

Kyushu University (summer)
Homestay Option: Yes
Maximum Language Credit: 1

Strong Points:

- The homestay was amazing. My Japanese tutor/student supporter was, too. This program is not stressful at all; there's basically no homework. There are lots of fun cultural experiences, and you'll make lots of friends from Japan and around the world. (2018)
- Allowing both dorm and homestay based experiences, field trips around Fukuoka, cheap price. (2018)
- Packed schedule, full of classes and activities, Japanese student tutor program, dorm and homestay experience, very good program staff and instructors, small program and everyone is close, provide scholarships. (2017)
- Creating a sense of community, providing opportunities to make Japanese friends and to experience everyday life. (2016)
- Students are from all around the world so it was a very diverse environment and the various cultural experience events were great (tea ceremony, fireworks, festivals). (2015)
- The program provided many choices on the culture classes, so students could choose according to their interests. Tutor-tutee program was also great. (2014)
- It is cheap and offers scholarship. The program is in a very lovely city. Classes are easy. (2012)

Weak Points:

- You learn much more about Japanese culture than Japanese language. This is little to no emphasis on practicing Japanese. You have to try really hard to get better at Japanese. (2018)
- Inter-Cultural Japanese classes (non-language course) often off-topics and instructions often unstructured/uninteresting, it detracts from curriculum. (2018)
- 5 weeks might be too short, can be hectic and too busy at times, campus is away from city, long transportation. (2017)
- The culture classes are interesting, but I think it'd be much more useful to have language class more frequently or for longer hours. (2016)
- It is short so there is a limit to what you can learn. (2015)
- There could have been more upper-level Japanese classes. I felt that I was not as challenged. (2014)
- Cultural courses did not cover deep issues, and language class was not as intensive as I expected. (2012)