

Sophia University

TOKYO, JAPAN



Destination

The capital city of Japan and the world's most populous metropolis, Tokyo glistens with radiant lights, ancient temples, green spaces, and historic festivals. Japan prides itself on offering authentic and affordable events in order for international students to experience the Japanese lifestyle. With 23 central city districts, there is much to see, do, and eat. For example, where else in the world can you attend a festival dedicated to the enactment of a procession of 1,000 Samurai Warriors or visit a Buddhist temple built in the 7th century? If you want to travel outside of Tokyo to explore smaller villages, you will find that transportation is easy to access and punctual. You might consider taking a ferry to explore the Ogasawara Islands, a chain of volcanic islands in the Pacific, or traveling to Nikko where you can see ancient shrines in the stunning mountains.

Academic Calendar

When can I go? Spring Semester, Summer Term, or an Academic Year

Program Costs

Tuition	Pace tuition plus a \$200 special course fee and a \$95 technology fee.
Housing	Paid directly to host institution. Varies by accommodation option.
Health Insurance	Students can choose their own international policy. Prices will vary.
Additional Expenses	Flight, books and materials, personal expenses, additional travel, spending money, and any fees associated with the host institution are not included in tuition fee.

How to Apply

Online www.pace.edu/studyabroad/gettingstarted

Application Deadlines Fall Semester: April 15; Spring Semester: November 15
Summer Term: April 1

Program Requirements

Foreign Language	English is the language of instruction in the faculty of Liberal Arts; for all other faculties, Japanese is the language of instruction.
GPA	3.0
Visas	Visas are required for Japan. Once accepted to the exchange program, Sophia University will send students the necessary documents to apply for a student visa. For non-US citizens contact Assistant Director of International Student Services, Mira Krasnov, mkrasnov@pace.edu.
Class Standing	Students can study abroad as early as the first semester of their junior year.

Academics

Subjects	Comparative Culture, International Business and Economics, Social Studies, Japanese Language and Studies
Course Load	For full-time status, students must take the equivalent of 12-18 Pace credits.

University Life

The University	Founded in 1913 as the first Catholic university in Japan, Sophia is one of Japan's leading private universities. Its reputation for excellence in undergraduate education has allowed Sophia to be ranked as a top private university in Japan. It has a student population of over 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students and a faculty representing over 20 different nationalities.
Campus Life	Sophia University offers an abundant amount of student activities, cultural events, and tourist attractions. Sophia's campus is within walking distance from the Imperial Palace and a five minute metro ride to Shinjuku; one of the most exciting areas in Tokyo.
Excellent Support	The Overseas Liaison Center at Sophia University will be happy to assist students during their stay. If notified in advance, they will provide pick up from the airport. They also organize an orientation for all international & exchange students held prior to the start of classes. In addition, a class advisor is appointed to each student for support during their stay.

Housing

Housing Types	Dorms, apartments (on and off-campus)
Additional Information	Accommodation will be arranged for those in need of housing in Tokyo by Sophia University. There are six different housing options available to students, including co-ed and same sex dorms. Some housing options come with a meal plan.

Health Insurance

What do I need?	It is mandatory for students to have proof of international health insurance. The health insurance provider must cover medical expenses in Japan.
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