

# COLLEGE OF **RIKKYO UNIVERSITY** INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

## SOLUTIONS IN DIVERSITY

Come face-to-face with a different culture and beliefs with an open heart and mind.  
Know that ideas and values emerge from the collision of thought and perspectives.  
Move ever forward to capture and harness each new creative communication moment.  
Find what people do not see. Find the solutions in diversity to impact the world.  
Look within and bring out that ability; start anew.  
What seem to be insurmountable global issues require people who can find practical solutions  
in environments of great diversity.

Join us, the College of Intercultural Communication.

# COLLEGE OF INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

## BUDDY PROGRAM

CIC offers a Japanese language teaching certification program for undergraduate students as well as a Master's in Intercultural Communication where students can place emphasis on Japanese language teaching. The CIC outgoing Study Abroad Program also incorporates a Practicum located at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. In addition, CIC students studying to become Japanese language teachers also operate a Japanese language class for local community members on a volunteer basis. Incoming students are partnered with a Buddy from this Japanese language teacher certification program; students devoted to your Japanese language learning.

## CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

CIC runs an English Camp, a community-based program. The English Camp provides an English language communication opportunity for local elementary and junior high school students. Groups of young students are matched with international and CIC students. As leaders, the university students organize and run this half-day activity, providing young students with a valuable and memorable experience in using English.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES

In addition to the number of social organizations at Rikkyo University, such as the JOINUS international circle, CIC is also actively seeking to build internships/volunteer activities for incoming international students. Ryan Figueroa from our partner, San Diego State University, took part in a one-week volunteer experience at Sofia, Inc., a media consulting company in Tokyo.

## INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students who come to Rikkyo University via Student Exchange Agreements held with CIC receive support from the University's International Office as well as from CIC's Office of International Programs. The CIC Office of International Programs coordinates CIC faculty academic advisors, our Buddy Program, a welcome orientation, a goodbye party, and social mixers with CIC students.



Ryan Figueroa,  
San Diego State University

# ENGLISH AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

## EMI COURSES

EMI courses in CIC or Japanese Studies courses taught in English at Rikkyo University allow international students to take classes with Japanese students—in English. Of course, if your Japanese proficiency is high enough, you can also take academic courses in Japanese. Either way, with CIC you can study with Japanese students even if you are a beginning Japanese speaker.

Incoming international students from CIC partner institutions are eligible to enroll in any of the EMI courses we offer. The CIC EMI courses aim to provide the same academic rigor of universities abroad. Check with your home university about earned course credit transferability.

### Spring Semester

- Seminar in English A: Language, Power and Inequality
- Seminar in English C: Argumentation & Debate
- Seminar in English E: Understanding Drama and Theatre
- Communication and Citizenship
- International Organization: Global Issues
- JSP E: Postwar Japanese History
- JSP F: Introduction to Modern Japanese History through Diaries, Memoirs and Biographies
- Topics in Intercultural Communication A
- General Area and Culture Studies A
- Transcultural Cinema
- Contemporary Culture in Japan
- Japan in Asia
- Ethnicity and Globalization In Japan
- International Conflict Studies
- Special Topics in ICC A: Multiculturalism and Diversity
- Psycholinguistics
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages: Basic Principles
- Language Policy and Multilingualism
- Cultural Exchange
- Special Topics in ICC B: Re-imaging Folk Performing Arts in Contemporary Japan

### Fall Semester

- JSP B: Tokyo's Hidden History
- Gender Issues in Communication: Critical & Cultural Perspectives
- Media in Japan
- Seminar in English B: Comparative Culture and Society
- Seminar in English D: Introduction to Global Issues
- Seminar in English F: Media Literacy in Japan
- Religions in Japan
- Multiculturalism in Japan
- International Development and Sustainability
- Special Topics in ICC C: Multilingualism
- Introduction to Translation & Interpreting Studies
- Social Movements and Social Change
- Orientalism in Media

## SMALL CLASS SIZE, STUDY WITH JAPANESE STUDENTS

“Classes at CIC make you experience intercultural communication, not just learn about it from the books—it is a constant exchange of values. The environment is so supportive for all kinds of learners; trying courses in both Japanese and English and being conscious of those often very subtle moments in classroom interactions through the medium of two languages brought extra depth to my learning experiences!”

-- Nia Gudieva

University of Ljubljana



Nia Gudieva,  
University of Ljubljana

# JAPANESE LANGUAGE & JAPAN STUDIES

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDIES

The Center for Japanese Language Education (CJLE) offers classes at nine different levels, from beginners (J0)—designed for students without prior experience in Japanese—to advanced (J8)—designed for students who have mastered enough grammar, kanji and vocabulary to conduct research in Japanese. Students are placed in an appropriate level of class based on the result the Japanese Placement Test given at Rikkyo during the orientation period program. (<https://cjle.rikkyo.ac.jp/english/>). The CJLE also offers a *Japanese Language Support Desk* to help students on a one-on-one basis. Regular academic courses conducted in Japanese on campus require a minimum of at least J4 or J5 in addition to your Rikkyo academic advisor's approval. However, CIC courses have no required minimum, but you are expected to be able to accomplish all coursework in Japanese.

## CJLE CONTENT-BASED COURSES

The CJLE provides a course in English about the Japanese language and culture. In addition, the CJLE has courses for students who have insufficient language ability to take regular university courses, but still want to take a content course in Japanese. In the content-based courses, students learn about Japanese anime, manga, movies, novels, songs, or other content in easy-to-understand Japanese.

## JAPAN STUDIES IN ENGLISH

Rikkyo University offers undergraduate courses conducted in English (which are also open to visiting graduate school students) covering the area of Japan Studies. Courses are offered in the Spring and Fall semesters and cover, but are not limited to, history, politics, economics, Japan in Asia, Japanese society, and Japanese culture. (<http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/support/international/foreigner/special/program/>)

## USING JAPANESE TO REACH AN AUDIENCE

The CJLE hosts an annual Japanese Speech Contest in the Spring semester. This contest aims to provide the opportunity for international students to show their achievements and experiences in Japan and hopefully to motivate them to improve their proficiency in Japanese. The contest also aims to enhance the mutual understanding between international students and the Japanese people around them at Rikkyo.



2016 Speech Contest  
(left: Anthony Lee, SDSU; right; contestants; bottom: the top three)

# SCHOLARSHIPS: JASSO AND ACCOMMODATIONS

## JASSO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) provides scholarships to promote student exchange programs between Japan and overseas universities. Each year, CIC is able to offer some JASSO scholarships to students who (1) come to us via a bilateral partnership exchange and (2) meet the eligibility requirements as set by JASSO. It should be noted that while CIC has been allocated JASSO scholarships to award, the final decision is made by JASSO. Thus, we will rigorously check the applications and forward the students we nominate to JASSO. JASSO will then confirm the applications we send and officially notify JASSO scholarship recipients in April (Spring semester) and September (Fall semester). The JASSO scholarship amount is 80,000 yen per month and the duration depends upon the student's study abroad period of study. Basic eligibility requirements are: a 2.3 grade points (based upon a 3.0 scale) and to not be a recipient of more than 80,000 yen in other scholarship monies.

## ACCOMMODATIONS: RUI SCHOLARSHIP

For incoming international students who are not eligible for a JASSO Scholarship, CIC is able to offer a RUI Scholarship which provides recipients with a dormitory fee waiver. The RUI Scholarship covers the Rikkyo University International Dormitories (Asakadai or Shiki) or the Rikkyo Global House, a shared apartment. The RUI Scholarship is for students who have no intention of moving out during the semester (that is, the contract period). It is possible to apply for both the JASSO Scholarship and the RUI Scholarship; however, it is not possible to be awarded both. If a student receives a JASSO Scholarship (officially notified after the start of the semester), the student would lose the RUI Scholarship and would need to pay, in full, for the accommodation fees required for the contract period.

\*Both scholarships are only awarded to non-Japanese citizens.

## COMMUNITY, CONVENIENCE, SAFETY

Housing is an essential, and perhaps the primary issue when deciding about where to study at home or abroad. Rikkyo University housing aims to provide students a place to develop a community of friends in a convenient location to campus and in a safe environment to make residents feel secure and comfortable. Housing in Tokyo can be daunting, but Rikkyo University is here to help.

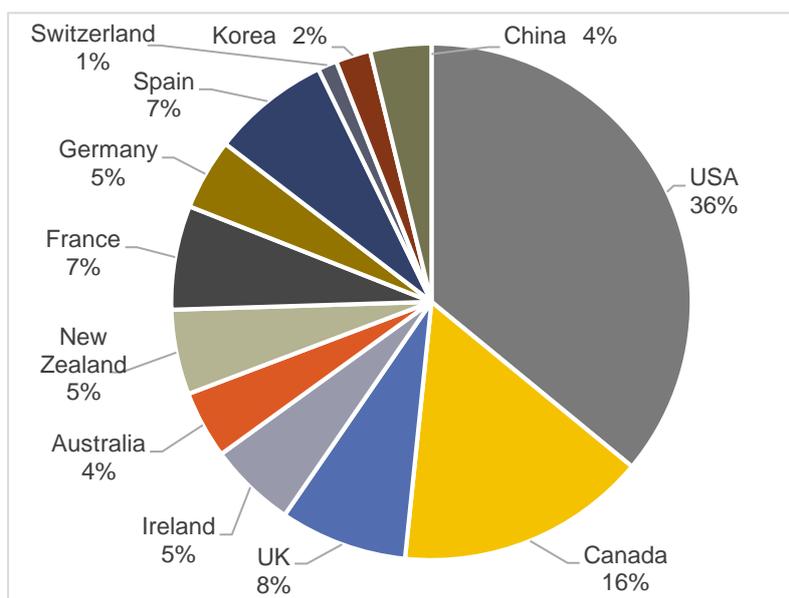


Each dormitory room is a single-person unit with private shower/bathroom

# STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

## JAPANESE STUDENTS WITH GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

CIC students enroll in a for-credit study abroad course allowing them to go abroad for one or two semesters at a global university partner of their choice (see the pie-chart for destinations). Thus, when international students come to CIC they will interact with world-experienced and linguistically-rich Japanese students.



## INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CIC partnerships are growing each year. We will continue to expand our partnerships in order to bring more international students from a variety of worldwide locations to add vitality to our courses and student body. Our bilateral exchange partners are listed below.

- University of Manchester (UK)
- University of Sydney (AUS)
- Macquarie University (AUS)
- San Diego State University (USA)
- Ohio State University (USA)
- University of Ljubljana (SLO)
- Masaryk University (CZE)
- Zuyd University of Applied Sciences (NLD)
- University of the Basque Country (ESP)
- University of Orléans (FRA)
- University of Freiburg (GER)
- Universiti Brunei Darussalam (BRU)
- National Cheng Kung University (TWN)
- National Taiwan Normal University (TWN)
- Sungkonghoe University (KOR)

## STUDENT MESSAGE ABOUT STUDY ABROAD

"In my second year, I studied abroad in Canada for one semester. In my fourth year, I went abroad again to study Linguistics and Early Childhood Education at the University of Sydney for one year. While I was in Sydney, I had an irreplaceable experience as a volunteer to teach Japanese to school children. My dream became clear. I want to teach Japanese overseas in the future."

-- Yuki Nagai



Yuki Nagai,  
CIC Class of 2015

# STUDENT LIFE AT RIKKYO UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Rikkyo University follows a 14-week semester system that is followed by a week for final exams and report deadlines for courses with such requirements. Below is the basic Academic Calendar.

Spring Semester	Fall Semester
End of Mar./Early April: Orientation	Early/Mid. Sept.: Orientation
2nd week of April: Classes begin	3rd week of Sept.: Classes begin
3rd week of July: Classes end	3rd week of Dec.: Winter break
4th week of July: Final exams/reports	2nd week of Jan.: Classes continue
	3rd week of Jan.: Classes end
	4th week of Jan.: Final exams/reports
Summer break: approximately 6 weeks	Spring break: approximately 7 weeks

## COURSE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Most academic courses meet once a week for one 90-minute class while some Japanese language classes meet 3 or 5-times per week. To maintain a College Student Visa, incoming international students must enroll in a class schedule of at least 10 real-time hours per week. Below is an example of a 10-credit (or 10.5 real-time hour) schedule.

	9:00-10:30	10:45-12:15	13:15-14:45	15:00-16:30	16:40-18:10
Mon	Japanese 2S		Psycholinguistics		
Tues			Japanese Lang. & Culture		
Wed	Japanese 2S			Japan in Asia 1	
Thurs				Cultural Exchange	
Fri	Japanese 2S				

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT RIKKYO

International students come to Rikkyo University from 45 countries and Rikkyo University students study English and a third language. The College of Intercultural Communication goal is to have students of various backgrounds and experiences come together to interact in whatever language(s) at their disposal to spark new ideas and garner greater understanding. Make your mark. Return enlightened.



Graduation Day

# COMMUNICATE INITIATE CONNECT

## STUDY IN TOKYO

The opportunity to study in Tokyo through CIC opens a vast number of possibilities. As an international hub of art, history, fashion, pop-culture, architecture, technology, and business as well as a leader in Asia and the world, Tokyo is like no other. In an hour or less, you can find yourself back hundreds of years in time or at an avant-garde skyscraper or in the middle of nature. Submerge yourself in the most-populated metropolis in the world, yet which also has the reputation of being home to one of the world's most safe locations and kind citizenry.

## LINK CIC

LINK CIC is a CIC-student run group that maintains a network among the CIC student community. While you are here, join the group or at least benefit from its network of students.

## GLOBAL LOUNGE

The Rikkyo University International Office supports the Global Lounge, an area for international students and Japanese students to socialize. Ask to speak out at an organize event about your home country, culture, or personal experiences!

## CONTACT CIC

If you have any questions at all, contact the CIC Study Abroad office.

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## A NOTE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At CIC, we seek to empower the individual and embrace the unknown. If you believe that communication is where the world begins, then come to the College of Intercultural Communication where we believe that study has neither border nor language barrier. The door of the College of Intercultural Communication is open, and I am looking forward to welcoming you.



CIC Dean, Nobuko Ikeda, Ph.D.