

Summer Intensive Program

June 19 – July 16, 2026

Arrival: June 18 / Departure: July 17

Participation fee:

100,000 JPY (Approx. 666.67 USD)

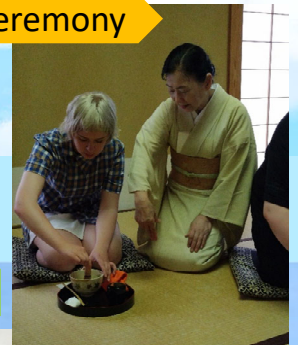
- * Airfare, meals and personal expenses are NOT included.
- * USD exchange rates as of October 20th, 2025.



Day Trip



Tea Ceremony



Ninja Lesson



NARA



Karate



Make Friends!

* The contents are subject to change.

Enjoy summer in beautiful Hikone City!

The University of Shiga Prefecture (USP) is located in Hikone City, near Lake Biwa—the largest lake in Japan—and in one of the country's most historically and culturally rich regions. While staying in Hikone, you can also take weekend trips to major cities like Kyoto, Osaka, and Nagoya. Why not join us and make unforgettable memories this summer in Hikone?

Earn credits in language and culture!

The program includes 45 hours of Japanese language course and 11 unique cultural experiences, such as tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, karate, and visits to Japanese temples and castles, among others!

VISIT THE WEBSITE AT

<https://www.usp.ac.jp/english/kouryu/summer/>



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★ APPLICATION DEADLINE ★

1st: January 16, 2026

2nd: February 13, 2026

We may not recruit the 2nd application acceptance once the limit is reached.

Contact your Study Abroad Office for an application!

Housing Information

USP offers four options for **off-campus** apartments with furnished private room. However, space is limited, and room assignments will be made by USP based on availability.

Apartment Name	Apartment Type	Commuting Time			Live-in Tutor	Preliminary Capacity for This Program
		Walk	Bicycle	Bus		
North Village	Two-bedroom	15	5	10	✓	3
Kitakyuso	Three-bedroom	15	5	10	✓	3
Sunny Hill Mitsukoshi	Three-bedroom	40	15	20	✓	1
Leopalace	One-room	40 *TBD	15 *TBD	20 *TBD	×	2

Apartments

North Village, Kitakyuso and **Sunny Hill Mitsukoshi** are shared with exchange students from other partner universities, providing you with opportunities to interact and connect with them during your stay. For more details, please visit our webpage:

<https://www.usp.ac.jp/english/kouryu/accommodation/>

Leopalace offers one-room monthly apartment where you will live alone. Although it is located slightly farther from the university compared to the other options, you can easily commute by bicycle or bus.

Please note that none of the apartments provide meal services. However, you can cook on your own at the rooms or eat out. When you eat out, a typical meal at a restaurant costs around ¥1,000–¥2,000.

Tutor system

USP provides tutor system. Participants can ask tutors for this program or live-in tutor at the apartment, where to buy groceries, eat out, how to dispose trashes, commute, etc.

Pick-up Service

USP provides pick-up service at the airport on the arrival day – on June 18.

There is no shuttle service when you leave, so you will need to make your own way to the airport from Hikone station.

Requirements

Participants must be enrolled the partner universities in the US.

* This program is aimed at those who are completely new to studying Japanese. Those with experience studying Japanese may be required to audit Japanese classes without receiving credits.

Application Documents

- Application Form for Summer Intensive Program
- Official Transcript