LOCATION
• Kyoto, Japan; Pop - 1.5 million

PARTNER INSTITUTION
• Doshisha University

HOUSING
• Homestay
• Apartment
• Guest House

ELIGIBILITY
• 3.0 GPA or above
• 2 years college Japanese for Fall or Full Year, 2.5 years for Spring

PROGRAM TERMS
• Semester or Academic Year

COSTS
• See web for current cost info
• Includes tuition, CIPT, housing, orientation, activities & some meals
• Financial aid applies
• Personal expenses, travel not included

APPLICATION DEADLINES
• February 13 - Fall/Year
• September 15 - Spring

PROGRAM ADVISOR
• Stephen Capobianco

STUDENT BLOGS
• blogs.cornell.edu/studyabroad

WEBSITES
• cuabroad.cornell.edu/?go=kcjs
• www.qgp.columbia.edu
• Cornell Application

WWW.CUABROAD.CORNELL.EDU

Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies
Do intensive, advanced work in Japanese language and Japanese studies
• Live & study in Kyoto, a beautiful city home to:
  - Buddhist temples & ancient palaces
  - rich traditional culture & history
  - a thriving modern culture
  - some of Japan’s most advanced high-tech firms
• Take advantage of Kyoto’s social, intellectual, & cultural resources through:
  - field trips
  - guest speakers
  - Japanese student partnerships
  - independent projects based on local field work
KCJS Consortium

KCJS is administered by Columbia University for a consortium of fourteen American universities whose students make up the majority of the participants (BU, Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Emory, Harvard, Michigan, Penn, Princeton, Stanford, Virginia, Washington University, and Yale).

Curriculum

Based at Doshisha University, KCJS offers a rigorous academic program for select students who have completed two or more years of Japanese. The attention to language study, exclusive focus on Japan-related subjects, location, and small size of the student body, distinguish KCJS and make it ideal for students who wish to concentrate on Japanese Studies. A semester or year at KCJS will pave the way for careers in international business, law, and science, and for those planning to pursue graduate training in Japanese Studies. Japanese is taught in small classes by full-time native-speaking instructors, and disciplinary-based courses are taught in English by Japanese and American professors. Each year a professor from a KCJS university teaches at KCJS. Courses cover relatively advanced topics in the humanities and social sciences. Most courses incorporate field trips, site visits, and/or guest lectures. Students take a mix of Japanese language courses and KCJS courses.

Language Courses

Students are required to take intensive Japanese language courses every term. Courses in third-year, fourth-year, and fifth-year Japanese are offered. Language classes meet for a few hours every day and usually have 5-10 students.

Community Involvement Project

The Community Involvement Project (CIP) is a unique opportunity which enables you as a KCJS student to go beyond the four walls of the classroom into Japanese society, both within the university setting and in local communities. By developing direct and meaningful ties with Japanese people, you will learn how to put your language skills to real use in tangible ways that relate to your own interests, and you will develop a more nuanced and refined understanding of various aspects of Japanese culture. The experience, knowledge, and skills gained from the CIP will be helpful in your future personal, academic and professional pursuits. CIPs include volunteering for non-profits, participation in extra-curricular activities at the university, or the study of a particular skill with a local mentor.

Other Activities

Lecturers, movies, and social events with Japanese students are a regular part of the KCJS calendar. Visits to museums, temples, shrines, and the theatre are often incorporated in to courses. Field trips and excursions are also included in the program. A distinguishing feature of KCJS is its Guest Speaker Series which brings visiting scholars and local experts to the program to speak with students about a diverse range of topics.

Students may participate in Doshisha University student “circles,” including swimming, chorus, aikido, rugby, and movie making. Students also have taken lessons in mountaineering, flower arranging, ballet, and the tea ceremony.

Students with advanced language skills may apply for permission to audit Doshisha or Kyoto University courses in April to July term, after the end of KCJS program courses in spring.