International College of Liberal Arts

iCLA is a four-year, English-medium, liberal arts college. Just 90 minutes west of Tokyo, iCLA combines a multicultural learning environment with a beautifully traditional Japanese setting in the shadow of Mt. Fuji.

Liberal Arts

Education at iCLA spans both depth and breadth as students study a variety of disciplines while acquiring a deep understanding of their chosen major. Students can take courses in areas such as:

- Global Business & Economics
- Interdisciplinary Arts
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Health & Physical Education
- Political Science
- Japan Studies
- Natural Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Workshops & Practical

Unique to iCLA are our Workshops & Practical offerings, a range of cultural classes that students take for credit. Pick up the koto, learn karate, practice flower arrangement, or take part in a Noh theater play and more, all under the tutelage of Japanese masters respected for their craft.

iEXPerience Program (iEXP)

Explore Yamanashi and Kofu through iCLA’s unique iEXPerience program, a series of experiential learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Participate in a guided tour of local shrines and temples with our Professor of Japan Studies, whip up some local cuisine in our cooking workshop, or go on a day tour in picturesque Yamanashi (activities TBC).

Scholarship

Incoming exchange students to iCLA may be eligible to apply for the JASSO Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan (monthly stipend: JPY 80,000, conditions apply).

On-campus housing

All incoming exchange students are guaranteed a private room in iCLA’s purpose-built residence hall. As international and Japanese students reside together in the same facility, there are plenty of opportunities for building global friendships.
Study in Kofu, Japan

iCLA is located in Kofu City, the capital of Yamanashi Prefecture. Yamanashi is famed for its beautiful mountains and lakes, historic sites, hot springs, hiking trails, fruit orchards and vineyards, all set against the iconic backdrop of Mount Fuji. Being based in Kofu puts you right at the center of Japan with easy access to Tokyo, and both Eastern and Western coasts of Japan.

Fall 2021 Entry
Application Deadline
April 15, 2021

Study Period
Exchange students have the option of studying at iCLA either for 1 or 2 semesters.
Spring Semester: End of March - Early August
Fall Semester: End of August - Late December

Eligibility
- Your home institution is a partner school of iCLA
- You have completed at least one academic year at your home institution
- You have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
- You have a TOEFL score of 80 (iBT), 550 (iTP), IELTS 6.0, Cambridge FCE or equivalent

How to Apply
- Have your international office/exchange coordinator nominate you to iCLA
- Once your nomination is accepted, apply through the online application portal

Approximate Fees (room, utilities, meal plan, cleaning and rental items fee, insurance)
- 1 semester: JPY 422,530 - 438,030
- 2 semester: JPY 955,770 - 971,270

Insurance
- All exchange students will automatically enroll in three types of insurance during their stay at iCLA and will pay for 2 out of 3 mandatory insurance plans.

Student Visa
- After you are accepted by iCLA, you will apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), a document that qualifies you to apply for a visa. Once you receive the CoE, apply for a student visa at your nearest Japanese embassy or consulate.