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## **SHORT RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVERSEAS – WINTER VACATION 2011**

### **Okinawa International University Summer Japanese Language and Culture Study Program Okinawa, Japan Program dates: 5 -22 July 2011 Macquarie application deadline: **April 26<sup>th</sup> 2011****

#### **Overview**

Situated off the coast of China in the middle of the Ryukyu Archipelago halfway between Kyushu and Taiwan, Okinawa has over the past several hundred years absorbed influences from China, Korea, Japan, Southeast Asia and the United States to create a culture and way of life which is open to the outside world while at the same time celebrating its own unique heritage. Okinawa's location at a crossroads in East Asia means that we are closer in flying time to Shanghai and Taipei than to Tokyo, and easily accessible from many points in the Asia Pacific region and all major destinations in mainland Japan. With its subtropical climate (average annual temperature 22C. 72F.), vacation resorts, convention facilities, coral reefs and Turquoise Ocean, Okinawa offers an excellent human and physical environment to pursue international studies and research.

#### **Program description**

Three week course of Japanese language and culture.

#### **Student Profile**

This program is specifically designed for Japanese language students at Macquarie University. The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

#### **Student Numbers**

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course. Priority will be given to those students who are currently enrolled in degree and diploma of languages programs in the field of Japanese studies.

#### **Outcome**

- Advancement of Japanese language skills
- Language immersion in Okinawa
- Acquisition of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

#### **Timing and Duration of Program**

The program will run for three weeks in July, dates to be confirmed. Students must be present for the entirety of the course, including the whole of the first and last days.

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### **Assignment and Assessment**

Students will be required to undertake exams as part of the course in Okinawa. Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students will be presented with a Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

### **Credit**

Students participating in the course will be enrolled in **JPS 195**. All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) are payable to Macquarie for the enrolment. The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee listed below. The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided you pass, will not affect your GPA. Please contact Carolina Rodriguez for further information regarding the enrolment process.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with a Macquarie University GPA of 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez [carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au](mailto:carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au) to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange)
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs
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*Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:*

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program in which they are participating is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students who do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be made clear in the documentation about the program

### **Travel Grant**

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie travel grant of \$2,000.

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- These grants will be paid directly into students' Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application forms and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents.
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages are not eligible for travel grants.

### **OS – Help**

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link  
[http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange)

### **Accommodation**

Students will be accommodated in the University campus. Two meals per day are included (lunch and dinner) except on Sundays.

Students must arrive on Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> and depart on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Cost**

All the students must travel as a group arriving and departing at the same time. The airfares are included as part of the program logistic fee and students cannot changes to the airfares, dates or airline.

The Logistics Fee for this program is estimated in **\$3,320**. The final fee will be sent once the airfares are confirmed. Further information on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to succesful candidates.

The 2011 logistic fee includes:

- Orientation and campus tour
- Accommodation (during the program dates)
- Airfare (Sydney – Okinawa – Sydney)
- Use of University library
- Two meals per day (except on Sunday)
- Airport pick up service
- Certificate
- Field trips to Shuri Castle, Aquarium, beach party
- Cultural activities (beach party, three days seminar at Seminar House)

Macquarie International will provide:

- Travel insurance
- Pre-departure event
- Lonely planet guide - Japan

**Note:** All students accepted into the program must travel at the same time using the airfares booked by Macquarie University.

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### **Additional costs**

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

1. **\$110** Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
2. Tuition fee for the Residential unit at Macquarie

### **How to Pay Relevant Fees**

Application Fees (110 AUD) can be paid in two ways:

#### **In person**

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on Level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in exceptional circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

#### **Online**

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>  
Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

Further application on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

### **How to Apply**

The application form is online at:  
<https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.  
It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the

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### **Evaluation**

The program will be evaluated in the form of an online survey at the conclusion of the course. Students must complete this evaluation for Macquarie before grades can be transferred.

### **Deadline**

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by **April 26<sup>th</sup> 2011**

### **Notes for International Students**

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

[http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third\\_country\\_exchanges.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm)

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

### **Further Information**

#### **Students should direct initial enquiries to:**

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