

Location

Tokyo is one of the largest cities in the world, with a population of over 12 million people. As the political and economic center of Japan, Tokyo is a convergence of corporate headquarters, government institutions, research facilities, and universities. Tokyo's cultural opportunities abound: students can enjoy performing arts, fashion, design, and the largest collection of Asian art in Japan. KCP provides frequent opportunity for students to engage in Japan's culture by visiting museums, palaces, theaters, and corporations, and by attending numerous other enriching events.

The streets are packed with people day and night. Even though the city is centuries old, your first impression is shaped by skyscrapers, concrete, and neon lights.

What makes Tokyo so exciting to visit is that amidst its modern setting, the traditional Japanese culture still thrives. Tokyo is also the center for academic achievement in Japan. What better place to learn Japanese language and culture than in Tokyo?

The KCP campus is a five-minute walk from the Shinjuku Gyoenmae subway station (Marunouchi line), or a 10-minute walk from Shinjuku San-Chome station (Toei Shinjuku line)—an ideal location for your study abroad program in Tokyo.

Shinjuku is the business, entertainment, and shopping center of Tokyo. Shinjuku Avenue is lined with tall buildings, complexes, and a feast of exotic neon light displays. The KCP neighborhood, however, is filled with smaller buildings and shops.

Tokyo

KCP INTERNATIONAL
Japanese Language School



Eligibility

This program is open to all Virginia Union University students regardless of major or minor. A minimum 2.5 accumulative GPA is required for all study abroad program participation. Students must have a valid passport.

You do not need to be an East Asian Studies or Japanese major or minor to benefit from this program. Anyone with an interest in Japan, Japanese culture or language, can find this program valuable. Non-VUU students are also encouraged to apply.



Faculty



**Prof. Andre P. Stevenson PhD,
MPH, MSW**

Andre P. Stevenson is Professor of Social Work and Director of the Office of International Programs at Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in North Carolina. He primarily teaches undergraduate courses in research methods and social policy, as well as oversees study abroad and other international education initiatives at ECSU. Andre is a member of the Editorial Board of *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad* and was a guest editor for the journal's Special Section on International Education and HBCUs, published in 2022. His most recent publication is a co-edited volume titled, "The Half Yet to Be Told: Study Abroad and HBCUs," which was published in March 2023.

Andre is a graduate of South Carolina State University, where he completed his undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Counselor Education. He holds a PhD in Social Work (Research), Master of Public Health, and Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh.



VUU Faculty-Led Global Learning Program

Experience Japanese
language and culture for
yourself in the heart of Tokyo

Summer 2024 - June 21st to July 21st, 2024



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Program

Students will be asked to arrive at Tokyo Narita International Airport on the program start date. They will be greeted by KCP International Japanese Language School staff and taken to their dormitory lodging. A brief tour of the facilities, more detailed maps and instructions on the orientation will be provided to students.



The first week of formal classes will involve 6 hours of language instruction each day. The remainder of the program will involve 3 hours, either morning or afternoon sessions (to be decided later) of lectures

by Dr. Stevenson. All classes will take place at KCP campus in Shinjuku. Excursions and other cultural activities will take place throughout the program.



You will also have ample time to explore Tokyo on your own, or with your fellow classmates. There will be

a few free days, and during the 2-weeks in which Dr. Stevenson teaches, students will have a half day to explore. See our website for lots of suggestions on what to see.



Courses

In this global learning program students take 6 credits of intensive Japanese language classes at the appropriate level taught by onsite instructors in Tokyo at KCP International Japanese Language School and 3 credits of SOWK 200D1 Study Abroad and Black Consciousness taught by Dr. Stevenson.

SOWK 200D1 - Study Abroad and Black Consciousness (3 credits)

This interdisciplinary course is designed to explore the intersections between international experiences/education and the development of Black consciousness. Through a combination of academic study, cultural and experiential learning, students will engage with the historical, social, and cultural aspects of the Black experience within and beyond the United States.

International Education 205/305 (6 credits)

Japanese Language classes at KCP will be offered at beginner and intermediate levels of instruction. These credits cannot be applied to Japanese language sequence at Virginia Union University but count as general elective credits toward graduation.

Costs

\$4,950* price (\$5,350* for non-VUU students) includes tuition and fees for 9 credits, airport pick up at Narita, detailed onsite orientation, lodging, study abroad medical insurance, transportation fee between lodging and school, 60 plus hours of Japanese language class along with textbooks/course materials, culture, excursions including social visit in Tokyo and full day excursion outside Tokyo.

Airfare, meals and personal expenses are not included. We recommend students budget \$1000-1500 for airfare, and about \$500-\$1000 for meals and personal expenses.

**Tuition rates are tentative until confirmed by the Board of Trustees in February. No changes, or very little changes are expected.*

Tentative Schedule

June 20	Arrival, before 3:30 PM, Tokyo Narita Airport. Students taken directly to housing assignments.
June 21	Post arrival orientation, Japanese class study (half day)
June 22	Japanese class study (half day)
June 23	FREE - No school
June 24	Japanese language classes (full day)
June 25	Japanese language classes (full day)
June 26	Japanese language classes (half day), Japan social tour
June 27	Japanese language classes (full day)
June 28	One day bus trip outside Tokyo (full day)
June 29	FREE - No school
June 30	FREE - No school
July 1	Japanese language classes (full day)
July 2	Japanese language classes (full day)
July 3	Japanese language classes (full day)
July 4	Japanese language classes (half day)
July 5	Entrance Ceremony / Assignment for Dr. Stevenson's class
July 6	FREE - No school
July 7	FREE - No school
July 8-13	Dr. Stevenson, ESOWK 200D1: Study Abroad and Black Consciousness (3.5 hrs)
July 14	FREE - No school
July 15	FREE - National Holiday (No school)
July 16-20	Dr. Stevenson, ESOWK 200D1: Study Abroad and Black Consciousness (3.5 hrs)
July 21	Official departure date

Program offered with 10 student minimum. Schedule subject to change without prior notice.

