

Location

Tokyo is one of the largest cities in the world, with a population of over 12 million people. As the political and economic center of Japan, Tokyo is a convergence of corporate headquarters, government institutions, research facilities, and universities. Tokyo's cultural opportunities abound: students can enjoy performing arts, fashion, design, and the largest collection of Asian art in Japan. KCP provides frequent opportunity for students to engage in Japan's culture by visiting museums, palaces, theaters, and corporations, and by attending numerous other enriching events.

The streets are packed with people day and night. Even though the city is centuries old, your first impression is shaped by skyscrapers, concrete, and neon lights.

What makes Tokyo so exciting to visit is that amidst its modern setting, the traditional Japanese culture still thrives. Tokyo is also the center for academic achievement in Japan. What better place to learn Japanese language and culture than in Tokyo?

The KCP campus is a five-minute walk from the Shinjuku Gyoenmae subway station (Marunouchi line), or a 10-minute walk from Shinjuku San-Chome station (Toei Shinjuku line)—an ideal location for your study abroad program in Tokyo.

Shinjuku is the business, entertainment, and shopping center of Tokyo. Shinjuku Avenue is lined with tall buildings, complexes, and a feast of exotic neon light displays. The KCP neighborhood, however, is filled with smaller buildings and shops.

Tokyo



Eligibility

This program is open to all Western Washington University students regardless of major or minor. A minimum 2.5 accumulative GPA is required for all study abroad program participation. Students must have a valid passport.

You do not need to be an East Asian Studies major or minor to benefit from this program. Anyone with an interest in Japan, Japanese culture or language, can find this program valuable.



Faculty



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Massimiliano Tomasi is Professor of Japanese and Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at Western Washington University.

Professor Tomasi has an M.A in Japanese language pedagogy and a Ph.D. in Japanese from Nagoya University. He has been on the Western faculty since 1997. His area of expertise includes modern Japanese literature and rhetoric. He is the author of *Rhetoric in Modern Japan: Western Influences on the Development of Narrative and Oratorical Style* (University of Hawaii Press, 2004) and *The Literary Theory of Shimamura Hōgetsu (1871-1918) and the Development of Feminist Discourse in Modern Japan* (Mellen, 2008).

Prof. Tomasi has led Western students to Europe five times between 2008 and 2012 and has an extensive experience with global learning programs.



WWU Faculty-Led Global Learning Program Experience Japanese language and culture for yourself in the heart of Tokyo

Summer 2016 – June 24th to July 17th, 2016



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Program

Students will be enrolled in the first part of EAST 430 during the Spring quarter 2016. They will meet once a week for approximately 2 hours on campus with Dr. Tomasi. We anticipate about 10-15 students, making for a small group with plenty of fun and stimulating interaction.

A pre-departure orientation dinner will be offered free of charge at a local Japanese restaurant towards the end of the Spring quarter. Attendance is optional. We will discuss the Japan part of the program in more detail, followed by some useful travel information. You can have the opportunity to sample many Japanese dishes.



Students will be asked to arrive at Tokyo Narita International Airport on the program start date. They will be greeted by KCP International Japanese Language School staff and taken to their dormitory lodging. A brief tour of the facilities, more detailed maps and instructions on the orientation will be provided to students.

The first week of formal classes will involve 6 hours of language instruction each day. The remainder of the program will involve 3 hours, either morning or afternoon sessions (to be decided later) of lectures by Dr. Tomasi. All classes will take place at KCP campus in Shinjuku. Excursions and other cultural activities will take place throughout the program.

You will also have ample time to explore Tokyo on your own, or with your fellow classmates. There will be a few free days, and during the 2-weeks in which Dr. Tomasi teaches, students will have a half day to explore. See our website for lots of suggestions on what to see.

Courses

In this global learning program students take 4 credits of intensive Japanese language classes at the appropriate level taught by onsite instructors in Tokyo at KCP International Japanese Language School and 6 credits of EAST 430 Contemporary Japanese Society taught by Prof. Tomasi. EAST 430 will be split between Spring Quarter on campus (2 credits) and Summer Quarter in Tokyo (4 credits).

EAST 430 - Contemporary Japanese Society (6 credits)

This course provides a detailed examination of historical events, cultural practices and social developments that have shaped contemporary Japanese society. The course focuses on the post-war period and analyzes current intellectual discourse on a variety of themes, depending on the instructor. Representative topics are atomic bomb literature and the discourse of occupation, the myth of homogeneity and the shifting role of women and minorities, and the representation of gender and otherness in literature and popular culture.

International Education 205/305 (4 credits)

Japanese Language classes at KCP will be offered at beginner and intermediate levels of instruction. These credits cannot be applied to Japanese language sequence at Western but count as general elective credits toward graduation.

Costs

\$4,900 Price includes tuition and fees for 10 credits, Japanese language classes, lodging, study abroad medical insurance, airport pick up at Narita, detailed orientation, local transportation between housing and school, excursions and cultural activities, and plenty of free time for you to explore the exciting city of Tokyo and the surrounding areas.

Airfare, meals and personal expenses are not included. We recommend students budget \$1000-1500 for airfare, and about \$750-\$1000 for meals and personal expenses.

Tentative Schedule

- June 24 Arrival, before 3:30 PM, Tokyo Narita Airport. Students taken directly to housing assignments.
- June 25 Orientation, Japanese language placement exam, City tour of KCP neighborhood and Shinjuku
- June 26 FREE
- June 27 Orientation, First Language class session (full day)
- June 28 Japanese language classes (full day)
- June 29 Japanese language classes (full day)
- June 30 Japanese language classes (full day)
- July 1 Full day excursion outside Tokyo (full day)
- July 2 FREE
- July 3 FREE
- July 4 Japanese language classes and/or Excursion
- July 5 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 6 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 7 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 8 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 9 Excursion: EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society
- July 10 FREE
- July 11 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 12 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 13 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 14 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 15 Dr. Tomasi, EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society (3 hrs)
- July 16 Excursion: EAST 430: Contemporary Japanese Society
- July 17 Return Home

Subject to change without notice.

