

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM – JAPAN or Thailand 2024



Office of

International Programs

TRAVEL TO KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN (Tentative Dates)

Travel Date: June 18 - July 16, 2024

KOMSTUDY Program: June 21- July 14, 2024

TRAVEL TO THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY, BANGKOK, THAILAND (Tentative Dates)

Travel Date: June 29 - July 28, 2024

TU Program: July 1 - July 24, 2024

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LSUA STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LSUA's Study Abroad Program offers students the opportunity to expand their academic experiences in other countries and explore the world. This Summer 2024, we are inviting LSUA students to participate in a three-week trip to Japan or Thailand. The participating students can choose to study in Komazawa University in Tokyo, Japan, or Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand and will have opportunities to travel and visit historic sites while studying in the country. During their time at the university, LSUA students will be able to attend several cultural classes, such as language, calligraphy, music, Karate, tourism and participate in activities on the university campus. Participants will receive a certificate and a grade report after completing the program.

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote international education and cultural exchange.
2. To foster a genuine appreciation for different perspectives and an understanding of cultural differences.
3. To inspire students to discover their maximum potential, develop connections and lifelong memories with the people and places we visit.
4. To expand opportunities for professional networking and promote LSUA globally.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. A completed application form along with a letter of recommendation from an LSUA administrator, faculty member, staff member, or student organization advisor should be submitted electronically by the student, to the Coordinator of International Programs, Nina Cox, at ncox@lsua.edu. Typing the application is preferred.
2. The application deadline is **March 1, 2024**. The applicant may be invited for an interview before the final selection.
3. Students who are selected for participation in Japan will be required to take a Cultural study and Japanese language class in Komazawa University, Tokyo, Japan (June 21- July 14, 2024).
4. Students who are selected for participation in Thailand will be required to take a Cultural study and Geographic Tourism course in Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand (July 1, 2024- July 24, 2024).

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENT: This program is open to LSUA students from all disciplines.

- Must be a **degree-seeking student at LSUA**, have completed at least 12 credit hours and be currently enrolled as a full-time student on LSUA campus.
- Preferer: Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be able to travel in Japan between **June 18, 2024 and July 16, 2024**, or Thailand between **June 29, 2024 and July 28, 2024** (This is a tentative travel date)
- Be recommended by a member of LSUA administration, faculty, or staff. A letter of recommendation is required.
- Demonstrate strong leadership potential and a genuine appreciation for different perspectives and individuals with different backgrounds, interests, and ambitions. Be able to adjust to and respect cultural and religious differences.
- Have a U.S passport (for US Citizens) or an International Passport (for international students) which is valid at least until **December 31, 2024** or be responsible for applying for a new passport by March 15, 2024. A photocopy for a passport is preferred with a completed application.
- Be willing to enroll International Health Insurance arranged by LSUA. A proof of a completed COVID-19 vaccination is required by May 1, 2024.

Please note that the possibility of participation in this program is subject to change based upon the availability of funding, travel restrictions and the university policy

ESTIMATE COST – JAPAN or THAILAND 2024

(cost and fee are subject to change)



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<u>Total Expenses to Tokyo, Japan: \$3,700</u>	<u>Total Expenses to Bangkok, Thailand: \$3,900</u>
<p>1. KOMSTUDY Program – Fee \$2,000 is waived Program arranged by Komazawa University (June 21- July 14, 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language course and cultural activities 3 credit hours (including teaching materials) • Accommodation: Hotel near the airport (2 nights), and Host Family (23 nights) • Breakfast at the Host Family • Excursions on a weekend • Transportation to/from Hotel and Komazawa University 	<p>1. Summer Study Abroad Program – Fee Payment \$1,200 Program arranged by Thammasat University (July 1 - July 24, 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in two courses and cultural activities (including teaching materials) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ AS 287 - Contemporary Issues in ASEAN ➢ GE220 - Geographic Tourism • Accommodation: Guest House (23 nights) • Visit major historical sites in Bangkok and other provinces e.g., Ayutthaya, Ratchaburi, Kanchanaburi, and Samut Songkhram • Participate in various workshops e.g., cooking, boxing, making elephant food. • Learn about sustainable agriculture and visit Coconut Farm. • Explore the Mangrove Conservation Center and go on a firefly river cruise at night. • Train trip to Penang, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
<p>2. Travel Expense – Payment \$2,500 Travel arranged by LSUA – Payment due March 31, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare to/from AEX and Tokyo, Japan \$2,400 • International Health insurance \$100 	<p>2. Travel Expense – Student pay \$2,200 Travel arranged by LSUA – Payment due March 31, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare to/from AEX and Bangkok, Thailand \$2,100 • International Health insurance \$100
<p>• Additional Expenses - Out of Pockets \$1,200 (estimate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch: \$5/meal at Komazawa’s cafeteria, and around \$7-\$10 at the restaurant \$500 • Dinner: \$10/meal at the restaurant • Train from/to Komazawa (23 days) \$200 • Transportation to/from airport and Hotel \$100 • Additional lodging and travel for sightseeing \$400 • Other expenses - souvenir, refreshments, snack, medical expenses that not covered by health insurance, and other personal sightseeing. \$\$\$ 	<p>• Additional Expenses Out of Pockets \$500 (estimate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch: \$3/meal at Thammasat’s cafeteria, and around \$5-\$10 at the restaurant \$300 • Dinner: \$10/meal at the restaurant • Transportation to/from airport, hotel, university, and additional sightseeing \$200 • Other expenses - souvenir, refreshments, snack, medical expenses that not covered by health insurance, and other personal sightseeing. \$\$\$

Withdrawing from the Program – Deadline **March 31, 2024**

Before deadline: Full refund

After deadline: No refund – Student will be responsible for making 100% payment for airfare.

Procedure: 1. Please email to ncox@lsua.edu from your LSUA email address.

2. Meet with the International Programs Coordinator, Mulder 325.

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