their room and board to AGU. Dorms cost

¥67,500/month, and food costs about ¥32,600/month. A student visa for study in Japan costs ¥3,000 for single entry. UM financial aid may apply for tuition, living, and travel expenses while on this program.

Credit Transfer

Students register for classes upon arrival at AGU. One AGU credit is equivalent to one UM credit. Students must be full-time and must transfer a minimum of 12 credits per semester back to UM.

Program Dates

UM students may apply for the Spring semester or the full year.

Spring Semester: April to August

Fall Semester: mid- September to February

Tokyo, Japan

The City

Originally the small fishing village of Edo, Tokyo became the military capital of Japan in 1590 when the shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu established his control there. The city quickly grew, becoming the country's political and cultural hub. Eventually, Emperor Meiji moved his imperial residence to Tokyo, solidifying its importance. The Emperor and Empress still live in

the immaculately landscaped Imperial Palace in central Tokyo.

The city suffered two major destructions, with the Kanto Earthquake in 1923 and, twenty years later, the bombings of WWII. The city was quick to rebuild, and modern Tokyo's architecture showcases the most modern designs and innovations. With 34 million people, Tokyo is the world's largest metropolitan

area. Districts like Shinjuku offer glittering lights, shopping, and the most modern of urban experiences, whereas other districts like Asakusa still offer a glimpse of Edo's rich history.

Japan has one of the world's most convenient and useful public train systems, and Tokyo is in a prime location, on central Honshu, for exploration of virtually any place in the country.