

AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM 2018

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ABOUT AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY (AGU)

Aoyama Gakuin University is a part of Aoyama Gakuin, one of Japan's oldest educational institutes comprised of kindergarten through graduate school, and was established in 1874 by Methodist Episcopal Church missionaries from the United States. Our main campus, where this program takes place, is located in the dynamic and stylish district of Aoyama in the heart of the Shibuya ward, which is a 10-minute walk from the world-famous Shibuya crossing. There is easy access to the best of Japan's urban lifestyle!

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Learn the Japanese language and about Japanese culture in the heart of Tokyo! The purpose of this program is to provide participants with an opportunities to learn and experience both traditional and modern aspects of Japan, in English. The program also includes several hours of basic Japanese language lessons. Participants are paired up with Japanese AGU students who have volunteered to help the participating students with day-to-day matters and to give them different perspectives on Japanese culture as peer mentors.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

University students with adequate English proficiency (non-native English speakers are required to have an upper-intermediate to advanced level of English, with a proficiency level of IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL iBT 78 or above)

PROGRAM FEE: 70,000JPY

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE:

Welcome and Farewell Luncheons, Field Trips and AGU Student Buddies

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE:

Accommodation, Transportation, Meals (Except for luncheons indicated above) and other personal expenses

PAYMENT METHOD:

WIRE TRANSFER VIA BANKS *Applicants will be given the bank information

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

A certificate will be issued upon successful completion of this program. *This program is not eligible for AGU academic credit

ACCOMMODATION

A list of possible places to stay will be released in April.

HOW TO APPLY

Please go to the official website below and fill out an online application form. The program coordinator will send you a confirmation email within a few days (please email aguisp@iec.aoyama.ac.jp if you don't receive the confirmation email within 5 working days).

[2018 AGU SUMMER PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM](#)

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & FIELD TRIPS

*Subject to change

The following are some of the lectures, workshops and field trips scheduled for this year's program.

JAPANESE ANIMATION *Japanese with English interpretation

Mr. Yuji Nunokawa is one of the founders of the animation studio Pierrot. Pierrot has created some of the world's most beloved animated series and films such as *The Wonderful Adventure of Nils*, *NARUTO* and *Bleach*. Mr. Nunokawa will talk about the Japanese animation production process, its history and share some inside stories.



JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY *Japanese with English interpretation

Japanese Calligraphy (Shodo) is a form of artistic writing using a brush, which originated in China before developing its own original style and form in Japan. Haru, a MEXT award-winning Shodo Artist who performs around the world, will give you a hands-on experience and teach you the basics of calligraphy writing.

LOOKING CLOSELY – AT INSECTS! IN JAPANESE CULTURE *English Lecture

It is often said that the Japanese culture has a special relationship to nature, as evident in its poetry and traditional arts. Aoyama Gakuin University Professor Mary Knighton will introduce the myriad of ways in which insects appear not only in Japanese religion, folklore, and classical literature but creatively and diversely in seasonal practices, modern literature and film, popular culture, and industry as well.



JAPANESE COOKING (transportation cost not included) *English instruction

Learn the secrets of Japanese cuisine (“Washoku”) in Asakusa! You will learn how to prepare delicious Japanese dishes. After the cooking workshop, we will explore Asakusa, one of the most popular spots in Tokyo where you can see buildings in traditional styles.



JAPANESE DRUM (WADAIKO) WORKSHOP *Japanese with English interpretation

Ikki Hino is a professional Wadaiko player who has performed in 14 countries worldwide while devoting the rest of his time to teaching the art of Wadaiko to people of all ages. During this workshop, you will receive a basic lesson about Wadaiko – such as the basic rhythms of Wadaiko, how to maneuver the sticks, etc.

TRADITIONAL CANDY ART (AMEZAIKU) WORKSHOP

Amezaiku is a Japanese candy craft artistry that originally began during the Heian period (794 – 1185AD). Amezaiku artists, use multi-colored taffy to create various shapes such as fish, animals, anime characters, etc., using their hands and other tools such as tweezers and scissors. You can learn the basics of Amezaiku while enjoying the demonstrations by an Amezaiku artist.



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DAY TRIP TO GREATER KANTO AREA

A full-day bus trip to the greater Kanto area will give you a chance to escape from the city and enjoy the scenic beauty of suburban areas. We will enjoy fresh fruit harvesting and craft making workshops as well.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

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	MORNING CLASS	LUNCH BREAK	AFTERNOON CLASS	
July 8 (Sun)	Arrival, Check-in to your accommodation			
July 9 (Mon)	11:00-12:00 Orientation	12:00-13:00 Welcome Luncheon	13:00-14:00 Campus Tour by Buddies	
July 10 (Tue)	11:00-12:30 Traditional Candy Art Workshop	12:30-13:30 Lunch Break	13:30-15:00 Lecture "Japanese Animation"	
July 11 (Wed)	11:00-12:30 Japanese Language Class	12:30-13:30 Lunch Break	13:30-14:30 Film Viewing	14:30-16:00 Lecture "Japanese Surrender in World War II"
July 12 (Thu)	Shibuya / Harajuku / Omotesando Walking Tour			
July 13 (Fri)	11:15-12:15 Japanese Drum Workshop	12:30-13:30 Lunch Break	13:30-15:00 Japanese Language Class	
July 14 (Sat)	FREE TIME			
July 15 (Sun)	FREE TIME			
7/16(Mon)	11:00-12:30 Lecture "Looking Closely at Insects in Japanese Culture"	12:30-13:30 Lunch Break	13:30-15:00 Japanese Language Class	
7/17(Tue)	Day Trip Outside of Tokyo (Cultural Workshop, Fruit Picking, etc.)			
7/18(Wed)	Japanese Cooking Workshop			
7/19(Thu)	11:00-12:30 Japanese Language Class	12:30-13:30 Lunch Break	13:30-15:00 Calligraphy Workshop	
7/20(Fri)	11:00-12:30 Japanese Language Class	12:30-13:30 Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:30 Farewell Luncheon	
7/21(Sat)	Check-out & Departure			

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. How do you select participants for the program?

A. Places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. However, we may limit the number of students from each country to ensure diversity of the participants. You will be notified about the admission results within 5 working days. Once you are admitted, you can finalize your place in the program by making the program fee payment.

Q. Do I need to be fluent in Japanese to participate in the program?

A. Participants are not required to have any Japanese language ability. The Japanese language lessons we offer have two levels – beginner and intermediate. All lectures are given in English or in Japanese with English interpretation.

Q. Do I get academic credits by participating in this program?

A. AGU will not award any academic credit. However, you will receive an official certificate of completion at the end of the program – Please consult with your home university to see if your university would award credits based on the certificate.

Q. How do I find a place to stay?

A. “Housing Information” will be sent to participants in April. Each participant is responsible for making his/her own housing arrangements, and the “Housing Information” will help you find a suitable accommodation.

Q. Will I get a chance to make Japanese friends?

A. We have a group of Japanese AGU students working with the program participants as, “Buddies.” Buddies are volunteer students who are interested in spending time with international students --- they are looking forward to meeting you in Tokyo!

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