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A curriculum taught 90% in English

World-class global faculty and academic rigor

An outstanding Japanese Studies Program

Surrounded by nature, yet easy and affordable access to Tokyo

Brand new, clean and state-of-the-art campus

Private dormitory room with 24-hour laundry room access

Why iCLA?
Important Dates for Admission

Application Period for Fall 2018
From January 15, 2018 until April 15, 2018
*Nominations sent at least two weeks before the application deadline.
*R�olling admissions are considered upon availability – please contact us for details.

Screening Period
From April 16, 2018 until April 25, 2018

Announcement of Results
By April 27, 2018

Submission of CoE Application (refer to page 6)
By June 1, 2018

Move-in Dates (fixed)
From August 28 to August 29, 2018
Minimum Requirements for Eligibility

1. Completed at least one academic year at home institution
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent (some exceptions allowed)
3. A TOEFL score of 213 (CBT), 550 (PBT), 80 (iBT), Cambridge FCE or equivalent
4. Two letters of recommendation (signed) from your home institution

*Japanese language skills are not required for admission
*The requirements above are only regarding application eligibility and do NOT guarantee your admission.

How to Apply

Submit a complete digital application to your home institution during the application period (see page 4). All the required documents MUST be received by iCLA before the aforementioned deadline.

Required Documents

1. A clear photocopy of your passport (photo page)
2. Form 1: Application for Study Abroad at iCLA
3. Form 2: Faculty Recommendation Letters (Two letters are required)
4. Form 3: Statement of Purpose
5. Form 4: Study Plan at iCLA
6. Form 5: Mental Health History and Class Assistance
7. Certificate of English Language Proficiency
   *Only required for non-native speakers of English
8. Clear photocopies of all post-secondary academic transcript(s)
   *Transcripts MUST be in English or Japanese

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Student Visa Overview

The process is composed of four steps with two steps done by iCLA and two steps done by the student. Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 are for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), a document required to have before applying for a student visa. Once the CoE is issued and mailed to the student, the student can apply for a student visa at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate. More details regarding each step will be provided at a later date.

STEP 1
- **The student** submits the following **FIVE** documents digitally (by e-mail) to iCLA.
  1. Certificate of Eligibility Application (CoE) Form
  2. A clear passport photocopy
  3. A 3cm x 4cm color photo ID
  4. Certificate of Health
  5. Proof of Funding

STEP 2
- iCLA applies for the CoE by submitting the above documents received from the student to the Immigration of Bureau of Japan.

STEP 3
- iCLA sends the issued CoE along with other documents by **physical mail** to the postal address of the host institution (or to another address if needed).

STEP 4
- **The student** applies for a student visa with the issued CoE along with other documents at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate where he/she lives.

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## Approximate Fees

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**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

1. Total costs are only estimates. Actual costs may vary depending on meal plans or the actual move-out date.
2. In principle, all students must enroll in meal plans. Please contact us for special diets or any other dietary concerns at: icla.dorm@ygu.ac.jp.
3. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided at the cafeteria from Monday to Friday.
4. Cooking facilities are not available on campus. Cooking in the dormitories is prohibited.
5. Fees must be paid upfront at the start of each semester for the duration of each semester.
6. In principle, you may not stay in the dormitory before or after your studies at iCLA.
7. Cost calculation does not include other spending money or transportation fees.

### Financial Aid

Currently no financial aid is available for short-term international students at iCLA. We will update you when a new opportunity becomes available for short-term international students.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need a student visa to study in Japan?
A: Yes, all international students are required to obtain a proper student visa before entering Japan. Switching the visa status from tourist to student is not accepted under the current immigration law.

Q: How long does it take to obtain my student visa?
A: It takes 2-3 months for the CoE, a document necessary in order to apply for a visa, and then another month or so for the actual visa application. Refer to page 6 for an overview.

Q: Will I need to open a Japanese Bank Account?
A: You are not required to open a Japanese bank account since the ATMs on campus can accommodate bank transfers by cash deposits. Japan Post Bank has an ATM on campus with foreign card functionality. If you want to open a bank account, there will be an information session explaining the necessary procedures.

Q: Do I need insurance?
A: Yes, you are required to have travel insurance. You may choose to purchase your own insurance before coming to iCLA or to purchase it upon arrival to iCLA. Should you choose to purchase your own insurance, it must cover all of the following three items: 1) medical evacuation, 2) third-party liability and 3) body repatriation. If your insurance does not cover one or more of the items, you will need to purchase the missing item(s) at iCLA. You may also choose to purchase insurance covering all three items at iCLA during an insurance information session. Please note that in addition to the travel insurance above, you will also be required to enroll in the Japanese National Health Insurance Program. This is for all foreign students living in Japan. In other words, you will be enrolled in two types of insurances.

Q: Are there any clubs that I can join?
A: The parent institution, Yamanashi Gakuin University, has a wide range of casual and serious clubs in art, sports, music, creativity, hobbies, etc. Please note that nearly all clubs use Japanese and that serious sports clubs have strict requirements for membership that are decided on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Can I extend my stay for another semester?
A: If you are originally only studying for one semester, then it is possible to extend your stay for an additional semester for a total of two semesters. Please note that you will be required to pay additional fees (this also includes the winter break/period) and renew your visa. Visa extension is a difficult process and failure to submit the necessary documents on time can result in deportation.
iCLA Fast Facts

**General description:** Four-year, residential, international liberal arts college in Japan

**Location:** iCLA is located in Kofu, Yamanashi, at the foot of Mt. Fuji, and is surrounded by beautiful mountains at the center of Japan’s wine industry.

**Parent institution:** Yamanashi Gakuin University (YGU), a private, family-owned institution established in 1946, offering the entire vertical of education from kindergarten to graduate school (about 6,500 YGU students)

**Accreditation:** Japanese Ministry of Education

**Academic year:** Two semesters: Spring (early April to late July), Fall (early September to late December)

**Degree-seeking students:** 80 per year: 50 Japanese, 30 internationals

**Exchange students:** Roughly 40 international exchange students on campus at any given time representing about 12 different countries.

**Full-time faculty:** 23 full-time and approximately 20 adjunct faculty. 80% of the full-time faculty are non-Japanese and hold graduate degrees from ANU, Berklee, Cambridge, Chicago, Harvard, Indiana, Minnesota, Princeton, Sheffield, and Stanford.

**Academic features:** Rigorous, interdisciplinary, student-centered, active, autonomous learning in a global, residential campus atmosphere

**Language of instruction:** All courses taught in English except for Japanese language courses and a few Japan Studies workshops

**Liberal arts curriculum:** 3-credit courses in Art, Music, and Theater to Calculus, Physics, and Natural Sciences. 1-credit experiential “workshops” in Japan Studies (Zen, Koto, Shakuhachi, Noh Theater, and Martial Arts), Acting, Directing, Dance, and Music and Creativity. Japanese language instruction is offered from beginning to advanced but Japanese language ability is not required for admission.

**Campus facilities:** Brand new dormitories, classrooms, and offices designed by Toyo Ito – one of the world’s most celebrated architects and winner of the 2013 Pritzker Award

**Residential campus:** All students live on campus in internationally integrated dormitories

**World-class athletics:** YGU has produced 52 Olympic athletes in 40 years in wrestling, martial arts, swimming, ice speed skating, field hockey, and other areas. Faculty includes a 2002 Karate world champion, a 5-time national Judo champion, an Olympian track and a field coach.
All students studying at iCLA are provided their own private room with a common bath and lobby shared with 7 other students. A laundry room with 24/7 access is also available.
Access

iCLA is just 90 minutes from Tokyo by express train, allowing for students to enjoy the entertainment, shopping, cuisine and unique culture that it has to offer.
About Yamanashi Prefecture

Yamanashi features Mt. Fuji, and is surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, forests, vineyards, and orchards. There are also historical temples and shrines for you to visit.