

Call for Applicants



TOKYO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

東京都立大学

Tokyo Metropolitan University's Winter Program 2027

“Tokyo Creative Journey”

January 12 – 29, 2027

Tokyo Metropolitan University's (TMU) Winter Program offers a 3-week program, *Tokyo Creative Journey*, for students from TMU's partner institutions. Through a variety of engaging activities, participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for Japan's rich cultural heritage.

Venue: TMU Minami-Osawa Campus

Dates: January 12 (Tue.) – 29 (Fri.), 2027

Instruction: English

Program Fee: 155,000 JPY

Course Outline:

- Master Everyday Japanese: Progress at your own pace from CEFR Level A1 and A2.1. Build the confidence to speak naturally in real-world situations.
- Experience Authentic Culture: Experience culture with expert-led immersion in Japan's traditional and contemporary arts. Our curriculum includes tea ceremony, calligraphy, martial arts, traditional puppetry architecture, nature, and pop culture.

Eligibility: (1) Undergraduate or graduate students from TMU's partner institutions and (2) those who have never studied Japanese, or are at a beginner level. (Admission is competitive with only 24 seats available.)

- Successful completion of this program requires full participation in all scheduled sessions. Attendance records and academic performance will be submitted to your home institution upon completion of the program.

Application Process

Step 1: Confirm you have been officially nominated by your home university's international office.

Step 2: Prepare the following items for your application:

- (1) Visa request form (if applicable)
- (2) Official transcript from your home university
- (3) Copy of passport (photo page; must be valid at least 6 months beyond the program end date)
- (4) ID Photo (PDF, max 500KB)
- (5) Japanese proficiency test result: All students must take SPOT90 and submit the result, regardless of prior Japanese study. SPOT90: <https://ttbj.cegloc.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/p1.html>
- (6) JLPT score (if applicable)
- (7) English proficiency score (Applicants should have at least these English scores: IELTS 6.0, TOEFL iBT 78, or TOEIC 653) Note: English scores are required for students whose primary language of instruction is not English. / English proficiency test scores are valid for two years.
- (8) Letter of Recommendation: Please ask an advisor or supervisor to write a letter of recommendation. Use only the format provided on [this webpage](#).



Step 3: Submit them via the following URL or the QR code **by October 23**.

https://www.ic.tmu.ac.jp/english/study_abroad/short_program_application.html



Note:

- During the selection process, we will evaluate the application documents and the information provided in the form.
- Japanese test scores will be used to assess applicants' proficiency and assign them to suitable classes.
- English proficiency will be assessed through test scores to ensure applicants can actively engage in orientations, cultural lectures, and the final presentation.

Program Fee Payment: The program fee includes accommodation, textbooks, admission fees for field trips and workshop materials. The fee of 155,000 JPY should be paid by overseas remittance(credit card is not available) no later than November 20. (Payment instructions will be provided upon application acceptance.)

Cancellation Policy: A cancellation fee applies after application acceptance and program fee payment. Cancellations received by November 27 qualify for a 50% program fee refund. Subsequent cancellations are non-refundable.

TMU Winter Program 2027 Schedule (Note: The schedule may be subject to change.)

	MON	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	
AM	Arrival & Check in 	Opening Ceremony Orientation Campus Tour	No Class	Japanese Language	No Class	Japanese Language (33 hours) Japan Studies (4.5 hours) Workshop (7.5 hours) Field Studies (4.5 hours) Presentation (6 hours) 【Total 55.5 hours】
PM		Japanese Language	Japan Studies 1 Space Design in Tokyo		Field Studies 1 - Visit "Japan Open Air Folk House Museum" - Experience "indigo dyeing"	
		Welcome Party	Workshop 1 Japanese Tea Ceremony "CHADO"	No Class		
	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	
AM	Japanese Language	Field Studies 2 Watch Japanese Traditional Puppet Theater "Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo"	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	
PM	Japan Studies 2 Traditional Performing Arts	No Class	Workshop 2 Japanese Calligraphy "SHODO"	Japan Studies 3 Pop Culture	Prep for Presentation	
	No Class			No Class	No Class	
	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30
AM	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Check out & Departure 
PM	Workshop 3 Japanese Martial Art "JUDO"	No Class	Prep for Presentation	No Class	Student Presentation	
	No Class		No Class		Closing Ceremony Farewell Party	

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Japanese Language Course: There are 2 classes: *Starter and Elementary 1*. Your class will be determined based on the scores of SPOT90 (All students are required to take this test, even if you haven't studied Japanese.). The objectives of each class and their relationship with the CEFR level are also shown below.

- **Starter (CEFR Level A1):** This class is for those who have never studied Japanese before, and wish to interact in everyday situations, such as shopping and at restaurants. If your score of SPOT90 is between 0 and 25, you will be placed in this class. Textbook: *Nihongo Fun & Easy: Survival Japanese Conversation for Beginners - 2nd edition*.
- **Elementary 1 (CEFR Level A2.1):** This class is for those who wish to talk about simple things such as your family, job, and your town. If your score of SPOT90 is between 26 and 40, you will be placed in this class. Textbook: *Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Elementary 1 (A2); Coursebook for communicative language activities "katsudo" and competences "Rikai."*

Award of Certificate: To receive a certificate of completion, participants must meet a minimum score requirement. Those who do not fulfill all the criteria will instead receive a certificate of participation. Please note that a certificate of participation is not equivalent to a certificate of completion. Participants will be evaluated based on their class participation (40%), in-class activities (40%), and a presentation (20%).

Important Information:

- Travel Insurance: Participants must purchase their own traveler's insurance to cover medical expenses during their stay.
- Emergency Communication: For safety reasons, all participants are required to secure their own mobile communication devices or services prior to arrival in Japan.
- Device for class: Please bring a laptop or tablet for class activities.
- Textbook: The program will provide the required textbook upon arrival.
- Program Fee: Covers single room accommodation at Hashimoto Park Hotel (3-4-4 Hashimoto, Sagami-hara, Kanagawa 252-0143, Tel: +81-42-774-6112, <https://www.booking.com/hotel/jp/hashimoto-park.html>); however does not include meals, airfare, traveler's insurance, transportation between the university and accommodation, or other daily expenses.
- Outside the program schedule: Note that faculty and staff are unable to aid with matters outside the program schedule.

Disclaimer: The university cannot be held responsible for any delays, cancellations, or program issues that arise due to circumstances beyond our control. This includes but is not limited to force majeure events (such as natural disasters or labor disputes), severe weather conditions, national emergencies, disease outbreaks, and other unforeseen situations.

