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International Business Study Abroad in Japan

General Information:

- While IB only requires students to study abroad for one semester, typically Japanese emphasis students will study abroad for one academic year. This is a requirement of the Japanese Language Program. Therefore, students usually start in the FALL semester (with the exception of Aoyama Gakuin University).
- Each Japanese university has its own language placement examination upon arrival. They recommend which Japanese language courses students should take.
- For information on participating Japanese universities visit the ISC website (SDSU Exchanges):
http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/isc/study_abroad/pr_Japan.html
- Students must submit a wish list and the Selection Committee will determine which Japanese university the student will attend.

Study Abroad eligibility requirement exceptions:

- Upper division status is not required.
- Completion of two 300-level language courses is not required.
- Students do not enroll in business classes, only Japanese language classes and regional/cultural classes.

Application Logistics:

1. Attend the Japan Information Session hosted by Prof. Higurashi once a year, typically around September/October: <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/linguist/index.html> , one year prior to intended year abroad.
2. Complete the “San Diego State University Student Exchange Program with Universities in Japan Application” plus the additional required documents (i.e. Personal Statement, transcripts, recent photographs, and two letters of recommendation).
3. Sign up for the “Selection Committee Interview” (ask Prof. Higurashi)
4. Complete foreign university application, to be emailed by the ISC/Education Abroad Office

Before Departure:

1. Attend the Study Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation one semester prior studying abroad
2. Attend the Japan specific (pre-departure) workshop hosted by the International Student Center

When you return from Japan:

1. Meet with the student advisor of the Japanese Language Program (Professor Ryu Kitajima). She will interview you in Japanese and advise you on the level of placement/proficiency examinations that should take. Professor Kitajima will give you a registration form with her signature.
2. Take the registration form to the Test Office and pre-register for the examination (to be given at the beginning of the semester).
3. Once you have the examination results, take your exam results and your transcripts from the Japanese University to Prof. Higurashi. She will determine the Japanese units that will count towards the language requirement (in the form of a Request for Academic Adjustment).
4. Schedule an appointment with your IB Study Abroad Coordinator (Maribel Franco) to submit your Request for Academic Adjustment (RAAR) form(s), transcripts, and to update your master plan (call 619-594-4505)

Frequent Questions & Answers:

1. Q: When should I study abroad (Japan Language Emphasis)?

A: You should plan to study abroad the beginning of your junior year or as soon as you declare upper division. This way you can start earning credit for upper division language courses and also have a decent knowledge of the Japanese language.

2. Q: Who are the important contacts for the study abroad process?

A:

1) Your International Business Study Abroad Coordinator (for academic inquiries).

2) Education Abroad Office/International Student Center (for specific foreign university inquiries).

3) Dr. Higurashi (for inquiries concerning the Japan Information Sessions & language course approvals).