Study Abroad: Japan

J. F. OBERLIN UNIVERSITY

STUDY
J. F. Oberlin is a private, co-educational institution located in the Tokyo suburb of Machida. Like Webster’s other international exchange partners, J. F. Oberlin (Obirin) provides language and culture exchange opportunities.

Obirin University has a wide range of courses (both Japanese language courses and content courses taught in English). There are six levels of Japanese language classes that range from beginning to advanced. Students will take a placement exam to determine their language proficiency and then will be registered locally. Regardless of level, the language classes emphasize the development of oral, reading, and writing skills. While there is no required Japanese language proficiency, the Office of Study Abroad strongly encourages students to study Japanese before applying.

Students will receive academic credit at Webster University for all courses taken at Obirin University. Depending on the students’ majors, the credits from Obirin University may apply differently at Webster University. It is important that students maintain contact with their home-campus advisor regarding this.

LIVE
Fuchinobe International House, a residence hall with 245 studio units, opened in 2010. The hall is conveniently located near JR Fuchinobe station, just a short ride by shuttle bus to the Machida Campus, where most classes are held. All rooms are single occupancy, furnished, and with Internet access. Laundry facilities are available on-site. Students are responsible for their own meals and bedding. Security personnel are on-site 24 hours a day.

Students also have the option to live in a homestay with a Japanese family. The fee for homestay does not cover commuting expenses, but does include all meals except for weekday lunches.

DISCOVER
The Office of International Programs (OIP) offers a varied program of cultural activities and excursions in and around Tokyo. Most of these activities will be arranged for weekends or on weekdays after classes are over in order to ensure maximum participation. Please note that a separate fee will be charged for participation in some activities.

Beyond scheduled events, students will find plenty to do in Machida City, a young city geared toward the college crowd. It is a lively, upbeat town which is neither too big nor too small. In Machida, students will find plenty of shops selling traditional goods and quiet coffee shops. Machida is also convenient in terms of location. Well-served by trains, it provides easy access to downtown Tokyo and Yokohama as well as the nearby mountains and beaches.

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HOW TO APPLY
For instructions on the application process, please visit our website at webster.edu/study-abroad/application/.

Spring Semester (16-week) April - August. Application Deadline: September 15
Academic Year – September – August. Application Deadline: March 15