



**SEINAN**  
GAKUIN UNIVERSITY  
—Fukuoka, Japan

**Four-Week Summer Intensive  
Japanese Language Program**



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Introduction

## Study in the Orient

### Seinan Gakuin University

Seinan Gakuin was founded in Fukuoka, Japan in 1916 by C. K. Dozier of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the United States. In 1949, Seinan Gakuin University (SGU) was accredited as a private Baptist university. At present, in addition to its 12 courses of study in seven undergraduate departments—Theology, Literature, Commerce, Economics, Law, Human Sciences and



Intercultural Studies—SGU also offers nine courses in eight graduate divisions. With a total graduate and undergraduate student population of about 8,000, we are consistently ranked as one of the leading private universities in Western Japan.



Since our establishment, the campus has always had an international flavor, with many faculty members from overseas, to help us to enrich and expand foreign language education in the curriculum. Our long established foreign exchange program accepts international students from 25 institutions in the United States, Canada, France, Norway, the United Kingdom, China, Taiwan and South Korea.



# Internationally-Oriented City, FUKUOKA—Gateway to Asia



Fukuoka City, where Seinan Gakuin is located, is situated on the island of Kyushu, the southwesternmost of Japan's four major islands. It is a city built on commerce, with a population of about 1.3 million, and has developed as the cultural and commercial center of the island. The lively city enjoys a convenient geographic location with easy access to other Asian nations. Its proximity to the Chinese mainland and the Korean Peninsula has given it a long history as the gateway between major Japanese cities and the rest of Asia. Fukuoka City is engaged in a variety of exchanges not only with Asia, but indeed with the world. It enjoys sister-city relationships with Pusan, Korea; Oakland, California; Bordeaux, France; Auckland, New Zealand; Guangzhou, China; and Ipoh, Malaysia, among others.

One of the key attractions of Fukuoka is the way it combines the convenience of the city with a rich natural environment. Lush natural surroundings—sea and mountains—are only about 30 minutes away from downtown, and the city is also noted nationwide for its delicious foods. It offers a number of local specialties, all available at reasonable prices.



## University Environs

Seinan Gakuin stands in the Momochi/Nishijin area, a city sub-center about 20 minutes from Fukuoka International Airport by subway, and only about 10 minutes from Tenjin, the core commercial and shopping district. Nishijin is an educational center hosting a number of universities, high schools and elementary schools, and its reputation as a student center has brought it a large number of diverse restaurants serving students. It is also a place rich in traditional Japanese friendliness, with people hawking their fresh vegetables or fish every morning from wagons.

Seaside Momochi, only a short walk from the SGU campus, is a center for academia and culture along the coast. The futuristic cityscape, featuring a host of stylish office buildings and condominiums, is fascinating, and it also has a number of cultural facilities such as the public library, museum, baseball stadium, movie theaters and a broadcasting station that have helped make it a major tourist spot.





# Intensive Japanese Language Program Four-Week Session: July-August

Since it was established in 1973, the International Division at Seinan Gakuin University has offered one-semester or one-year study abroad programs concentrating on Japanese language and culture. Offering all courses except Japanese language in English has earned us high marks from students for the quality of program content. The completion of the new international student residence, the I-House, in 2004 has allowed us to offer Japanese language education experiences for more international students. The four-week Summer Intensive Japanese Program accepts up to 40 students each year at the refresher (beginning II), pre-intermediate, and intermediate levels of Japanese. Lecturers are all highly experienced in Japanese language education, both in our year-long exchange programs and at other universities both here and abroad. The incoming students are from universities from around the world, making for a richly international learning environment in which to experience many other cultures and to learn more about the world, in and through the Japanese language.

The four-week program offers students a unique opportunity to experience Japan and the Japanese language without the need for an extended stay, and all the while earning four semester credits (US) to apply toward graduation at students' home universities.



## Course Content

- Three different levels (Refresher (Beginning II), Pre-intermediate, and Intermediate) of classes with 15 or fewer students
- Four-week intensive language instruction, exams, workshops, language lab activities, and on- and off-campus field work
- Field trips to a local television station, local shrines and temples, a harbor cruise, and an all-night vigil to watch the Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival race.
- A two-day study trip to Nagasaki to visit the atomic bomb museum and local sights of historical interest



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Schedule

## Sample Schedule

\* Below is a sample schedule. Your schedule will be given to you during the first week of the program.

### FIRST WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Morning</b> Orientation Placement Test <b>Afternoon</b> Opening Ceremony Welcome Reception	<b>Excursion</b> Campus Tour Fukuoka Tower Kushida Shrine	<b>9:00-12:20</b> Japanese Language Classes  <b>Afternoon</b> Project work	<b>Field Study</b> Interviewing Japanese people on the street	<b>Off-Campus Excursion</b> Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival  <b>Afternoon</b> Free time

### FOURTH WEEK

<b>Nagasaki Trip</b>	<b>9:00-12:20</b> Japanese Language Classes <b>Afternoon</b> Project work <b>19:00</b> Ohori Park Fireworks	<b>9:00-12:20</b> Japanese Language Classes  <b>Afternoon</b> Project work	<b>9:00-12:20</b> Conversation with Japanese Students  <b>Afternoon</b> Project work	<b>9:00-12:20</b> Japanese Language Classes  <b>Afternoon</b> Project work	<b>9:00-12:20</b> Conversation with Japanese Students <b>Afternoon</b> Field Study Disaster Prevention Center (Experience Earthquake, Typhoon and Emergency)
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## Intensive Japanese both in the Classroom and Out

We have included in a lot of activities for classes doing things which you can only experience in Japan. For example, simpler tasks for refresher (beginning II) level students might be just to go to some shop and find out if they have a particular item and, if so, how much it costs. More advanced students might be interviewing Japanese students, or searching around for local landmarks. The aim in all of this, of course, is to give students an opportunity to experience the pleasure not only of communication in Japanese, but of actually accomplishing something. From both these will grow both confidence and competence in the Japanese language. This makes the language more than just a classroom subject; it makes it a part of the students' life experiences. It is meant to be a lot of fun, even if it may seem trying at times.



Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine



Ohori Park



Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival



# Comments from Students

## Ginny EWIN

Baylor University, USA

Fukuoka is an ideal place to experience Japanese culture without being overwhelmed. It has historical monuments, shrines, museums, an excellent library, beaches, every variety of shopping, and helpful citizens, but without the crowds and rush of larger Japanese cities such as Tokyo. I highly recommend the summer program if a longer stay is impossible. The academic part of the program was excellent. The teachers took real advantage of having an environment full of native speakers and provided many practical opportunities to apply what was being taught in the classroom. There were numerous interviews and conversations with Japanese students which gave us a more relaxed setting to practice our speaking skills without a lot of pressure. I was very pleased to participate in this program.



## Serge LUCAS

Université Stendhal Grenoble 3, France

In the classes, there were unique assignments which I had never experienced before. I really appreciated the heavy emphasis on helping students gain the ability to communicate in Japanese. Giving presentations based on interviews, talking about the characteristics of Japanese cuisine, everything was challenging. But it was also very enjoyable to learn, as I could notice my Japanese competence getting better and better. The I-House was like a hotel, new and modern. It was also a nice experience to go to beach with other international students and Japanese students at night, and talk about a lot of things. This program gave me a good opportunity to experience not only studying but also a great experience in my life.



## JEON, Jeong Eun

Kyungsoong University, Korea

This program gave me a lot of confidence in Japanese. Interviewing Japanese students was a little difficult, but students at Seinan Gakuin University answered my questions kindly. I came to have more and more confidence speaking Japanese and talking with Japanese students. I had great experiences and take back good memories of parties, excursions, and short trips. My choice to participate in this program was right.

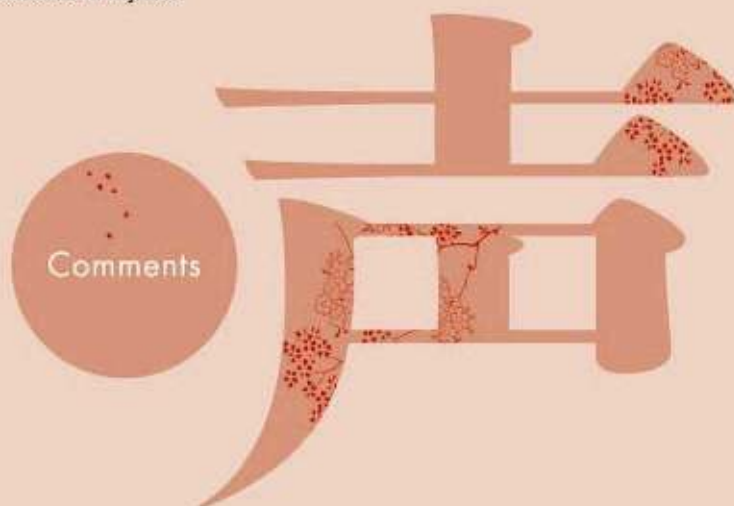


## XIE, Chang LI, Dan

Jilin University, China



We take back a lot of unforgettable memories other than studying. Fukuoka is a very beautiful place with delicious foods. The short day trips around the city were very interesting and showed a broad spectrum of Japanese life. We were fortunate that the summer program coincided with "Hakata Gion Yamakasa", which gave us a rare opportunity to witness a very old tradition. On the weekend excursion to Nagasaki we experienced not only very traditional aspects of Japanese life (such as Japanese hot springs) but also could take advantage of the unique opportunities and sights in that city. We were able to become nice friends with other international students and Japanese students by going on trips together and by sharing meals together at the I-House. We would like to come again next year.





# Student Services and Admission Procedures

## Accommodation

Participants will stay in the residence for international students, the I-House, opened in February 2004. This facility projects a hotel-like, modern-style design with clean kitchens on every floor and lounges where you can comfortably relax. Students will stay in one of the 55 single rooms, each equipped with air conditioner, bed, desk, chair, refrigerator, toilet, and sink with hot and cold water. There are shared kitchens, shower rooms, and washing/drier machines available. All necessary equipment for living is available at the I-House, ensuring a comfortable stay during the program. Besides other international students, some Japanese students live there and are always very helpful as international students adjust to life in Fukuoka. Everyone is happy to share meals and eat foods from many different countries. It offers a relaxed environment for both study and intercultural exchange.



Comfortable Single Room



Spacious Wood Deck

## Meals

There are shared kitchens in the dormitory, so participants can cook themselves. Just under ten minutes on foot, they will be able to buy groceries at the Nishijin or Fujisaki Market Street. There are also many restaurants, pubs, and grocers in these areas offering a wide range of cuisines from many countries. Students can also have meals at two on-campus cafeterias at reasonable prices.



Nishijin Market Street

## Learning Resources

Participants will have access to the library, the language laboratory, and also internet resources through the Seinan Academic Information Network System (SAINS) for free. Passwords for internet access will be issued during orientation. For students who wish to access the system from the I-House using their own computers, there is an Internet connection available in each room. You need only to submit the application form for using your own computer through SAINS. It is required that your computer has a valid anti-virus software installed.

## Placement Test

Students are all given a placement test based on the third level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Exam. From the results, students are placed in one of three levels of classes.

## Insurance

You are required to get overseas health insurance before arriving which covers one month stay in Japan. We will make a photocopy of your insurance on the first day of the orientation.

## Welcome Services

Greet and pickup service (Fukuoka Airport, Hakata station or Hakata pier pickup) is available by Seinan Gakuin University students, and they will take you to the International House. Additional information on points of local interests and local area maps will be provided upon arrival.

## Entry Requirements

Applicants from partner universities are given priority booking but students from universities around the world are welcome to apply. Applicants must have studied Japanese language for a minimum of one semester. To make the most of your stay in Fukuoka, we recommend students who have been away from Japanese language study for a while do as much review and self-study as time allows before coming.

## Required Application

Applicants must submit the following documents through home institution.

- Completed application form
- Two passport size photos
- Copy of passport

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## Access Guide

### Subway

Fukuoka Airport ... Nishijin Station : 19 minutes

Hakata Station ... Nishijin Station : 13 minutes

Tenjin ..... Nishijin Station : 7 minutes

\*A 5-minute walk from Nishijin Station

### Bus

Hakata Station Bus Center... Shuyukan-mae bus stop : 35 minutes

Tenjin ..... Shuyukan-mae bus stop : 20 minutes

\*A 5-minute walk from Shuyukan-mae bus stop

### Taxi

Fukuoka Airport (Urban Expressway/Momochi Ramp) ... SGU : 25 minutes

Hakata Station (Urban Expressway/Momochi Ramp) ... SGU : 20 minutes

Tenjin (Urban Expressway/Momochi Ramp) ... SGU : 15 minutes