TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
All participants need a valid passport to enter Japan. If you do not have a passport, please secure one as soon as possible. Visit www.travel.state.gov to learn more. Medical and liability documents will be provided by the Study Abroad Office for each participant to complete prior to departure. International health insurance is included in the programs costs and is required by Georgia Southern.

APPLYING TO THE KYOTO, JAPAN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM:

Students can get the application form online at: http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/foreign-languages/study-abroad/japan/

For questions contact the Program Director:

Dr. Noriko Mori-Kolbe
Forest Drive 1116C
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nkolbe@georgiasouthern.edu

HEALTH INFORMATION
Each participant will be enrolled in a Georgia Southern general study abroad international travel medical insurance plan through CISI. Medical and liability documents will be provided for each participant to complete prior to departure.

Travel outside the United States is generally safe, though students should take basic health precautions. As with all international travel, students are encouraged to speak with their primary healthcare provider or visit their local health department office, as it is likely vaccinations or prophylaxes will be necessary. More information can be found at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

TRANSIENT STUDENTS
Students from other accredited universities are invited to enroll in our Study Abroad programs. In order to receive credit at their home institutions, however, they must enroll as transient students at Georgia Southern for the summer. Students may apply for acceptance to Georgia Southern for summer study at this link: http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/requirements/transient/
THE COUNTRY: JAPAN
Japan is an island nation in the Pacific Ocean with dense cities, imperial palaces, mountainous national parks and thousands of shrines and temples. Shinkansen bullet trains connect the main islands of Kyushu (with Okinawa’s subtropical beaches), Honshu (home to Tokyo and Hiroshima’s atomic-bomb memorial) and Hokkaido (famous for skiing). Tokyo, the capital, is known for skyscrapers, shopping and pop culture.

THE CITY: KYOTO
With a population of nearly 1.5 million, Kyoto is the former capital of Japan. Along with many famous shrines, temples, and traditional wooden houses, Kyoto offers a wealth of recreational activities and a wide range of cultural attractions. Natives of the city take pride in their customs and traditions, which come alive especially on their many holidays and festivals.

PARTNER LANGUAGE SCHOOL
The Kyoto International Academy was established in 1987 and is located in the northern part of Kyoto, a quiet residential area where many students live. The school was given a Class A superior rating for its traditional and academic achievements by the Osaka Immigration Bureau.

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES
• Visit many famous places in Kyoto and nearby regions

APPLICATION DEADLINE
March 15, 2018

PROGRAM COSTS: $3,555

INCLUDES:
• 4 weeks of intensive language training
• Housing with families
• Textbooks
• Two meals a day (on weekdays)
• Excursion to Hiroshima
• Transportation to and from the airport
• International health insurance (required by Georgia Southern)

DOES NOT INCLUDE:
• Georgia Southern Tuition and Fees ($1456.02)
• Airfare (approx. $2500)
• Weekday lunches (approx. $400)
• Meals on weekends and holiday (approx. $540)
• Incidental expenses (public transportation, etc.)
• Souvenirs

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
• Deposit: $300 Non-Refundable Application Fee due by February 15, 2018. (This amount will apply to the Program Costs. If application is accepted, deposit is non-refundable; if application is rejected, deposit will be refunded to student.)
• 1st Installment: $1600 Due March 15, 2018.
• 2nd Installment: $1600 Due April 15, 2018.
• Insurance Payment (Required): $55 Due April 15, 2018.

To make payments, choose the payment link at http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/foreign-languages/study-abroad/japan/

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY
• 2.0 Cumulative GPA
• Commitment to speak Japanese during the program

COURSES & CREDIT HOURS
You will be enrolled in six (6) credit hours of lower or upper division courses and will do a series of assignments, both orally and in writing, for your Georgia Southern professor. Additionally, as part of your immersion experience, each morning, Monday-Friday, in small groups, you will spend four hours practicing your language skills with native speakers who are trained in teaching their language to foreigners.

JAPN 1001/1002 - Elementary Japanese I & II
JAPN 2001/2002 - Intermediate Japanese I & II
JAPN 3185 - Studies Abroad: Speaking I
JAPN 3385 - Studies Abroad: Writing I
JAPN 4185 - Studies Abroad: Speaking II
JAPN 4385 - Studies Abroad: Writing II

REFUND POLICY
The $300 application fee is non-refundable. 80% of the remaining funds are refundable up to 40 days before the program start date, since program services are contracted in advance and must be paid whether or not the student is able to continue with the program.

FINANCIAL AID
Many forms of financial aid can be applied to the study abroad program costs; please note that the Hope scholarship applies to your Georgia Southern summer tuition, although it cannot be used to pay the program costs themselves. Georgia Southern students who intend to pay all or part of the study abroad program cost with financial aid should meet with their academic and financial aid advisor ASAP and should apply for summer financial aid no later than March 1, 2018. Students from other University System of Georgia schools should contact their academic advisor and financial aid office at their home institution for instructions. All deposits and program payments should be made online at: https://touchnet.georgiasouthern.edu/C20795_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=88&SINGLESTORE=true