

2017 – 2018 CALENDAR

Additional activities will be scheduled. Some dates are approximate. Start date is confirmed.

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| (木) September 7, 2017 (金) September 8, 2017 | Depart from U.S. Arrive at Narita International Airport |
| (土) September 9 – until classes begin | Orientation, SILS Academic Orientation, Register for Classes, Opening Ceremony |
| (土) September 16 | Move in with Host Families |
| (月) September 25 | Fall Semester Begins |
| Early October | End of Course Registration Period |
| Mid-to-Late October | Fall Retreat |
| December 23 – January 5 | Winter Break |
| (火) February 6 | Fall Semester Ends Fall students must move out of Host Family within one week of the end of the Fall Semester |
| Early February to Mid-March | Cultural Internship Fall+C.I. students must move out of Host Family within one week of the end of the C.I. |
| Early April | Spring Semester Begins |
| Late April | Spring Retreat |
| Late July | Farewell Party and Closing Ceremony |
| First week of August | Spring Semester End |
| Early August | Move out of Host Family within one week of the Closing Ceremony |

Spring Students Only

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| (月) March 19, 2018 (火) March 20, 2018 | Depart from U.S. Arrive at Narita International Airport |
| (水) March 21 – until classes begin | Orientation, SILS Academic Orientation, Register for Classes |
| (日) March 25 | Move in with Host Families |

Note: Opening and closing ceremonies, Cultural Internships (year and fall+CI students), spring and fall retreats, orientation events, and other academic presentations and JS events are mandatory.

Download this handbook to use during orientation. Please print the sections **Arrival in Japan** and **Contact Information** and put them in your carry-on luggage.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arrival Dates

Academic Year and Fall Semester:

Depart U.S. September 7, 2017

Arrive at Tokyo Narita airport on September 8, 2017 **between 3-5pm, or as close as possible.**

Spring Semester:

Depart U.S. March 19, 2018

Arrive at Tokyo Narita airport on March 20, 2018 **between 3-5pm, or as close as possible.**

Return Dates

Academic Year:

Early August (approx. 4-10). You must attend the Closing Ceremony and leave host family within one week of the Closing Ceremony.

Fall Semester:

February 7-14. You must move out of your host family within one week of the end of the Fall Semester.

Fall Semester + Cultural Internship:

Internships last approximately 4 weeks and end by the first or second week of March. You must move out of your host family within one week of the end of the C.I.

Spring Semester:

Early August (approx. 4-10). You must attend the Closing Ceremony and leave host family by within one week of the Closing Ceremony.

Flight Information

Japan Study does not act as a travel agent and is not responsible for arranging or purchasing your ticket. Academic year students purchasing a round-trip ticket will not be able to schedule their return flight at the time of purchase due to airline policies. **You will need to call your airline or travel agent in October to change your return date.** Please be aware that you will very likely incur change fees in addition to the cost of your ticket.

Students purchasing one-way tickets should realize that return fares from Japan could be expensive. Also, if you purchase a one-way ticket, there is a greater likelihood that you will be questioned at the airport. It is important to have your documents (passport, visa, Waseda documentation, etc.) in your possession. Be sure to keep them in your carry-on luggage. In order to get their preferred summer return date, academic year students must book their return flight as soon as their airline company makes seats available (6 to 9 months in advance of your return date, depending on the airline). Summer is peak travel season and many August flights fill up soon after they become available.

Japan Study does not assume responsibility for complications arising from failure to secure a flight.

Possible Travel Agencies – no recommendation implied

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| JTB 773-714-1281 (direct) or 773-714-7123 www.jtbusa.com | AMNET 1-800-933-9006 or 847-222-0088 www.amnet-usa.com/eng |