

SUMMER PROGRAM IN ADVANCED JAPANESE

INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDIES

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SUMMER PROGRAM 2009 June 18 to July 31, 2009

The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies is administered by Stanford University on behalf of a sixteen-member consortium of American universities with strong, established graduate programs in Japanese studies. Since 1963 the Center has been dedicated to providing quality Japanese education at the advanced level for those who are embarking on careers in some area of Japanese studies or a profession in which fluent Japanese is necessary. The Inter-University Center six-week intensive Summer Program is aimed at both undergraduate and graduate students and is designed to provide intermediate and advanced level training in spoken Japanese and reading comprehension.

The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies is located within the International Organization Center, Pacifico Yokohama, in the Minato Mirai district along Yokohama Bay. The nearest station is Minatomirai on Minatomirai line. The Sakuragicho Station for JR Keihin Tohoku/Negishi line and Yokohama Municipal Subway is a 15-minute walk from the Center.

General Information

1. The 2009 summer program begins on Thursday, June 18 and ends on Friday, July 31, 2009.
2. Morning classes are held 9:30-12:30, five days a week. Afternoon classes are held 1:30-2:30, four days a week. As part of the curriculum an afternoon field trip is held once a week. In addition, field-specific study circles meet once a week. There are more than 140 contact hours in total for the six-week program.
3. Class size is capped at five to seven students. Total enrollment and number of teachers determine the number of classes.
4. No scholarship or financial assistance is awarded by the Center to students enrolling in the summer program. Questions concerning the applicability of outside sources of financial aid (FLAS, fellowships, etc.) should be directed to the funding agency.
5. The Inter-University Center does not confer academic credit. However, upon request, the Center can provide a description of the material covered and the number of course hours completed.

Course Objectives and Materials

The morning sessions of the Inter-University Center's summer program are focused on advanced spoken Japanese. The objective is to acquire the ability to naturally, correctly, and appropriately express thoughts and opinions. Written and computer-based text materials are used, as well as video documentaries, commentaries and movies.

The afternoon session is devoted to conversation, field trip classes, and kanji. Three times weekly, students engage in discussion focused on a variety of topics during a one-hour conversation class. The objective of the class is to improve fluency through free discussion on various topics. Teachers moderate and encourage participation, and introduce the use of appropriate expressions.

Once a week, students are led on field trips. These trips provide the opportunity to acquire greater understanding of Japanese culture and society, as well as the opportunity to use Japanese outside the classroom.

Once a week, a one-hour kanji class is held. During this class there is a review of the Kanji and vocabulary introduced this week.

Additional work includes use of the Center's *Advanced Spoken Japanese*, *Formal Expressions in Japanese*, and *Speak Japanese Particles*, which are computer-based study programs that complement and expand on the classroom sessions.

Qualifications for Admission

To qualify for admission, an applicant must (1) demonstrate a clear intent to pursue a professional or academic career requiring the use of Japanese; and (2) have successfully completed two or more years of college-level instruction. In terms of actual language proficiency, successful applicants are expected to have a solid foundation in the fundamental structures of Japanese, to have mastered both *kana* syllabaries, and to be able to read and write approximately 500 to 700 *kanji*. Admissions to the Inter-University Center are made without regard to gender, age, race, disability, sexual preference, or religious affiliation.

Selection of Students

Students are selected for admission by the Center Summer Program Selection Committee based on the following considerations:

- 1) A student meets the conditions for admission listed under Qualifications for Admission above.
- 2) An evaluation by the Summer Program Selection Committee of a student's statement of purpose and objectives contained in the PURPOSES section under GENERAL INFORMATION in the Application for Admission form.
- 3) An evaluation by the Summer Program Selection Committee of the information contained in a student's Language Evaluation Form.

Please note that enrollment in the Center Summer Program is limited and if there is a large number of applicants it may not be possible to admit all qualified applicants.

Attendance Fees

Tuition for the 2009 summer program is \$4,200 (U.S.). The student officially enrolled at IUC member institutions during the 2007-08 or 2008-09 academic year will receive a partial tuition remission of \$600 (U.S.) to attend the 2009 summer program. Fees include all textbooks, other instructional materials, and field trip transportation costs. Attendance fees do not include living or housing expenses, or travel to Japan. The Inter-University Center is not able to offer scholarships for summer program study.

Application and Admission Procedures

1. Application forms for the summer program are available online at:
<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/IUC> or http://www.iucjapan.org/html/adm_summer_e.html

Download, print and complete the **Summer Application form**, the **Language Evaluation form**, and the **Summer Essay form**. The language evaluation form must be filled out by someone (preferably a Japanese language teacher) qualified to judge your proficiency in Japanese.

Transcripts should be included as part of the application packet. Submit one official transcript from each college, university or post-secondary school attended.

2. Send the completed three forms along with the transcripts to:

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Three forms, as well as your transcripts, must reach the Center by **March 15, 2009**. Early submission is encouraged.

3. Admission decisions will be announced by e-mail not later than April 1. Students selected as alternates for admission will be notified whether they will be admitted by May 1. If an alternate student does not hear from the Center by May 1, that will mean that they have not been admitted.
4. A signed letter of agreement to attend, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$200, must be returned to the IUC Stanford office by April 15, 2009. Please make the check payable to Stanford University.
5. The remainder of the fee is due and payable by check directly to the IUC Stanford office in US dollars before the beginning of instruction on June 18, 2009. Checks should be made payable to Stanford University.
6. Any admitted applicant who decides not to enroll in the program should immediately notify the Center. The deposit fee is not refundable.
7. After the application period, any questions regarding attendance should be sent to the Center via email at summer@iucjapan.org.
8. Students who require a visa to enter Japan should contact a Japanese Embassy or Consulate directly. If proof of admission to the Center is required, please contact the Center by e-mail.

Please be aware that housing arrangements are the personal responsibility of the students. The Center cannot help in finding or making rental arrangements. Upon request, a short list of housing information sources is available to admitted students.