



1. Academic Calendar (Dates in black are tentative)

	Spring Semester 2025	Fall Semester 2025
Nomination Deadline	November 15, 2024	May 15, 2025
Application Deadline	November 25, 2024	May 25, 2025
Designated Arrival Date	Around March 25th	Around September 10th
Orientation Dates	End of March to Early April	Middle to end of September
Classes Start	Around April 10	October 1
Classes End	July 31	Around February 5
Optional Internship Program Period	August 1 ~ Mid-August	Early February ~ February 20
Vacation During Semester	<u>Summer Vacation:</u> August 1~September 30	<u>Winter Vacation:</u> Around December 25~January 5 <u>Spring Vacation:</u> Around February 11~March 31
Transcript Issue	After October 1st	After April 1st

*Semester schedule is subject to change without notice.

*Part of the orientation could be held online before arrival.

2. Exchange Program Information

There are 2 programs to choose from, depending on the applicant's Japanese language proficiency.

*Students are allowed to take the same program for 2 semesters consecutively.

Academic Program (Advanced Level Japanese)	
Language requirement	N2 level on the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JPT525 level, J-CAT250 level, or JLCAT B1 level) or Above *Students should submit the JLPT certificate or other documents showing equivalent proficiency when applying.
Courses / Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students choose from a list of courses open to international students. (Japanese language and liberal arts courses *list of courses can be found on this website). -Students should take at least 7 courses to maintain their student visa status. -Students can take up to 10 courses. -Language courses are worth 1 credit, and liberal arts courses are worth 2 credits per course (most of the courses are 90 min. classes once a week) -Students register for classes during the orientation period. -Course syllabus search website: (in Japanese) https://up.swu.ac.jp/uprx/ <p>*Not all courses are open to international students.</p>

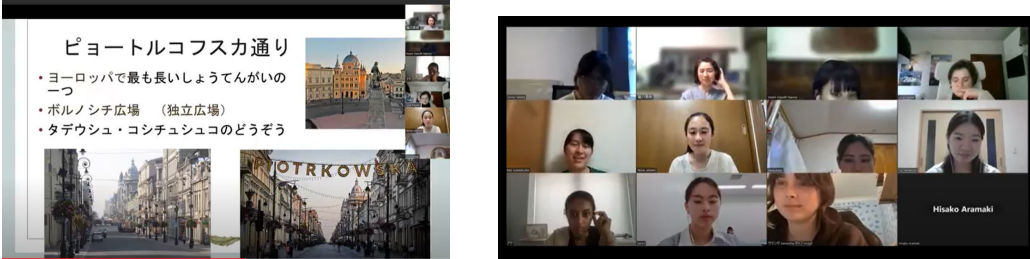
Intensive Japanese Language Program (Intermediate Level Japanese)	
Language requirement	Must have studied basic Japanese (JLPT N3 level, or CEFR A2 level, or JPT430 level or J-CAT200 level recommended) before arrival.
Courses / Credits	<p>-The program offers 5 Japanese language courses, worth a total of 8 credits, specially designed for non-degree students. Students will be advised to take all or part of the courses depending on the placement test result. (*Course details are on the program website)</p> <p>-Students should take at least 7 courses to maintain their student visa status.</p> <p>-Students may also take liberal arts courses (Taught in English or in Japanese *depending on students' Japanese level) open to non-degree students within the course registration limit of 10 courses (including Japanese language courses).</p> <p>-Language courses are worth 1 credit per class, and liberal arts courses are worth 2 credits. (most of the courses are 90 min. classes once a week)</p> <p>-Students register for classes during the orientation period.</p> <p>-Students with sufficient Japanese proficiency by the end of the Intensive Japanese Language Program are eligible to register for the "SWU Academic Program" in the following semester.</p>
Program Fee	<p>JPY 300,000 /Semester</p> <p><u>Exchange students</u>: Program fee will be waived</p> <p><u>Non-exchange students from Partner Institutions</u>: JPY 150,000/Semester (50% discount)</p>

3. ONLINE Japanese Language Program



SWU provides an online program in July-August for international students. This program is aimed at students who have completed the introductory level of Japanese and is targeted at students who are unable to participate in an actual study abroad or those who want to improve their Japanese language skills before studying abroad in Japan.

***If the program fee waiver for this program is not included in the student exchange agreement at your university, it could be negotiated. Please contact SWU inbound team for details.**

Online Japanese Language Program (4-week program)	
Program Outline and Language requirement	<p>A new short-term ONLINE language program for those who want to enhance their Japanese proficiency without traveling to Japan. This program also helps those who plan to join the semester program(Intensive Japanese Language Program) at SWU to get ready for their academic life in Japan before an actual study abroad.</p> <p>Must have completed introductory-level Japanese. eg) Completed 250-300 hours of Japanese language study / Finished studying with the following textbooks: "Minna no Nihongo I & II", "GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese I & II"</p>
Courses / Credits /Fee	<p>-12 class sessions (120 minutes per session)</p> <p>-Class Time: 4~6 PM (Japan Standard Time)</p> <p>-1 credit (=1.5 ECTS)</p>

	<p>-40,000 JPY <u>Students from Partner Institutions: 20,000 JPY (50% discount)</u></p>
<p>Program Feature</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>This online program is designed to be active and practical. Each class focuses on a specific topic to acquire new Japanese vocabulary and expressions. It also invites SWU supporter students to join the class as conversation partners and audience for presentation sessions. Those who have achieved close to the JLPT N3 upon completion of this program and are interested in an actual semester study abroad is eligible for our “Intensive Japanese Language Program.” *Students will have to undergo a separate application for the semester program stated on [7. Application Procedure].</p> </div> </div>
<p>Program Website</p>	<p>Please refer to the program website for more details.</p>

4. Events and Supports

<p>Optional Internship Program</p>	<p>After completing the semester courses, students can participate in a short internship program. This on-site experiential learning opportunity enables students to be exposed to Japanese corporate culture, practice “Keigo” (honorific speech), and learn business manners.</p> <p>Ex) Internship sites for 2023. *Internship sites differ by semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tobu Railway Co,Ltd. (Transportation, tourism service company) - JTB Corp. (Tourism company) - INTAGE Inc. (Marketing research company) - Wise-Infinity Inc. (Translation, Visual-Editing company) - Smile Hotel (Hotel company) - KRH & COMPANY, LIMITED (Construction tool company) - Bunkyo Yushima Nursing Home (Welfare service) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">   </div>
<p>Seasonal Events</p>	<p>SWU offers events planned by a student group called “CHAWA” almost every month. Students can visit sites at a discount and experience Japanese culture and customs.</p> <p>Event examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Students’ Welcome Party - Asakusa Trip - Kamakura Trip - Fireworks - School Festival - Christmas Market Visit



Activity reports are available on our [website news page \(uses AI translation\)](#)

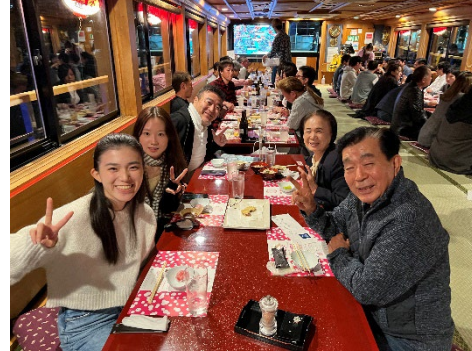
Host Sister

Each international student studying at SWU for more than a semester is assigned a “Host Sister.” A Host Sister is a student volunteer that helps international students’ school life. Host Sister will support students upon arrival, including assisting with necessary registration procedures at the local ward offices, opening a bank account, etc.



Host Family

For students who wish, we match them with a “Host Family.” A Host Family will provide students with the chance to experience the typical lifestyle of a modern Japanese family. Students will enjoy spending quality time together. Host Family will welcome each student to their home and go out on weekends occasionally.



Language Exchange and Conversation Partners

For students who wish to improve their Japanese, SWU offers a one-on-one language exchange and/or conversation partner, depending on the students’ needs. Japanese students who volunteer to be language exchange and/or conversation partners will help students with typical Japanese phrases useful in everyday life.

5. Accommodation Information

There are 2 types of housing choices. The below accommodation offering details are as of June 2024.

	Flora Court Setagaya	Campus Village Chitose-Karasuyama
Access	<p>Approx. 45 minutes by train and on foot</p> <p>4 minutes walk from Chitose-Karasuyama Station *Round trip fare to the university: 600</p>	<p>Approx. 45 minutes by train and on foot</p> <p>4 minutes walk from Chitose-Karasuyama Station *Round trip fare to the university: 600 yen</p>

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Type	Single apartment-style room	Single apartment-style room (Shared kitchen)
Facility	<p><Exclusive facilities> Air conditioner, bed, desk, chair, closet, IH stove, unit bath, washing machine, refrigerator, microwave oven, internet</p> <p><Shared facilities> Piano room (soundproof room), conference room, study room, delivery locker</p>	<p><Exclusive facilities> Air conditioner, bed, desk, chair, closet, separate toilet, bathroom sink, washing machine, refrigerator, internet</p> <p><Shared Facilities> Cafeteria, shared kitchen, study room, dance room, delivery locker</p>
Features	<p>-Female students only</p> <p>-Convenience store on the 1st floor</p> <p>-Built in February 1982 (renovated in 2005)</p>	<p>-Breakfast and dinner provided (25,300 yen/month *Need to apply separately)</p> <p>-Built in January 2023, opened in March 2023</p>
Leaflet	Flora Court Setagaya	Campus Village Chitose-Karasuyama
Monthly Rent	<p>64,500JPY/ person (Type B) 60,000JPY/ person (Type C)</p> <p><Move-in> Rent is prorated by the number of days for the month of moving in.</p> <p><Move-out> Depending on the timing of leaving, the dormitory fee differs at the beginning, middle, and end of the month. You must declare your leaving by the 15th of the prior month.</p>	<p>68,000JPY/ person</p> <p><Move-in> Rent is prorated by the number of days for the month of moving in.</p> <p><Move-out> Depending on the timing of leaving, the dormitory fee differs at the beginning, middle, and end of the month. You must declare your leaving by the 15th of the prior month.</p>
Tenant's Lease Liability Insurance	<p><Premium> 1-semester stay: 2,820 yen / 2-semester stay: 5,640 yen</p> <p>Residents of Campus Village Chitose Karasuyama and Flora Court Setagaya must pay a premium for insurance covering the damage to the rented room.</p>	

NOTE

* The accommodation placement may not be your first choice due to the limited number of rooms available for each accommodation.

6. Scholarship

The Hirao Scholarship Program

The Hirao Scholarship Program was established through a donation from Mr. Koji Hirao, a previous faculty member of SWU who served as its fourth Chancellor. The program aims to provide financial assistance to international students from **the Southeast Asia region** who wish to study at SWU.

Application Information (Japanese and English)	https://www.swu.ac.jp/examinee/prospective/semester/procedure.html#hiraoscholarship1
Application Form	https://www.swu.ac.jp/albums/abm.php?d=938&f=abm00021595.pdf&n=2_The-Hirao-Scholarship-Program-Application-Form.pdf Must be submitted with the rest of the program application documents.
Deadline	<p>For spring semester program: November 25th</p> <p>For fall semester program: May 25th</p>

7. Application Procedure

Semester Program application will be done through a Web Application System that receives students' application material online. We kindly ask you to follow the following procedure and deadline for applying for our semester program.



① Nominated by Home Institution:

Please be nominated by a home institution. Using the designated nomination list (excel format) is required.

② Receive Invitation for SpeedVisa (Students only) :

Nominated students will receive an invitation email to join SpeedVisa from SpeedVisa Support Team (wecare@s.s-visa.com). Push the [Accept the Invitation] button for authentication. ※The link button expires in 10 days.

③ Submit Online Application:

Students should input necessary information and upload mandatory documents for the application.

Though the final application deadline is set to May 25th / November 25th, we strongly advise the students to finish their initial input by May 20th / November 20th, so there will be enough time for SWU to review and ask for any revision or addition if necessary before the deadline.

List of documents and data to be uploaded are:

- a) Personal Information and Consent Form ***designated format**
- b) Transcript of Home Institution in English
- c) Certificate of Enrollment (Student Registration) in English
- d) Letter of Recommendation from Home Institution in English or Japanese (free format)
- e) ID photo data: ratio:4×3 / pixel:354×472 (300dpi) / format: jpg or jpeg
- *The photo data will be used for COE application and student ID
- *The photo should be taken facing forward with a plain background with no shadows
- f) Passport copy
- g) Hirao Scholarship Program Application Form ***only for those applicable/designated format**
- h) JLPT score copy ***only for those who have them**

*Above designated format marked in red can be downloaded from here:

<https://www.swu.ac.jp/en/examinee/prospective/semester/procedure.html#c>

④ Join a zoom interview session:

Students who applied for the Intensive Japanese Language Program without an N3 certificate may be asked to take part in a zoom interview session to have their Japanese level checked.

⑤ Receive official acceptance:


Once the application has been officially approved by SWU, students will receive a notice via email.

8. VISA Application and Resident Registration

These are the essential procedures students are required to carry out before and after arriving in Japan.

<p>Visa Application</p> <p><u>*Mandatory</u></p>	<p>After the student application is officially accepted to SWU for the selected program, SWU will proceed in applying for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE). Once the CoE is issued, SWU will send the PDF data of the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) and COE (email) to the students. Once they receive these documents, they should apply for their visa at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate of their home country.</p>
<p>Residence Card & National Health Insurance</p> <p><u>*Mandatory</u></p>	<p>When students enter Japan with their student visa, they will receive a “Residence Card.” This card notes students’ visa status, stay period, and other residency information.</p> <p>Within 2 weeks after arrival, students must complete residency registration procedures at the local ward office and become a member of the “National Health Insurance.”</p> <p>Students must always carry their Residence Card during their stay in Japan. The National Health Insurance will be valid throughout the student's stay in Japan. Students pay only 30% of the medical fee (except for some services and special operations) by paying the monthly insurance premium.</p>
<p>Part-Time Work Permission</p>	<p>In order to start a part-time job, international students must apply for work permission <i>Shikakugai Katsudo Kyoka</i> (“Application for Permission to Engage in Activity Other Than That Permitted Under the Status of Residence Previously Granted”).</p> <p>This can be done at the airport when entering Japan, and those who plan to work part-time are strongly recommended to apply for permission at the airport. Otherwise, students have to go to the Immigration Bureau later on their own. No fee is charged for the work permit.</p> <p><NOTE></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -International students can only work up to 28 hours per week when the University is in seeing, and up to 8 hours (also up to 40 hours per week) a day during school vacations. -Work in the adult and gambling business is strictly prohibited.

9. Contact Information

Center for International Exchange (CIE)	Website for International Students
<p>Program Coordinator</p>	<p>https://www.swu.ac.jp/en/examinee/prospectivve/semester/overview.html</p>
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