



Japan-Latin America Student Mobility Program :

Human Dignity and Harmonization in Migration and Coexistence (Sophia-Nanzan LAP Program)

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"Sophia-Nanzan LAP Program" is an exchange study-abroad opportunity for undergraduate/graduate students provided by a joint initiative of Sophia University, Nanzan University and Sophia University Junior College Division, with support by the Japanese government. Under the theme of "Migration and Co-existence", the program aims at educating and developing human resources with expertise in their field of study, ability to view problems from multilateral perspectives, and readiness to cooperate in finding solutions. Multi-layered educational and research activities provide opportunities not only for acquisition of knowledge of the language and culture of the host country, but also for internships, service learning, field trips, and educational practices for the society of people of Japanese descent.

Program Outline

Latin American students will be offered a multi-campus education in Japan. The basic model course includes (1) taking an intensive Japanese language course and internship programs at Nanzan (Nagoya) and (2) enrolling in Undergraduate or Graduate Program appropriate to their field of study to take course work at Sophia (Tokyo). Students will then participate in joint programs offered for both inbound and outbound students; "Seminar on Comparative Study of Japan and Latin-America" held in Spanish or Portuguese to be attended by both students of Latin-America and Japan; active learning course "Migration and Coexistence" in which issues will be presented by researchers of industry, government and academia from diverse perspectives; service learning programs and internships at companies and schools.

Required Course and Activity(*required to take one course at least)

All LAP program students are required to take at least one required course and one internship program, in addition to academic courses in the host faculty/graduate school.

■ **Seminar on Comparative Study of Japan and Latin-America (2 credits)**

The course is designated to encourage Latin-American and Japanese students to understand Japan and Latin-America through comparison between two countries/regions from different perspectives such as economics, culture, society, etc. The course is conducted in Spanish or Portuguese.

■ **Migration and Coexistence (2 credits)**

The course is designed to expose students to major global issues and concerns in the global trends in migration, economy, environment and human coexistence. Active learning methods will be promoted and various didactic methods will be used to activate communication and learning. The is not meant to provide in-depth analysis but rather to give students an ability to view the issues from different angles.

■ **Internship program at a Japanese company/organization (no credit)**

Internship opportunities will be provided at a Japanese company/organization in the Tokyo or Nagoya area, specially arranged for LAP program students.

Elective Courses (specially opened for this program)

- Intensive Japanese (Basic-level) in Nanzan (2 credits) *including internship program
- Japanese Popular Culture (2 credits)

Elective Courses (provided by each host faculty/graduate school)

- Choose from the course list in host faculty/graduate school bulletin
- *Please refer to “Exchange Programs at Sophia” brochure for details.

Other activities

- Field trip / Service learning *optional

Academic Calendar

	Autumn Semester 016	Spring Semester 2017
Arrival date for students with Intensive Japanese course at Nanzan	August 24th	End of February
Arrival date for students without Intensive Japanese course at Nanzan	September 15 th or 16 th	End of March
Final Exams at Sophia	Jan. 25 – Feb. 1, 2017	Late July
Transcript Issuance	Late March	Mid-September

Accommodation and Approximate Living Expenses in Tokyo

<Housing Fees> *Subject to change without prior notice

Type of Housing	1 semester (4 months)	1 year (10 months)
Sophia Soshigaya International House	180,000 yen	480,000 yen
Kasai International House for Women	280,000 yen	650,000 yen
Azelea House	300,000 yen	630,000 yen
DK House Warabi	280,000 yen	636,000 yen
DK House Tokyo Nerima	280,000 yen	636,000 yen

<Other Expenses>

Meals : 30,000-60,000 yen per month / Public Transportation : 5,000 -10,000 yen per month
 Books : 30,000-50,000 yen per month / University Insurance(Mandatory) : 800 yen per year
 Personal Expenses : 20,000 yen/month (depends on the student's lifestyle)

Financial Support

Tuition at Nanzan and Sophia is waived based on the exchange agreement between the home university and the host university. LAP program covers (1)One way airfare from your home country to Japan, (2)Accommodation at Nanzan during the Intensive Japanese course, (3)One way train ticket from Nagoya(Nanzan) to Tokyo Station. Apart from LAP program, one student per university has a chance to receive a “JASSO scholarship” (80,000JPY/month) as his/her living cost in Japan. However, JASSO scholarship is not guaranteed yet, since the student must be approved by JASSO(Japan Student Services Organization).

Application Process

To apply for the Sophia-Nanzan LAP Program, please contact the office in charge of exchange programs (the International Office, in most case) at your home university. The exchange program coordinator at your university will have more details about the application procedure. Once the application documents are submitted, the home university selects the students to nominate for Sophia University, which in turn will review the applications of its selected students. The results will be notified through the coordinator at your university.

Contact Sophia University, Office of Global Education and Collaboration

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