

## Tokyo, Japan

## Sophia University



### At-a-Glance

**Program Type:**

Marquette Sponsored Exchange Program

**Duration:**

Either semester or full year

**Dates:**

Fall semester: late September – mid February

Spring semester: mid March to late July

**Language:**

Courses taught in English

**Eligibility:**

MOST MAJORS; minimum junior standing 3.0 GPA

**Subjects:**

Business, Economics, Japanese language, Philosophy, Political Science, History, Theology, Psychology, Sociology

**Housing:**

University housing service

**Tuition:**

Marquette University tuition

**Financial aid:**

Federal financial aid applies. Marquette scholarships and grants also apply. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

### About the City

Tokyo is the capital of Japan and the country's most populous city. Tokyo is also one of Japan's 47 prefectures (regional districts administered by a governor), but is called a metropolis rather than a prefecture. The metropolis of Tokyo consists of 23 city wards, 26 cities, 5 towns and 8 villages, including the Izu and Ogasawara Islands, several small Pacific Islands in the south of Japan's main island Honshu. The 23 city wards are the center of Tokyo and make up about one third of the metropolis' area. Tokyo itself makes up about 8 of the 12 million inhabitants of Japan.

Prior to 1868, Tokyo was known as Edo. Edo existed as a small castle town in the 16th century, and became Japan's political center in 1603 when Tokugawa Ieyasu established a feudal government. A few decades later, Edo had grown into the world's most populous city. During the Meiji Restoration of 1868, the emperor and the capital were moved from Kyoto to Edo, where it was renamed Tokyo ("Eastern Capital"). Large parts of Tokyo were destroyed in the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 and also during the air raids of World War II. The city miraculously brought itself out of the ashes to become one of the most vibrant metropolises in the world.

The incredible level of energy is the most striking aspect of Japan's capital city. More than anything else, Tokyo is a place where the urgent rhythms of consumerism collide with the quieter moments of tradition. Close to the soaring office blocks exists pockets of another Tokyo – an ancient wooden house, a Japanese inn, an old lady in a kimono sweeping the pavement outside her home with a straw broom. While it's true the exciting vibe has a somewhat depressing flip side - shoebox housing estates and office blocks traversed by overhead expressways crowded with traffic - Tokyo remains a glittering example of the 'miracle' of post-WWII Japan.

Despite mega-construction, the average Tokyo suburb has not yet fallen prey to supermarket culture; streets are lined with tiny specialist shops and bustling restaurants, most of which stay open late into the night.

### Top Sights of Tokyo

- ◆ Ginza: Shopping and entertainment district
- ◆ Ameyoko: Market street
- ◆ Sensoji Temple
- ◆ Meiji Shrine
- ◆ Imperial Palace
- ◆ Rikugien- Japan's best garden

# Sophia University



## About the university

Sophia University from its founding to the present has been dedicated to student-centered education and research. It is a fellow Jesuit University that consists of two campuses. The main campus is in Yotsuya and nearby is the Ichigaya Campus where the Faculty of Comparative Culture is based, both campuses located in the heart of Tokyo. The Imperial Palace, historic Meiji Shrine, and the National Diet Library are just a couple of stops away on the subway. The student body includes a diverse mixture of Japanese students and more than 500 foreign students from 54 countries enrolled. Students are able to participate in on-campus activities, clubs, and sports teams, providing a great opportunity for exchange students to participate in student life. There are courses on Japan and Asia in a wide variety of academic fields which are all taught in English. Additionally, students are required to take a Japanese language class while studying abroad.

Located on the perimeter of the Yotsuya campus is the National Theater, the National Stadium, international conventions facilities, and the Akasaka Palace where visiting royal Families and political leaders are accommodated. The abundant Greenery of the campus creates an atmosphere of peace and serenity which belies its location in the center of a bustling metropolis. Student life is further enhanced by a wealth of facilities for the enjoyment of music, drama, art, and sports.

Students are accommodated in the university dorms. There are two dorms, a Men's Dormitory and a Women's Dormitory, which are fully equipped with a desk, chair, bookshelf, bed, etc. The Men's Dorms are double rooms with a 240 person capacity; students are generally paired with a Japanese student and the Dorm is located on the Yotsuya campus. The Women's Dormitory is located approximately 7 minutes on foot from the Kagurazaka Station and is 30 minutes from the university. These Dorms are single person with a capacity of 62 students.

## Transfer of credits

Grades do not transfer to Marquette University for this program. Only credits will transfer provided that a grade of "C" or higher is earned.

## Expected Costs (Approximate)

Tuition:	MU tuition
Airfare:	\$2,200
Room:	\$800/month; 4,000/semester
Housing Deposit:	\$800
Meals:	\$600/month; \$3,000/semester
Books:	\$400
Insurance:	\$0
Application Fee:	none
Activity Fee:	none
Personal Travel:	\$3,000

### Application Deadline:

October 1st for Spring Term and Full year; March 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall Term

### Visa:

VISA Required (Need to apply 3 months in advance)

### University website:

<http://www.sophia.ac.jp/>

### Course Website

[http://www.sophia.ac.jp/E/E\\_forfcstudent.nsf/Content/forfcstudent](http://www.sophia.ac.jp/E/E_forfcstudent.nsf/Content/forfcstudent)

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