

## Art and Culture Study Class

Beginning in October 2013, our center will augment the current Cultural Study Class by incorporating the study of Kyoto's art and traditional crafts into the coursework.

In this class, students study Japanese culture and history by reading works of literature, critiques, etc.

Students learn Japanese culture and history in the classroom, and this study is supplemented by related field work.

After completing the field work, students make written reports and give oral presentations. Through this "Input – Activity – Output" process, the class aims to teach students about Japanese culture and enable them to express their opinion about what they have learned.

We make the most of the unique opportunities available in Kyoto for your study in the class. We will invite guest speakers such as traditional craftsmen and artists living in Kyoto for a series of lectures as well as visit their workplaces.

### **【Class size】**

Up to 18 students

### **【Fees】**

The following extra fee applies for this class in addition to the fee for the intensive course.

5,400 yen (per term)

Consumption tax is included in the fee above.

\* Breakdown of the above fee

- Facility tour fee
- Guest speaker lecture fee
- Japanese culture and artistic fieldwork fee

### **【Course outline】**

The course consists of the following three main subjects.

1 . General Japanese

- The four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking required to learn Japanese art and culture

2. Art and Culture studies

- Culture in Kyoto (Noh play, Judo, Japanese art of flower arrangement, festival, culture of entertainment areas in Kyoto, manga)
- Industry in Kyoto (confectionary, Japanese sake and pottery)
- Arts and Traditional crafts (lacquer, textile-dyeing, tea utensil)
- Architecture in Kyoto (Machiya townhouses, temples and shrines)

3. Japanese culture and history

- Modern / Contemporary history

**【Course Materials】**

- Reading Japanese Culture for Advanced Intermediate Learners (Textbook)
- Newspaper and magazine articles
- Audio-visual aids \* Texts may change each school term.

**【Timetable (example)】** \* Timetable may change each term.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	Reading	Conversation	Reading	Reading	Speed Reading
2					Speaking
3	Culture Study A	Listening	Grammar	Grammar	Culture Study B
4		Writing			

Culture Study A (General topics) : Geography, History, Traditional performing arts, Traditional craft, Food, Ceremonial functions, Education, Pop culture

Culture Study B (Themed category) : Japanese flower arrangement (Ikenobo), Kanji (Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Public Interest Foundation), Japanese Tea (Ippodo), Japanese sake (Gekkeikan), Machiya, traditional houses

**【Extracurricular activities (field work)】**

Extracurricular activities are conducted two or three times per term.

Students conduct preliminary studies prior to going on field work trips and give reports after the fieldwork is completed.