“NEW” JAPAN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT NAGOYA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

TIMEFRAMES

Fall Term 2013
September 12, 2013 until December 29, 2013

Spring/Summer Term
April 8, 2013
April 19, 2013
April 22, 2013

COURSE OVERVIEW

Nagoya Gakuin University (NGU) was founded in 1964 as a private coeducational four-year institution located in Nagoya, the fourth largest city in Japan. It is situated in a highly developed area of industry, economy, and culture. The university has approximately 5000 students and its study abroad programming provide exchange programs for students and faculties through educational collaboration with overseas academic institutions.

Each year NGU’s Center for International Exchange Programs (CIEP) welcomes 30-40 foreign students at its Institute for Japanese Studies (IJS). IJS at NGU offers five levels of intensive Japanese language studies, as well as a broad range of Japanese studies classes in English including Japanese history, economy, religion, and environment. Elementary Japanese is designed for students who know at least 100 basic kanji, as well as hiragana and katakana.

NGU offers a state-of-the-art campus with excellent computer and classroom facilities, as well as a sports centre.

Participating George Brown College students will also have numerous opportunities to meet, interact and learn more about Japan at events sponsored by CIEP.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

**APPLICABLE GBC PROGRAMS:** All George Brown College Programs

**ACADEMIC CREDIT AND TRANSFERABILITY:**
Academic credits will be granted based on evaluation of the courses taken at the NGU. Transfer credits need to be pre-approved by a student's Program / Department Chair.

This program is supported by Preparatory & Liberal Studies. George Brown students can obtain up to six General Education course credits upon successful completion of the mandatory Japanese Language course.

**Important Dates Link**

**JAPANESE LANGUAGE (LEVEL I, II, III, IV, V):**
Japanese grammar and speaking courses are a compulsory component of this exchange program. All incoming exchange students must take a placement test at the beginning of each term and will be placed in a Japanese language course according to their test scores.

**List of classes Link**

**OPTIONAL COURSES:**
Students are required to register for two additional courses (2 credits minimum for each course). Please refer to the program calendar and handbook for details.

**RECOMMENDATION:**
Interested GBC students are highly recommended that they take Basic Japanese instruction in the winter and summer of 2013 and have knowledge of at least 100 kanji as well as hiragana and katakana.

**LOCATION IN JAPAN**
The City of Nagoya is a major metropolitan area in central Japan with a population of over two million. It is the urban center of Aichi prefecture, which has one of Japan’s major ports and major industries such as Toyota and Mitsubishi manufacturing. Excellent air, road and rail services provide convenient access to all points. Nagoya is recognized for its comprehensive city planning projects.

**PROFILE OF A STUDY ABROAD STUDENT**
- Looking for an international experience
- Flexible and able to adapt to changes at many levels
- Having an appreciation of a different culture
- Possessing strong interpersonal skills
- Having a strong desire to learn Japanese

**REQUIREMENTS**
- Have completed two semesters of full-time study (or equivalent) at George Brown before going abroad
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better, and 3.00 GPA in the most recently completed term at George Brown
- Application and interview
- Successful completion of a half day Japan pre-departure session
- Academic references (two)

**LIVING ACCOMMODATION & FEES**
Exchange Students are typically housed with other international students in apartments in the International Seminar House, which adjoins the main campus.

Students will be required to pay approximately ¥120,000 to ¥140,000 per semester to cover shared accommodation (4 months) depending on room type.

No meals are provided with this program. Students can either cook in their own rooms or eat at the campus cafeteria. Students are also required to have adequate travel medical insurance coverage for the entire stay as well as funds for all other living expenses while in Japan.

**TUITION FEE**
Students pay regular tuition fee and other applicable fees to George Brown College.

**FLIGHTS & TRAVEL INSURANCE**
Students pay for their own return air flights to Japan, travel insurance and airport transportation (approx. $2000). It is highly recommended that foreign students purchase Japanese National Insurance which covers only medical expenses, while in Japan, estimated cost is ¥2,000 per month.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
Students currently on the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) can receive financial assistance for the entire semester while in Japan. Please contact the Financial Assistance Office at the St. James Campus once you have been accepted to this exchange program.

**DISCLAIMER:**
"Please note, program information, tuition and fees are subject to change without notice. Should there be a discrepancy between the information posted on NGU’s Centre for International Exchange Programs (CIEP’s) website and information posted on the George Brown College website, CIEP’s website should be viewed as accurate.”

**HOW TO APPLY AND WHEN**
Interested students should fill out the application by April 26, 2013 and submit to:

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The application form can be downloaded at: www.georgebrown.ca/studyworkabroad/opportunities.aspx