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KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY

KOMSTUDY

Japanese Language and Cultural Program

(June 22, 2025–July 13, 2025)



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History and Overview

Komazawa University is a university with roots in the Soto Zen sect, one of the main Zen sects in Japan, and its history dates back to the late 16th century. Currently, it has around 14,000 students enrolled, offering seven faculties and nine graduate schools.

Komazawa University is located near the center of Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Tokyo is the political, economic, social, and cultural hub of Japan, and it is also highly renowned as an international metropolis. Tokyo boasts numerous train, subway, and bus routes, facilitating easy and comfortable access to shopping and dining locations.

Komazawa University is situated just 6 kilometers southeast of Shibuya, which is one of the largest commercial districts in Tokyo. In contrast to the liveliness of Shibuya, the campus maintains a very quiet and calm atmosphere. One of the reasons is that Komazawa University is adjacent to the expansive Komazawa Olympic Park, where various trees and plants flourish. Komazawa University is precisely situated in an area that combines the vibrancy and sophisticated atmosphere of Tokyo.

KOMSTUDY

KOMSTUDY is designed for students from exchange partner universities of Komazawa University.

Overview

KOMSTUDY is a Japanese language and culture program organized by Komazawa University, with a track record of over 30 past implementations. Participants engage in a three-week program that includes Japanese language classes, cultural experiences, and field trips, contributing to a deeper understanding of the Japanese language and culture. This program is open to students who have never studied Japanese, with a focus on sparking interest in Japan. It also provides an excellent opportunity with students who have already studied Japanese but not yet visited Japan.

Throughout the program, many Komazawa University students actively support participants during Japanese language classes and cultural experiences. Spending a significant amount of time with Komazawa University students, one of the appealing aspects of KOMSTUDY, enable participants to make friends with Japanese students during the program.

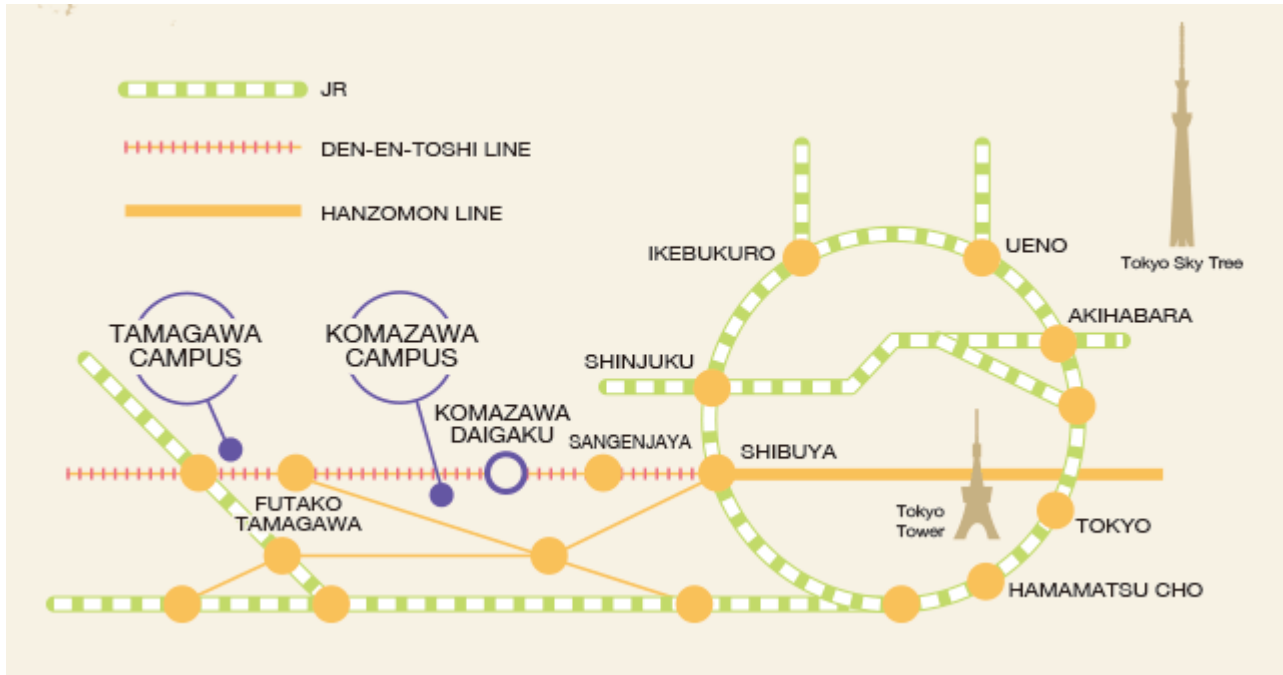
You can watch the KOMSTUDY promotional video from the link below.

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smqcmWQXrgA>



Program Overview	
Program Name	KOMSTUDY 2025
Period	June 22, 2025 - July 13, 2025
Location	Komazawa University (Komazawa Campus, Fukasawa Campus) *The nearest station, Komazawa-daigaku Station, is about a 7-minute train ride from Shibuya station.
Capacity	30 participants (subject to change) *If the number of participants is less than 10, the program will be canceled.
Students Suitable for Participation in KOMSTUDY 2025	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who have never studied Japanese but are interested in Japan. 2. Students who have already been studying Japanese and want to improve their Japanese language skills. 3. Students who have never been to Japan and want to directly experience the country. 	
Course Content: 45 Hours	
Japanese Language Classes	38 hours
Class A: Introductory Level (Students with no prior Japanese knowledge to below N5) Class B: Elementary to Pre-Intermediate Level (Approximately N5 to N4) *N5 to N1 are indicators of Japanese proficiency used in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). In this program, these indicators are used to represent the level of Japanese language classes. Please note that completion of the classes does not certify participants to have acquired the Japanese language proficiency levels mentioned above. Reference: "N1 to N5: Level Summary (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)" (https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html)	
Japanese Cultural Experiences	7 hours
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tea Ceremony (Sado): 2 hours 2. Calligraphy (Shodo): 2 hours 3. Karate: 1.5 hours 4. Zazen (Zen meditation): 1.5 hours 	
Field Trip	The area around Mount Fuji (1 Night, 2 Days)
Accommodation	Homestay or Dormitory * Participants choose one at the time of application, and Komazawa University arranges the accommodation for you. Please see page 6 for details.
Language	
Japanese and English *Japanese language classes are conducted in Japanese. English is used as a supplementary language for explanations and support. *This program is open to students who have not studied Japanese and those who do not speak English.	





Japanese Language Classes

In Japanese language classes, two levels are offered: Introductory Level and Elementary to Pre-Intermediate Level. Participants are assigned to classes based on their declared proficiency level at the time of program application. Both classes are designed to enhance all four Japanese language skills – listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Importantly, the content is closely related to Japanese culture and the field trip. For example, some Japanese language classes cover pre-learning for the field trip, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of Japanese language and culture throughout the program. Classes are led by experienced instructors, and in some cases, by Komazawa University students. Even if participants have concerns about the language, with KU students' support, they will undoubtedly feel improvement in their Japanese language skills.

Grades are determined based on various aspects such as class attendance, attitude towards learning, and speeches. No written exam is conducted. At the farewell party held at the end of the program, participants give group presentations to showcase the program's outcomes.

After completing the program, participants receive a certificate of completion and a transcript. Credit recognition after completion is subject to the standards of the participants' respective universities.



Japanese Cultural Experience

In the Japanese cultural experience, participants engage in activities such as tea ceremony (Sado), calligraphy (Shodo), Karate and, Zazen (Zen meditation). The tea ceremony and calligraphy practices are held in the renowned Japanese-style building called the "Nihonkan" which has a Japanese garden. Under the guidance of the university's tea ceremony and calligraphy clubs, participants have the opportunity to experience the traditional Japanese arts of tea ceremony and calligraphy.

For the Karate experience, the university's Karate club provides instruction on Karate basics and movements. Komazawa University is known as one of the strong universities for Karate in Japan, and participants can learn authentic Karate directly from the instructor and club members.

Zazen experience is a unique program offered by Komazawa University, rooted in the Soto Zen sect. Zazen involves sitting quietly in the correct posture to calm the mind, representing a fundamental practice in Zen Buddhism. In the dedicated meditation hall at Komazawa University, participants learn the principles and correct movements of Zazen before the Zazen practice.



Field Trip

On July 2nd and 3rd, the participants go on a field trip. During the trip, they visit the area around Mount Fuji, the highest and most famous mountain in Japan. They have the opportunity to experience the rich natural environment and the unique atmosphere of Japan.


On the first day, participants visit Oshino Hakkai and Oishi Park, both offering stunning views of Mount Fuji. Additionally, they enjoy Hoto noodles and have the opportunity to create their own original scent bag. In the evening, they stay at a traditional Japanese inn, relax with a soothing soak in the hot springs, and savor a delicious dinner (two people per room).

On the second day, participants board an amphibious vehicle called KABA (which means 'hippopotamus') and enjoy a cruise on a lake near Mount Fuji. Afterward, they take a bus up to the 5th Station of Mount Fuji. In the afternoon, they have free time at Gotemba Premium Outlets, one of the largest shopping malls in Japan, where they can have lunch and enjoy shopping at their leisure.

Accommodation

Participants choose either homestay or dormitory accommodation at the time of application. Based on each choice, Komazawa University arranges the accommodation. Once they have made their choice, it cannot be changed for any reason.

Please see the following details for both accommodation options.

Accommodation	Details
Homestay	<p>Breakfast and dinner are provided daily. The commute between the host families' nearest stations and Komazawa-daigaku Station, the nearest station to Komazawa University, is approximately 60 minutes by train.</p> <p>Through the homestay experience, participants are not only immersed in the Japanese language but also gain a deep understanding of Japan's culinary culture and lifestyle. The host family, as a 'Japanese family,' likely will become an invaluable part of your life even after the program ends.</p>
Dormitory	<p>Participants stay at SAKURA HOTEL NIPPORI, where breakfast is served every morning. The commute between Sendagi Station or Nippori Station, the nearest stations to SAKURA HOTEL NIPPORI, and Komazawa-Daigaku Station, the nearest station to Komazawa University, is approximately 40 minutes by train.</p> <p>The information desk is open 24 hours, with staff available to assist in Japanese, English, and in some cases, other languages. Additionally, the hotel features an international café that is open 24 hours.</p> <p>URL: https://www.sakura-hotel.co.jp/nippori/?stt_lang=en</p> 

KOMSTUDY 2025 Program Schedule

Please see the following schedule. This is a tentative version and is subject to change.

KOMSTUDY 2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*Japanese language classes: 38 hours, Japanese cultural experiences: 7 hours, Field trip: 1 night, 2 days
(Please note that the schedule is subject to change without prior notice.)

	Date	Upper Part (AM) / Lower Part (PM)	
1	June	(Each participant enters Japan individually.)	
	22(Sun)	Please go directly to the accommodation chosen at the time of application.	
2		9:00 AM Assemble at Komazawa Campus	9:30 AM~10:45 AM Orientation
	23(Mon)	11:00 AM~1:00 PM Japanese Classes 1, 2	
3		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 3	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 4
	24(Tue)		
4		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 5	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 6
	25(Wed)	1:30 PM~3:30 PM Tea Ceremony (Sado)	
5		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 7	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 8
	26(Thu)	1:00 AM~2:00 AM Japanese Class 9	
6		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 10	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 11
	27(Fri)	1:00 PM~3:00 PM Japanese Classes 12, 13 (Communication Exercises)	
7		Free Day	
	28(Sat)		
8		Free Day	
	29(Sun)		
9		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 14	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 15
	30(Mon)	1:00 AM~2:00 AM Japanese Class 16	
10	July	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 17	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 18
	1(Tue)	1:30 PM~3:30 PM Calligraphy (Shodo)	
11		Field Trip: Day 1	
	2(Wed)		
12		Field Trip: Day 2	
	3(Thu)		
13		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 19	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 20
	4(Fri)	1:00 PM~3:00 PM Japanese Classes 21, 22 (Tanabata Experience)	
14		Free Day	
	5(Sat)		
15		Free Day	
	6(Sun)		
16		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 23	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 24
	7(Mon)	1:00 PM~3:00 PM Japanese Classes 25, 26 (Communication Exercises)	
17		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 27	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 28
	8(Tue)	1:00 PM~2:30 PM Karate	
18		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 29	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 30
	9(Wed)		
19		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 31	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 32
	10(Thu)	1:00 PM~2:30 PM Zazen	
20		09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 33	10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 34
	11(Fri)	1:00 PM~3:00 PM Japanese Classes 35, 36	
21		11:30 AM~1:30 PM Farewell Party (Japanese Classes 37, 38)	
	12(Sat)	7	
22		Please depart from your host family or check out of the dormitory.	
	13(Sun)	(Each participant departs from Japan individually.)	

The Start and End of The Program

●June 22

After arriving in Japan, participants go directly to the accommodation they choose at the time of application. If they choose a homestay, they receive information about their host family in advance. If they choose the dormitory, check-in is available after 3 p.m.

●June 23

Participants should arrive at Komazawa Campus by 9:00 AM. The orientation begins at 9:30 AM, during which an overview of the program and important information is provided, marking the start of the program. After the orientation, they attend their first Japanese class. During the class, they have lunch and take part in a campus tour led by Japanese language instructors and Komazawa University student volunteers, providing an opportunity to build good relationships with them.

Participants choosing the homestay need to attend an additional orientation on homestay after class.

●July 12

A farewell party is held. During the event, participants give speeches in Japanese to present their achievements in Japanese language and cultural studies. Through these speeches, participants have the opportunity to recognize their improvement in Japanese language skills and their deeper understanding of Japanese culture.

After the farewell party, participants return to their accommodation.

●July 13

Participants individually depart from their host families or check out of the dormitory, marking the conclusion of all programs. As on June 21, please make your own arrangements for transportation between the airport and your accommodation.

Program Fee

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The program cost varies depending on the type of accommodation chosen in Japan. Participants should choose either a hotel or a dormitory when applying.

Accommodation	Program Fee
Homestay	240,000 yen
Dormitory	250,000 yen

*Homestay includes both breakfast and dinner, while the dormitory includes only breakfast.

What Is Included and Not Included in The Program Fee

Included in the Program Fee
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Japanese language classes (including teaching materials).2. Japanese cultural experiences.3. Field trip.4. Accommodations (Choose hotel or dormitory when applying).5. Lunch on June 23.
Not Included in the Program Fee
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Airfare between participants' home country and Japan.2. Transportation expenses between the airport and participants' accommodations upon arrival and departure.3. Commuting expenses between participants' accommodations and Komazawa University.4. Meals (depending on whether participants choose homestay or dormitory).5. Personal expenses for individual activities, trips, souvenirs, etc.6. Overseas travel insurance fees and medical expenses.

Overseas Travel Insurance

During the program, participants can use the Health Administration Center on the Komazawa campus for minor illnesses or injuries free of charge. However, if treatment is needed outside the campus, such as at a hospital or clinic, medical expenses will be incurred. KOMSTUDY participants must arrange their own overseas travel insurance in advance.

Application Procedure

Participation Requirements

1. Participants must follow the procedures, processes, and eligibility criteria established by their home universities when applying.
2. Participants must be at least 17 years old and must be university students from Komazawa University's exchange partner universities.
3. Participants are required to disclose their mental and physical health conditions when applying.
4. Participants are required to make an effort to learn the Japanese alphabet (hiragana) and its pronunciation before participating. They can refer to the materials provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in Japan.

URL: https://tsunagarujp.mext.go.jp/nihongo?lang_id=EN



Application Procedure

●STEP1

1. Access the dedicated KOMSTUDY 2025 website below;
<https://www.mwt-mice.com/events/komstudy2025/login>



2. Complete the application by filling out the necessary information (participant details) from 'Get new request here.'

Application Period (JST): February 7, 2025 to 12:00 PM on March 21, 2025

●STEP2

Log in to their accounts using their login ID and password, then proceed to the 'Payment' page. From there, click 'Proceed to the Next' and make a payment using a credit card for the program fee. On that page, enter the necessary credit card information and click 'Go confirmation.' Verify that the entered information is correct, then complete the payment by selecting 'Make a payment.'

Payment Deadline (JST): From February 21 until 12:00 PM on March 21, 2025.

★Participation application completed upon completion of STEP1 and STEP2.

●STEP3 (Only for participants choosing homestay)

Participants choosing a homestay are required to complete and submit the Homestay Application Form via the link below.

URL: <https://form.run/@KOM-xs83NFJ0iwzQQphFPzmf>



Registration Period (JST): From the completion of STEP2 until 12:00 PM on March 22, 2025.

- STEP4

Register pledge agreement and copy of the photo page of your passport through My Account on the dedicated page.

Registration Period (JST): From March 22, 2025 until 12:00 PM on April 18, 2025.

- STEP5

Register your flight ticket and overseas travel insurance information through My Account on the dedicated page.

Registration Deadline (JST): 12:00 PM on May 31, 2025.

- Others

Information about KOMSTUDY 2025 or reminders for necessary procedures are delivered through the dedicated website or via email.

If Participants Choose Homestay

The arrangement of host families are facilitated through a company called "Homestay in Japan." Participants must specify their preferences and current physical and mental conditions during the application process (above STEP3). Based on this information, every effort is made to match students with host families as closely as possible. However, it cannot be guaranteed that all the participant's requested preferences are met.

Throughout the entire program, participants generally live under the same host family. Except for complaints based on problems with the host family, changes in homestay arrangements aren't permitted. Additionally, participants may be removed from the homestay without notice if they engage in inappropriate behavior or intentional harm or if they are unable to meet the expectations of the host family.

Since homestay accommodations are with regular families, late-night check-ins are not possible. If participants are arriving in Tokyo by plane on their check-in day, please choose a flight that arrives no later than 6:00 PM. For flights arriving later than this, please plan to arrive in Tokyo by the day before their check-in date.

The standard dates for the homestay are set as June 22 for check-in and July 14 for check-out as program schedule. Should you wish to extend their stay beyond these dates due to special circumstances, a separate agreement and payment with Homestay in Japan will be required.

Regarding homestay arrangements, if necessary, participants receive communication via email from the Homestay in Japan coordinator.

Cancellation Policy

1. If payment for the program fee is not confirmed by the deadline, Komazawa University reserves the right to cancel enrollment without consulting the prospective participants' intentions.
2. If you cancel your application, the following penalties will apply.

Cancellation dates (JST)	Cancellation fee
Before March 20, 2025	None
March 21, 2024 - May 31, 2025	10% of program fee
June 1, 2024 - June 13, 2025	20% of program fee
June 14, 2024 to June 19, 2025	30% of program fee
June 21, 2025	40% of program fee
June 22, 2025	50% of program fee
After June 23, 2025	100% of program fee (non-refundable)

* If participants cancel the program and request a refund, the amount deducted as the cancellation fee specified above will be refunded.

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