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KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY

# KOMSTUDY

*Japanese Language and Cultural Program*

*(June 21, 2024–July 14, 2024)*



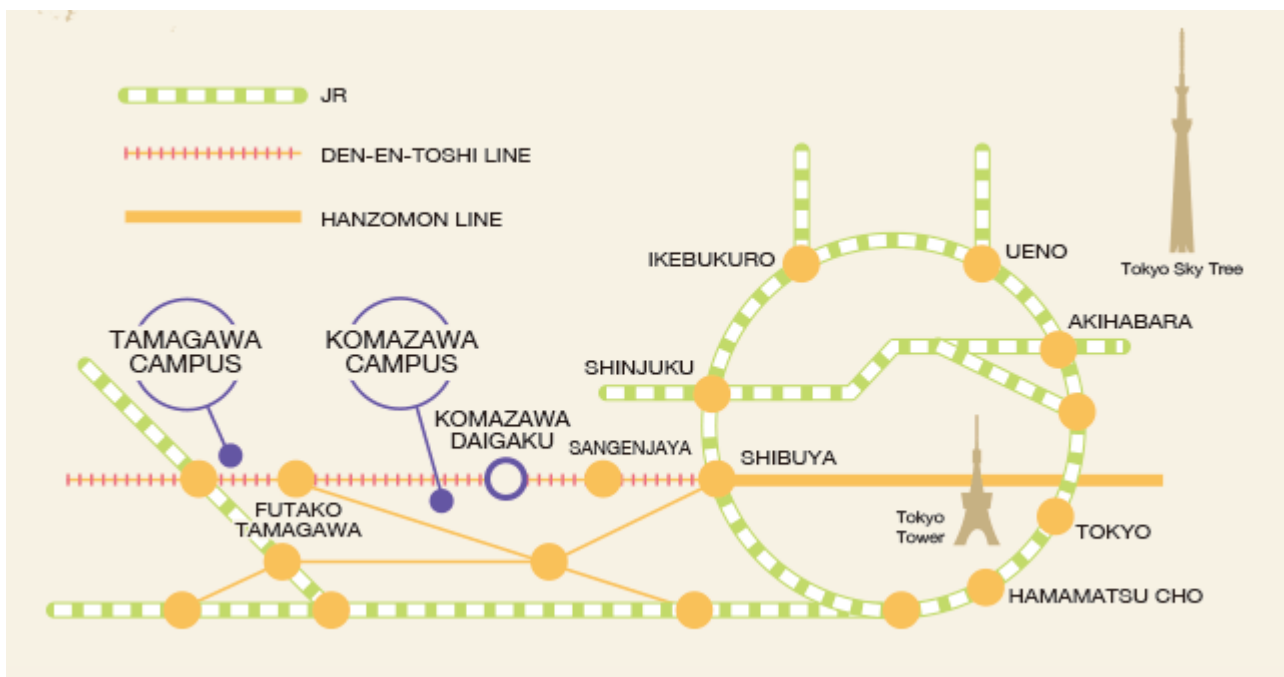
# KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY

## History and Overview

Komazawa University is a university with roots in the Soto Zen sect, one of the two Zen sects in Japan, and its history dates back to the late 16th century. Currently, it has around 14,000 students enrolled, offering seven faculties and nine graduate schools.

Komazawa University is located near the center of Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Tokyo is the political, economic, social, and cultural hub of Japan, and it is also highly renowned as an international metropolis. Tokyo boasts numerous train, subway, and bus routes, facilitating easy and comfortable access to shopping and dining locations.

Komazawa University is situated just 6 kilometers southeast of Shibuya, which is one of the largest commercial districts in Tokyo. In contrast to the liveliness of Shibuya, the campus maintains a very quiet and calm atmosphere. One of the reasons is that Komazawa University is adjacent to the expansive Komazawa Olympic Park, where various trees and plants flourish. Komazawa University is precisely situated in an area that combines the vibrancy and sophisticated atmosphere of Tokyo.



# KOMSTUDY

## Overview

KOMSTUDY is a Japanese language and culture program organized by Komazawa University, with a track record of over 30 past implementations. Participants engage in a three-week program that includes Japanese language classes, cultural experiences, field trips and homestays, contributing to a deeper understanding of the Japanese language and culture. This program is open to students who have never studied Japanese, with a focus on sparking interest in Japan. It also provides an excellent opportunity with students who have already studied Japanese but not yet visited Japan.

Throughout the program, many Komazawa University students actively support participants during Japanese language classes and cultural experiences. Spending a significant amount of time with Komazawa University students, one of the appealing aspects of KOMSTUDY, enable participants to make friends with Japanese students during the program.

### ●Program Overview

1. Program Name: KOMSTUDY 2024
2. Period: June 21, 2024 - July 14, 2024
3. Location: Komazawa University (approximately 7 minutes by train from Shibuya)
4. Capacity: 18 participants (subject to change)

\*If the number of participants is less than 5, the program will be canceled.

### ●Students Suitable for Participation in KOMSTUDY 2024

1. Students who have never studied Japanese but are interested in Japan.
2. Students who have already been studying Japanese and want to improve their Japanese language skills.
3. Students who have never been to Japan and want to directly experience the country.

### ●Course Content

1. Japanese Language Classes: 30 hours
  - ⇒ Class A (Introductory Level: Students with no prior Japanese knowledge to below N5)
  - Class B (Elementary to Pre-Intermediate Level: Approximately N5 to N4)
  - \*Note: N5 to N1 are indicators of Japanese proficiency used in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). In this program, these indicators are used to represent the level of Japanese language classes. Please note that completion of the classes does not certify participants to have acquired the Japanese

language proficiency levels mentioned above.

Reference: "N1 to N5: Level Summary (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)"

(<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>)



2. Japanese Cultural Experiences: 10 hours
  - ⇒Tea Ceremony (Sado): 2 hours
  - Calligraphy (Shodo): 2 hours
  - Karate: 1.5 hours
  - Zazen (Zen meditation): 1.5 hours
  - Interaction with Komazawa University students: 3 hours
3. Educational Field Trip: 2 times
  - ⇒Tokyo excursion (June 26, 2024): Half-day
  - Kamakura excursion (July 2, 2024): Full-day
4. Accommodation
  - June 22 to July 12
  - ⇒Homestay
  - June 21 (pre-stay) and July 13 (post-stay)
  - ⇒Hotel or dormitory (chosen at the time of application)

#### ●Language

Japanese and English

\*Japanese language classes will be conducted in Japanese. English will be used as a supplementary language for explanations and support.

\*This program is open to students who have not studied Japanese and those who do not speak English.

#### Japanese Language Classes

In Japanese language classes, two levels are offered: Introductory Level and Elementary to Pre-Intermediate Level. Participants are assigned to classes based on their declared proficiency level at the time of program application. Both classes are designed to enhance all four Japanese language skills – listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Importantly, the content is closely related to Japanese culture and the educational field trips. For example, some Japanese language classes cover pre- and post-learning for the educational field trip, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of Japanese language and culture throughout the program. Classes are led by experienced instructors, and in some cases, by Komazawa University students who have experience studying abroad support their study. Even if participants have concerns about the language, with KU students' support, they will undoubtedly feel improvement in your Japanese language skills.

Grades are determined based on various aspects such as class attendance, attitude towards learning, essay writing and speeches.

After completing the program, participants receive a certificate of completion and a transcript. Credit recognition after completion is subject to the standards of the participants' respective universities.



### Japanese cultural experience

In the Japanese cultural experience, participants will engage in activities such as tea ceremony (Sado), calligraphy (Shodo), Karate and Zazen (Zen meditation). The tea ceremony and calligraphy practices are held in the renowned Japanese-style building called the "Nihonkan" which has a Japanese garden. Under the guidance of the university's tea ceremony and calligraphy clubs, participants will have the opportunity to experience the traditional Japanese arts of tea ceremony and calligraphy.

For the Karate experience, Karate club will provide instruction on Karate basics and movements. Komazawa University is known as one of the strong universities for karate in Japan, and participants can learn authentic karate directly from the instructors and club members.

Zazen experience is a unique program offered by Komazawa University, rooted in the Soto Zen sect. Zazen involves sitting quietly in the correct posture to calm the mind, representing a fundamental practice in Zen Buddhism. In the dedicated meditation hall at Komazawa University, participants will learn the principles and correct movements of zazen before the Zazen practice.

In addition, there is a day designated for participants to freely explore and engage in sightseeing and activities in groups with Komazawa University students.



### Educational Field Trip

On June 26th (Wed) and July 2nd (Tue), we will be organizing educational field trips. On June 26, we will explore the city by train in the afternoon. From the train window, you will have the opportunity to observe Tokyo's world-renowned skyscrapers. Experience the

unique blend of urban sophistication and traditional Japanese culture!

On July 2, we will embark on a bus tour to Kamakura. Kamakura was a city that served as the political center of Japan during the medieval period, and it has preserved numerous cultural heritage sites to the present. Additionally, in July, Kamakura is also known for its hydrangea season, attracting a large number of tourists from both within and outside the country.

## Homestay

During the program period, participants will engage in homestay. Breakfast and dinner will be provided every day. The commute time to Komazawa University is approximately 60 minutes by train.

Through homestay, participants not only have ample exposure to the Japanese language but also get to experience Japan's cuisine culture and lifestyle. The host family, as a “Japanese family,” will likely become an irreplaceable presence even after the program finishes.

## The start and end of the program

### ● June 21

In advance, Komazawa University will arrange accommodation near the T-CAT bus terminal station, easily accessible from Narita or Haneda international Airport. Participants choose whether to stay at a hotel or a dormitory when applying for the program. Participants need to arrange their transportation between the airport and accommodation by themselves, and they can use the limousine bus from T-CAT. For more details on the limousine bus, please check the following;

URL: <https://www.tcat-hakozaki.co.jp/en/>



### ● June 22

Komazawa University will arrange a bus, so please board it to travel to Komazawa University. Upon arrival at the university, an orientation will be conducted. During the orientation, an overview of the program as well as important information will be explained, marking the commencement of the program. Following the conclusion of the orientation, a welcome party will be held. Take this opportunity to foster camaraderie with Komazawa University student volunteers, Japanese language instructors, and International Center staff.

- July 13

A farewell party will be held. During the event, participants will give speeches in Japanese as a presentation of their achievements in Japanese language and culture studies. Through these speeches, participants will have the opportunity to realize the improvement in their Japanese language skills and a deepened understanding of Japanese culture.

After the conclusion of the farewell party, a bus arranged by Komazawa University will bring participants to accommodation near T-CAT. Similar to June 21, Komazawa University will make prior arrangements for the accommodation. At the time of program application, participants choose whether to stay at a hotel or a dormitory when applying for the program.

- July 14

Participants will individually check out, marking the conclusion of all programs. Similar to June 21, please make your own arrangements for transportation between the airport and the accommodation.



# Program Fee

## Program Fee

The program cost varies depending on the accommodation combination for June 21 and July 13. Participants will choose a hotel or a dormitory when applying. Specific information about accommodation can be confirmed at the time of application.

Accommodation (June 21)	Accommodation (July 13)	Program Fee
Hotel	Hotel	260,000 yen
Dormitory	Hotel	255,000 yen
Hotel	Dormitory	250,000 yen
Dormitory	Dormitory	245,000 yen

\*The hotel includes breakfast, while the dormitory does not include breakfast.

## What is included and not included in the program fee

### ●Included in the Program Fee:

1. Japanese language classes (including teaching materials).
2. Japanese cultural experiences (excluding interactions with students from Komazawa University)
3. Educational field trips.
4. Homestay.
5. Accommodation on June 21 and July 13 (Choose hotel or dormitory when applying).
6. Bus transportation between the university and accommodation on June 22 and July 13.
7. Welcome Suica card (pre-loaded with 2000 yen).

### ●Not Included in the Program Fee:

1. Airfare between home country and Japan
2. Transportation expenses between the airport and hotel upon arrival and departure.
3. Commuting expenses between host family's house and the university.
4. Expenses incurred during interactions with Komazawa University students (Japanese cultural experiences)
5. Lunch (approximately 500 to 700 yen at the cafeteria).
6. Personal expenses for individual activities, trips, souvenirs, etc.
7. Overseas travel insurance fees and medical expenses.

## Overseas Travel Insurance

During the program period, for minor illnesses or injuries, participants can use Health Administration Center on the Komazawa campus for free. However, if treatment is



received outside the campus, such as at a hospital and a clinic, medical expenses will be incurred. Participants of KOMSTUDY must individually arrange to buy overseas travel insurance in advance.

## Application Procedure

### Participation Requirements

1. Participants must follow the procedures, processes and eligibility criteria established by their affiliated universities when applying.
2. Participants must be 17 years of age or older and must be university students.
3. Participants are required to declare their mental and physical condition when applying.

### Application Procedure

#### ●STEP1

1. Access the dedicated KOMSTUDY 2024 website below;  
<https://kitos-001.jp/komazawauniv-komstudy/Entry/RegTop.aspx>
2. Complete the application by filling out the necessary information (participant details) from 'New Nomination'.



Application Period (JST): February 19, 2024 to March 19, 2024 12:00 PM

#### ●STEP2

After completing Step 1, log in to your account with your login ID and password, then proceed to My Account. From there, make a payment using a credit card for the program fee from 'Next (select a payment method)'.

Payment Deadline (JST): After Step 1 completion until March 19, 2024 (Thu) 12:00 PM

**★Participation application completed upon completion of STEP1 and STEP2.**

#### ●STEP3

Register pledge agreement and copy of the photo page of your passport through My Account on the dedicated page.

Registration Period (JST): March 22, 2024 to April 12, 2024 12:00 PM

#### ●STEP4:

Register your flight ticket and overseas travel insurance information through My Account on the dedicated page.

Registration Deadline (JST): May 31, 2024 12:00 PM

## 【Homestay】

The arrangement of host families will be facilitated through a company called "Homestay in Japan." Participants must specify their preferences and current physical and mental conditions during the application process. Based on this information, every effort will be made to match students with host families as closely as possible. However, it cannot be guaranteed that all the participant's requested preferences will be met.

Throughout the entire program, participants will generally live under the same host family. Except for complaints based on problems with the host family, changes in homestay arrangements will not be permitted. Additionally, participants may be removed from the homestay without notice if they engage in inappropriate behavior or intentional harm or if they are unable to meet the expectations of the host family.

Regarding homestay arrangements, if necessary, participants will receive communication via email from the Homestay in Japan coordinator.

## Information about KOMSTUDY

For more information of KOMSTUDY 2024, we will primarily communicate through the dedicated website.

## Cancellation Policy

1. If payment for the program fee is not confirmed by the deadline, Komazawa University reserves the right to cancel enrollment without consulting the prospective participant's intentions.
2. If you cancel your application, the following penalties will apply.

Cancellation dates (JST)	Cancellation fee
Before March 19, 2024	None
March 20, 2024 - May 31, 2024	33,200 yen
June 1, 2024 - June 13, 2024	20% of program fee + 22,000 yen
June 14, 2024 to June 19, 2024	30% of program fee + 22,000 yen
June 20, 2024	40% of program fee + 22,000 yen
After June 21, 2024	100% of program fee (non-refundable)

\*If you cancel the program and request a refund, we will refund the amount deducted by the cancellation fee specified above.

\*If we cannot confirm the payment of the specified cancellation fee, we may contact the partner university.

# KOMSTUDY 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

\*Japanese language classes: 30 hours, Japanese cultural experiences: 10 hours, Educational field trips: 2 times

(Please note that the schedule is subject to change without prior notice.)

\*The schedule for Japanese cultural experiences is tentative.

	Date	Upper Part (AM) / Lower Part (PM)	Accommodation
1	June 21 (Fri)	Assemble individually Check-in at the accomodation from 3:00 PM	Hotel/Dormitory 1
2	22 (Sat)	10:00 AM Move to Komazawa University by bus 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Orientation 12:00 PM~2:00 PM Welcome party	Homestay 1
3	23 (Sun)	Free Day	Homestay 2
4	24 (Mon)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese class 1 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 2 1:00 PM~2:30 PM Campus Tour	Homestay 3
5	25 (Tue)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese class 3 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 4 1:30 PM~3:30 PM Tea Ceremoney (Sado)	Homestay 4
6	26 (Wed)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 5 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 6 1:30 AM~6:30 AM Educational field trip 1: Tokyo excursion	Homestay 5
7	27 (Thu)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 7 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 8	Homestay 6
8	28 (Fri)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 9 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 10	Homestay 7
9	29 (Sat)	Free Day	Homestay 8
10	30 (Sun)	Free Day	Homestay 9
11	July 1 (Mon)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 11 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 12 1:30 PM~3:30 PM Calligraphy (Shodo)	Homestay 10
12	2 (Tue)	Educational field trip 2: Kamakura excursion	Homestay 11
13	3 (Wed)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 13 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 14	Homestay 12
14	4 (Thu)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 15 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 16 1:30 PM~3:00 PM Karate	Homestay 13
15	5 (Fri)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 17 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 18 1:00 PM~2:00 PM Japanese Class 19	Homestay 14
16	6 (Sat)	Free Day	Homestay 15
17	7 (Sun)	Free Day	Homestay 16
18	8 (Mon)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 20 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 21 1:30 PM~4:30 PM Interaction with Komazawa University students	Homestay 17
19	9 (Tue)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 22 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 23 1:00 PM~2:30 PM Zazen	Homestay 18
20	10 (Wed)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 24 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 25	Homestay 19
21	11 (Thu)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 26 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 27	Homestay 20
22	12 (Fri)	09:30 AM~10:30 AM Japanese Class 28 10:45 AM~11:45 AM Japanese Class 29 1:00 PM~2:00 PM Japanese Class 30	Homestay 21
23	13 (Sat)	11:30 AM~1:30 PM Farewell Party 2:00 PM Move to the accomodation by bus <sup>11</sup>	Hotel/Dormitory 2
24	14 (Sun)	10:00 AM Check out of the accomodation Disperse individually	



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