

SWU Summer International Program

SSIP 2026

Tuesday, June 16 -
Wednesday, July 1

Check-in day: June 15 / Check-out day: July 2

What's SSIP

SSIP is a 2.5-week special summer program consisting of two academic courses taught in English for international students from SWU's partner institutions.

Key features of SSIP:

- Global Friendship
- Intercultural communication skills
- Workshop, Fieldwork, Presentation
- Dynamic Tokyo Experience

Fee

~~220,000JPY~~ → 110,000JPY ONLY
(appox. USD700)

<Fee Breakdown>

Registration Fee(20,000 JPY), Accommodation Fee(90,000 JPY)

*Program Fee (110,000 JPY) is waived for students nominated by SWU's partner universities!

*For some partner universities, an additional fee waiver is available. Contact your home university for details.

<Fees DO NOT Include>

Travel expenses to/from Japan, transportation fees to/from the airport, food expenses (some meals are included in the program), travel and medical insurance, transportation fees outside the program, and other personal expenses.

e.g.) food expense - approx. 1,500-2,000 JPY/day
transportation fee to/from the airport - approx. 3,200 JPY /one-way



Application Deadline
March 10th, 2026



[Program Website](#)



[Application Form](#)

Course Details

*Students must take both courses.

1. Japan Studies

1 SWU Credit (15 hours)

Omnibus-style lecture course which explores various aspects of Japanese culture and society.



2. Cross-Cultural Workshop

2 SWU Credit (22.5 hours)



Collaborative cross-cultural learning project with SWU Japanese students in an interactive workshop, fieldworks and group presentations.

Application and Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a female undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an SWU partner institution
- Be officially nominated by their home institution by the deadline
- Have sufficient English ability and be motivated to engage in group activities



Sample Schedule

*The schedule is subject to change.

*Students will have classes on Saturdays and will be asked to limit their personal travel to within Tokyo and its neighboring prefectures on their day off during the program. You may arrive early or stay in Japan beyond the program dates for personal travel as long as the visa status allows.

		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
Week 1	AM	Arrival and Check-in	Free Time	JS① Japan in Films	Free Time	JS② Japanese Economy	CCW ③	Free Day	
	PM		Opening Ceremony Welcome Party	CCW ①②	Kabuki Performance	JS③ Hospitality Education JS④ Japanese Traditional Performing Arts	CCW④⑤		
Week 2	AM	Free Time	Food Sample Making	Tokyo SkyTree Tour	Japanese Tea Ceremony	Ghibli Museum	CCW ⑥⑦⑧⑨⑩⑪⑫⑬⑭ -CCW Activities -CCW Group Presentation Prep -Yukata Dressing -Fireworks		
	PM	JS⑤ Japanese School Education	JS⑥ Religion in Japan	Asakusa Trip CCW ⑥⑦	JS⑦ Japanese Calligraphy JS⑧ Japanese Pop Culture	Depart for Tomei Gakurin			
Week 3	AM	Kamakura Trip	Free Time (CCW Group Presentation Prep)	CCW ⑯ Final Presentation	*JS= Japan Studies: 8 lectures on different themes				
	PM			Closing Ceremony Farewell Party	*CCW= Cross Cultural Workshop: 15 sessions including team building activities, inter-cultural communication workshops, fieldwork, group presentation preparation and final presentation.				

This program is ONLY open to SWU partner institutions.

Please contact the study abroad office at your home university about the application and nomination process.



About SWU



Showa Women's University is a private women's university located at the heart of Tokyo, 10 minutes from Shibuya. Founded in 1920, the university has upheld its founding philosophy, "Be a Light to the World," for over a century. Throughout its history, it has been dedicated to empowering women to take active roles in an increasingly global society.

Student Voices

SSIP was the most wonderful experience I ever had in Japan. I learned a lot about Japanese culture in this program. Looking back, it reminds me of good memories spent with my new friends and the interns. If I could turn back time I would still participate in this program.

Thammasat University
Thailand



Thinking about my time in Japan with SSIP makes my eyes crinkle up and the corners of my mouth turn up in an uncontrollable smile. I am so grateful that I stepped out of my comfort zone and took a chance on something that has gifted me so many beautiful memories, friendships, and perspectives. I am beyond excited for future participants and cannot wait for them to be in awe of their experience with the country and its beauty just as I was!

Endicott College, USA



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