

Japan Studies

One-Year Certificate Program for One-Year Regular Students and *Kenkyūsei* (Special Students)

The Program

The Major in Japan Studies uses an interdisciplinary approach to explore the people, languages and cultures that comprise Japan. Japan Studies encompasses numerous disciplinary fields including literature, history, art and cultural heritage, anthropology, sociology, politics, economics, and international relations. The Major employs a critical approach to the study of Japan. It interrelates and integrates knowledge about Japan while introducing contested representations of “Japan.” Through various disciplinary lenses, students learn to identify and confront assumptions about Japan that circulate in the world around them. The goal of the major is to enable students to apply a more nuanced understanding of Japan to their academic and professional careers.

The *One-Year Certificate Program* is designed for students from overseas who wish to focus on Japan. The Certificate Program consists of courses about Japan, as well as a Japanese language training component. Each year, over twenty courses on Japan are offered in English. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the even broader selection of courses taught in Japanese. Students interested in receiving the Japan Studies Certificate at the end of their year at ICU apply for the Certificate Program by the end of the first month at ICU. At the end of the Program, the transcripts of students who applied for the Program are reviewed. Those students who attain both the requisite credits and satisfactory grades (with a GPA of 2.5 or higher) are granted a *Certificate of Completion*. Certificates are signed by the Japan Studies Advisor and Dean of the College and mailed to students.

The requirements for which certificates can be obtained are as follows. ①Fifteen (15) credits are to be taken in Japanese language (JLP) courses. If students are taking courses offered in Japanese, the number of credits can be included in the 15 credits. ②Eighteen (18) credits or 6 courses should be from courses relating to Japan. Courses relating to Japan are to be chosen from the list of courses for the Japan Studies one-year program. Also, if students are taking courses relating to Japan not listed, they may be included in the 18 credits. If you would like to have courses recognized for credit that are not listed, you should inform the Japan Studies Program (idmm-mygroup@icu.ac.jp) as soon as possible, and send a formal petition to the Advisor of the Japan Studies Major. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approval is not guaranteed.

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① Japanese Language Program (JLP) Courses *If a student takes courses offered in Japanese, the number of credits can be included in the 15 credits.	15 credits
② Courses relating to Japan (“The List of Courses for Japan Studies One-Year Program”) *Courses other than those listed but related to Japan may be included in the 18 credits upon approved.	18 credits or 6 courses