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# Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate, graduate
- **Language of instruction:** English, Japanese
- **Language Requirement:** none
- **University website:** [www.doshisha.ac.jp/english/](http://www.doshisha.ac.jp/english/)
- **Length of exchange:** Spring semester or academic year

## KYOTO AT A GLANCE

**Population:**  
1.5 million

**Climate:**  
Kyoto has four distinct seasons, with hot humid summers and cold humid winters.

**Proximity to:**  
Osaka: 55 km  
Nagano: 402 km  
Tokyo: 465 km  
Mt. Fuji: 432 km

## Doshisha University

Doshisha University (DU) is located in the “cultural heart of Japan”, Kyoto. A semester or year at DU takes advantages of this location by offering courses and extracurricular activities in the traditional arts and culture of Japan throughout the city. DU has two campuses, the Imadegwa and the Kyotonabe campuses, which together host over 28,000 Japanese and international students.

### Academics

The Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) offers Japanese language courses through their “Nichibun” program. More information about these course can be found at: [http://cjl.doshisha.ac.jp/ryugaku/english/studyinkyoto/front\\_03/02.html](http://cjl.doshisha.ac.jp/ryugaku/english/studyinkyoto/front_03/02.html). Students may

also take courses in English in a variety of subjects, which can be found at: <http://iie.doshisha.ac.jp/curriculum/index.html>. Students with sufficient Japanese can register for most classes open to any DU student.

### Housing & Meals

Students can apply to live at the University Co-op, or find their own accommodations in Kyoto. The university can assist students in finding off-campus accommodation through the National Student Information Center. There are numerous cafeterias and restaurants on or nearby campus for students to purchase meals.

### Cost Information

Students pay their regular tuition

to UM and their room and board in Kyoto. Rent costs about ¥55,000/month. On average meals cost ¥25,000 per month. A student visa to study in Japan costs ¥6,000. Financial aid covers tuition, living expenses, and travel while on this program.

### Credit Transfer

Students will register for classes upon arrival in Kyoto. Students must register for a minimum of 12 UM credits per semester to be considered full-time.

### Program Dates

Spring semester: April to August  
Fall semester: late September to mid February

## Kyoto, Japan

### The City

Doshisha University is located in Kyoto, a city with thousands of temples, traditional wooden Japanese style houses, and immaculate gardens. There are over 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites throughout the city. By spending a year or semester in Kyoto, it is possible to see many of these spectacular sites in different seasons, with the cherry blossoms of spring or

the deep red leaves of fall. Kyoto's history comes from being the ancient capital of Japan for over 1,000 years until the Meiji Restoration when it was moved to Tokyo.

Every area in Japan is known for its specialty foods, and the best place to explore Kyoto's unique pickles, fish, fruits, and other delicacies is the Nishiki Market. Gion is known for its traditional

Japanese cuisine and geisha artists. With its central location on Honshu Island, Kyoto is a good starting point for trips to other areas of Japan such as the International District of Osaka, the mountains of Nagano, Mt. Fuji of Shizuoka, or the city of Tokyo. Longer trips on the Shinkansen can take you to more distant locations like Hokkaido and Kumamoto.