BROWN IN JAPAN

The Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) provides a program for students interested in Japanese culture, history, language, literature, and social organization. Columbia University administers the program for a consortium of 12 American universities. The Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies is located near Kyoto University, in the cultural heart of Kyoto, the ancient cultural center of Japan and a city of natural beauty with a fascinating history.

Located in the picturesque valley of the Kamo River on Honshu Island, Kyoto is one of the world’s most attractive cities. As the nation’s center of traditional Japanese culture and of Buddhism, Kyoto is a richly historical site. Once the capital city of Japan (from 794 to 1868), Kyoto contains many cultural treasures, including the Imperial Palace, Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, No and Kabuki theatres, scenic parks and gardens, and numerous museums housing rare Japanese art. Over 30 colleges and universities are located in the area.

Academics
Courses cover relatively advanced topics in the humanities and social sciences, with offerings on both modern and pre-modern Japan. All students take a double-credit course in Japanese language in small groups of about 8 students. Students take two other courses, offered in English by Japanese professors, the KCJS Director, and by a professor from a KCJS consortium university.

Housing
KCJS staff members place students in home stays or apartments based on availability and individual preferences. All students will have a commute to the KCJS office involving a walk, a bike, bus, or train ride or a combination of these.

Global Independent Study Projects (GLISPs) in Japan
Brown students are encouraged to pursue a GLISP as part of their study abroad experience. GLISPs provide a way to tie your study abroad experience to the Brown curriculum, creating opportunities for student/faculty interaction that reflect collaborative learning at its best.

On-Site Support
Staff from KCJS International Student Offices assist students upon arrival and throughout their stay in Japan.

Eligibility and Requirements
This program is open to undergraduate students from Brown only. Students must be in good academic standing, with a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.0 language GPA. Applicants must have passed completed JAPN 400, or the equivalent, for the fall semester or full year program, or JAPN 500, or the equivalent, for the spring semester. Preference is given to full year applicants.

Program Options
Offered fall semester, spring semester, or full academic year.

Program Dates
Fall: early September – mid December
Spring: early January – late April
Academic Year: early September – late April

For more information, including up-to-date and detailed cost breakdowns and application deadlines and instructions, please visit our website at www.brown.edu/OIP.