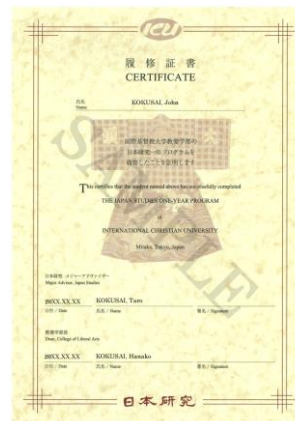


# Japan Studies

## One-Year Certificate Program for One-Year Regular Students and *Kenkyūsei* (Special Students)



### The Program

The Major in Japan Studies uses an interdisciplinary approach to explore the people, languages and cultures that comprise Japan. Japan Studies encompasses numerous disciplinary fields including literature, history, art and cultural heritage, anthropology, sociology, politics, economics, and international relations. The Major employs a critical approach to the study of Japan. It interrelates and integrates knowledge about Japan while introducing contested representations of “Japan.” Through various disciplinary lenses, students learn to identify and confront assumptions about Japan that circulate in the world around them. The goal of the major is to enable students to apply a more nuanced understanding of Japan to their academic and professional careers.

The *One-Year Certificate Program* is designed for students from overseas who wish to focus on Japan. The Certificate Program consists of courses about Japan conducted in English, as well as a Japanese language training component. Each year, over twenty courses on Japan are offered in English. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the even broader selection of courses taught in Japanese. The One-Year Certificate Program involves 33 units of academic credit. Students interested in receiving the Japan Studies Certificate at the end of their year at ICU apply for the Certificate Program during the spring semester. The application deadline is the last class day in April. At the end of the Program, the transcripts of students who applied for the Program are reviewed. Those students who attain both the requisite units and satisfactory grades (with a GPA of 2.5 or higher) are granted a *Certificate of Completion*. Certificates are signed by the Japan Studies Advisor and Dean of the College and mailed to students when ICU resumes classes in April.

The requirements for the Japan Studies One-Year Certificate Program typically consist of approximately 33 units. Students in the One-Year Certificate Program are expected to take a full course load, usually equivalent to 12 units each term. (The number of units is an approximation because some courses do not conform to the regular pattern of 3 units.) Fifteen (15) units are to be taken in Japanese language (JLP) courses. The remaining eighteen (18) units should be from courses related to Japan. Students are encouraged to consider taking classes in Japanese or involving Japanese language in order to fulfill this 18-unit Japan content course requirement.

Courses relating to Japan are to be chosen from the list of courses for Japan Studies one-year program (see the next page). For students with advanced Japanese language skills, courses taught in Japanese may be counted toward the Japanese language course requirements.

### <Requirements>

Japanese Language Program (JLP) Courses	15 units
Courses relating to Japan (“The List of Courses for Japan Studies One-Year Program”)	18 units
Total	33 units

Students should note that there may be courses offered at ICU related to Japan, but not listed in the Japan Studies course offerings. Applicants who wish to have such courses counted toward their requirements should inform the Japan Studies Program as soon as possible, and send a formal petition to the Advisor of the Japan Studies Major. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approval is not guaranteed.