2026 SEINAN SUMMER JAPANESE PROGRAM

Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan

1. Program Overview

Taking advantage of its long-standing history of Japanese language education since the 1970s, Seinan Summer Program delivers excellent linguistic training in a richly international environment. This program offers intensive Japanese training through many interactive activities and experience-based learning (="*TAIKEN-GATA GAKUSHU*" (体験型学習)).

Session Dates	**June 15 – July 17, 2026**		
Move-in Dates	June 13 & 14, 2026		
Move-out Dates	July 18 & 19, 2026		
Capacity	Up to 80 participants		
Class Levels	Introductory, Beginner (I), Pre-intermediate (II), Intermediate (III), Advanced (IV) *Applicants cannot choose the class level. Based on the results of placement tests conducted before and after arrival, SGU will determine their class levels.		
Primary Language of Instruction	**Introductory**	**Beginner (I) Pre-intermediate (II)**	**Intermediate (III) Advanced (IV)**
	English	Japanese & English	Japanese
Classes	28 classes + Exams (100 min × 2 classes/day × 14 days)		
Total Credit Hours	90 credit hours *It includes in-class and out-of-class activities such as reviewing and preparing for classes and extracurricular activities.		
Extracurricular Activities	- A day field trip in Fukuoka to visit local shrines, temples, and other attractions - An overnight field trip in/near Kyushu area - Optional Japanese culture classes and activities		
Housing	On-campus Housing (International House I, II, or III) *Applicants will be randomly assigned to one of the 3 dormitories. Requests for specific housing, rooms, or roommates cannot be accepted.		
Application Fee	12,000 JPY (Non-refundable)		
Program Fee	180,000 JPY (Partners) 190,000 JPY (Non-Partner)		

Included in the Program Fee:
- Tuition
- Course materials
- On-campus accommodations
- Field trips

NOT included in the Program Fee:
- Airfare
- Travel Insurance

*Required to purchase travel insurance that covers all your medical expenses and personal liability during your stay in Japan.
- Meals and personal expenses

2. Program Features

	Introductory	Beginner (I) to Advanced (IV)
Session Features	- Learn natural Japanese used in everyday life, even if you cannot read and write *HIRAGANA* and *KATAKANA* letters. - Learn simple Japanese sentence patterns with minimum vocabulary through several conversation practices with classmates and Japanese students.	- Learn Japanese sentence patterns and vocabulary based on the Japanese class level from beginner (I) to advanced (IV). - Brush up your Japanese skills and discover new horizons in your use of the Japanese language.
	Experience-Based Learning ("*TAIKEN-GATA GAKUSHU*") Acquire practical Japanese skills through activities such as: - Conversation practice with Japanese students - Interviewing local residents - Project work (researching Japanese society and culture)	
Eligibility	**Applicants MUST:** 1) have completed the equivalent of a high school diploma from an educational institutions outside Japan AND be living outside Japan at the time of application. 2) demonstrate sufficient English* and/or Japanese proficiencies to catch up with the classes conducted in English and/or Japanese. *TOEFL-PBT 550, TOEFL-iBT 79-80, IELTS 6.0 or equivalent preferred.	

3. Refund Policy

If you wish to withdraw from the program, you must inform us by email (inbound@seinan-gu.ac.jp).

- ✧ **Full Refund:** Requests received by May 12, 2026
- ✧ **50% Refund:** Requests received from May 13 to June 12, 2026
- ✧ **No Refund:** Request received on or after June 13, 2026

*Dates are Japan Standard Time basis.

[Notes]

1) The application fee is non-refundable.
2) Bank transfer processing fees will be deducted from the refund amount.
3) The refund amount will be calculated based on the date SGU confirms your withdrawal by email.

4. Application Steps

STEP 1	**Applicant ↓ SGU**	**Complete the Online Application using the password: summer2026**
STEP 2		**Submit Required Documents (Submission Deadline: March 15, 2026)** Email the following to <inbound@seinan-gu.ac.jp>: **1. A digital photo of the applicant** (jpeg format) - taken within the last 3 months - clear, focused, against a plain background with no hats **2. A copy of the passport photo page** (jpeg/pdf format) **[For partner institution applicants only]** **3. Proof of current enrollment at your home institution** (jpeg/pdf format) Accepted Documents: (e.g.) - Student ID card issued by your home institution - Certificate of Enrollment in English [Notes] Applications exceeding the enrollment limit will be placed on a waiting list and acceptance cannot be guaranteed.
STEP 3	**SGU ↓ Applicant**	**Acceptance Notification** Upon receiving all application materials, we will proceed with a reviewing process. Once your application is approved, we will notify you of your acceptance and provide payment instructions.
STEP 4	**Applicant ↓ SGU**	**Payment for Application & Program Fees** Complete payment for the application and program fee via our partner wire transfer platform, **Convera**.
STEP 5	**Applicant ↓ SGU**	**Japanese Placement Test** Your class level will be determined by SGU based on the results of the following tests. The types of tests you need to take differ depending on your previous Japanese study history. You will be given detailed instructions about which test(s) you need to take after the acceptance notification. < **BEFORE** Arrival > ✧ Online Japanese Placement Test (Grammar, Listening, Vocabulary, Kanji Tests) < **AFTER** Arrival > ✧ Hiragana & Katakana Test ✧ Oral (Speaking) Test ✧ Short Essay Test

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