

Language



Hands-on Experience of Japanese Culture



Hirosaki Gakuin University's

Summer Intensive Japanese Program

Culture



Adventure



Hirosaki Gakuin University Foreign Missionary Residence

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Dates: June 2 – June 27, 2025

The REAL Japan awaits!

Tradition





Expand your Japanese ability in the historic castle town of Hirosaki. Hirosaki Gakuin University's Summer Intensive Japanese program takes your Japanese ability to the next level and allows you to experience Japanese culture first hand. You will spend mornings studying Japanese, and afternoons using your new language to engage with calligraphy, dancing, painting, craft-making and much more. You'll explore northern Japan on weekends with host families. In the end, you will return to the U.S. with great friends & amazing memories.



Trying the Tsugaru Shamisen

Program Fee:

The cost of this 4-week program is \$3100 plus travel expenses to and from Hirosaki, money for two meals per day, and spending money.

The program fee covers the following:

- Tuition
- Traditional crafts materials costs
- Cultural activity fees
- University and administrative fees
- Housing and 1 meal per day
- Transportation to off-campus program events

Program fees are subject to change and participants will be given as much notice as possible.

Academic credits:

Hirosaki Gakuin Univ. recommends the awarding of 6 academic credits for the SIJ program: Japanese language classes (4 credits) and Introduction to Japanese Culture (2 credits). These credits are granted at the discretion of attendees' home university.

Program activities:

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| Fireworks Festival | Tour of shrines / temples |
| Kimono center visit | Kendo / archery / judo |
| Traditional kite-making | City tours with students |
| Museum visits | Karaoke with students |
| Tsugarunuri Crafts | Shodo (Calligraphy) |
| City festival tours | Japanese dance classes |

Housing:

Students will be housed at a regular hotel in downtown Hirosaki within bicycle distance from Hirosaki Gakuin University. Bicycles will be provided to participants to help them commute to school and travel around the city. Two weekends will be spent with host families.

Meals:

The hotel provides breakfast for the students, and the host families provide meals on the weekends. Students should be prepared to provide for all other meals.



Transportation to Hirosaki:

Students are required to arrange their own travel to and from Hirosaki for the program; the HiroGaku SIJ program advisor will provide detailed guidance for this travel. Students coming from the same area in the U.S. should collaborate to travel together.

Program participants should plan to arrive in Hirosaki on May 31 or June 1 and depart Hirosaki on June 28 or 29. Traveling around Japan after the program concludes is certainly encouraged.