

# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES IN JAPAN



## JAPAN CENTER

FOR MICHIGAN UNIVERSITIES

In this summer program, you will be introduced to Japan's language and culture, and learn about a range of environmental

issues in Japan – a great way to add an international dimension and cross-cultural experience to your education!

**No prior Japanese required!**

### **Environmental Sciences in Japan (ESJ) Keystone Course**

[3 credits]–This course acquaints students with the environmental problems facing Lake Biwa including political and socioeconomic issues which affect the lake's development and conservation. Field trips introduce students to the history of interaction between the lake and human beings and include practical research activities.

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### **Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture**

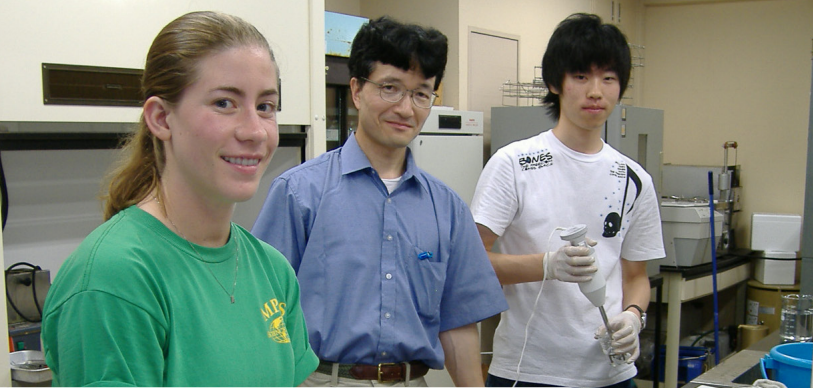
[3 credits]–This course will introduce students to the Japanese language and culture. All four basic skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing are emphasized. Additionally, students will learn to understand and appreciate aspects of Japanese socio-cultural practices and become familiarized with technical terms frequently used in the field of environmental sciences.

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### **Environmental Sciences Internship**

[4 credits] – This hands-on internship is coordinated and supervised by the University of Shiga Prefecture laboratories of the School of Environmental Science and other organizations. Internship placements are based on the student's interests and may include topics in fields of study such as environmental planning, biological resource management, socio-environmental systems, ecosystem studies, environmental policy and more.

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## HOUSING

Students may live either with Japanese families (“homestays”) or in the JCMU apartments. Short- and long-term homestays with local families offer students the best opportunity to meet and interact with Japanese people. Homestays of various durations are arranged based on family availability and student interest. The JCMU student apartments are designed for double occupancy. Each apartment consists of two private bedrooms/studies and a shared kitchen, dining area and bathroom. The residential building also includes a computer lab, wireless internet, laundry room, TV room, weight room and lounge.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Dates:** June 1 through the first full week of August.

**Requirements:** No prior Japanese language study is required. Students in various science-related fields and majors are encouraged to apply.

**Costs:** Program Fee - \$8,200 (tuition, books, health insurance).

Housing Fee - \$1,320 (homestay or JCMU apartment).

**Consortium Scholarship:** \$2,000 scholarship.

**Application Deadline:** First Friday in March.

All public  
MI university  
students receive  
a consortium  
scholarship

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