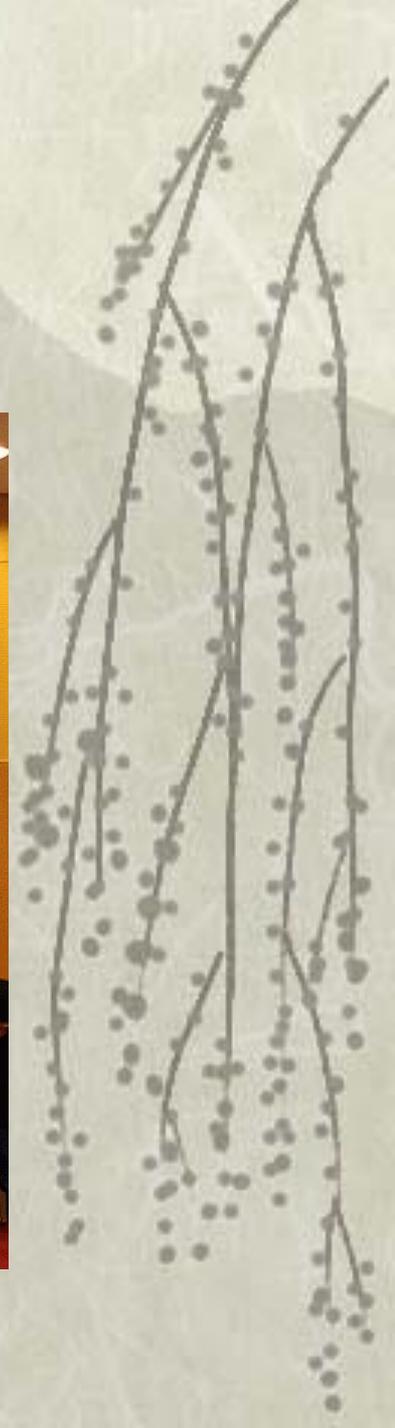


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What is LBAT?

LBAT (**L**anguage for **B**usiness **A**nd **T**echnology) programs are GA Tech faculty-led summer intensive study-abroad program. In 2021, LBAT Japan is a **8 weeks** program, and students can take 3 or 4 courses and earn **9 or 12 credit hours**.

❖ **Location: Beppu** (in Oita Prefecture)

❖ **Duration: May 18 – July 18, 2021**

The program starts on May 18 (Tue) at Fukuoka Airport and end in Beppu on July 18 (Sun).

Where Is Beppu?

Beppu is located in the northeastern part of Kyushu Island.



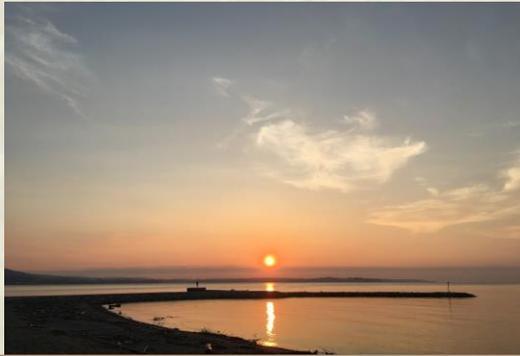
More information about Beppu

Beppu is a well-known resort city, famous for its numerous hot springs (Onsen). The city is surrounded by the sea and the mountains.



View from APU campus

Places to see in Beppu



Sunrise from Bappu bay



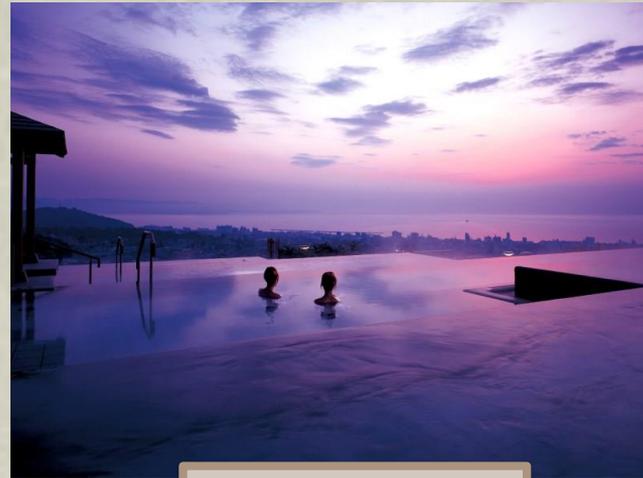
African safari



Downtown Beppu



Jigoku Meguri (Hot spring tour)



Onsen



Gondola to the top of the mountain

Food!



Wagyu sushi



Fresh sashimi



Onsen steamed puddings



Steaming veggies with Onsen steam



Tempura-don

Where Will We Be Staying?

- ❖ During the 2021 LBAT Japan program, you will be staying at an off-campus dorm called AP House 3 of **Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)**. APU, which is located on the outskirts of Beppu, is our host university for the 2021 LBAT Japan program. (<http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>)



APU dorm

- ❖ Everyone will have their own room with a bathroom and mini-kitchen.
- ❖ The common area has a lounge area, bigger kitchen, laundry room and onsen!



Program Contents - VERY Intensive

- ❖ You will take up to 4 Japanese (12 credit hours) language classes. All applicable to major/minor/certificate.
 - **JAPN 3691 Technical & Scientific Japanese**
 - **JAPN 3692 Business Japanese**
 - **JAPN 3693 Japan Today: Toward a Sustainable Society**
 - **JAPN 3694: Conversation Practicum** (limited to 10 students)
- ❖ You have **two to four 95-min. classes**, Monday through Friday except on excursion days.

Program Contents – Fun!

- ❖ Weekend farm-stay, field trips to companies and/or factories, school visit, scavenger hunt in Beppu, etc.



Farm-stay



Scavenger hunt



Elementary school visit

- ❖ You will have opportunities to do cultural activities such as tea ceremony and calligraphy, and have intercultural communication experience with host university students.



- ❖ You can make friends with both Japanese and international students at APU. There will be students called '**buddies**' for the LBAT Japan students. You can also join student **clubs/circles** and make friends.



Program Requirements

- ❖ You are expected to have language skills equivalent of **JAPN3001** with a grade of **B or above** with good attendance & homework submission record, and be in good academic standing by the end of Spring 2021. In addition, you need to be adaptable to Japanese culture. You also need to be able to cooperate other students and faculty during the program.
- ❖ *You need to self-study as much content of JAPN 3001 as possible if you think your Japanese language skills are not high enough.*
- ❖ Maximum number of participants: **25** (min. **20**)

Cost

- ❖ **Application Fee: \$200** (non-refundable)
- ❖ **Program Fee: \$4,500** ¹

¹ Not fully refundable after we make a payment to our host university in Japan

The program fee will be paid in **two installments**.

1st payment: **\$2,500** (due around March 15, 2021)

2nd payment: **\$2,000** (due around April 15, 2021)

\$500 fee reduction is available for those who will assist in promotion of the program. During the program, they gather movies and photos so that they can produce a **promotional film/PowerPoint** file at the end. They are also expected to participate in promotional activities, such as Study Abroad Fair and future LBAT information sessions. More detailed information will be sent from the program director once you are accepted into the 2021 LBAT Japan program.

Cost - Continued

What's included in the program fee? What is not included?

The program fee includes **accommodation**, **textbooks**, **health/repatriation insurance**, and **ground transportation** for program-sponsored mandatory activities.

The program fee does **not** include air fares (international flights to/from Japan and domestic flights within the U.S. and Japan), ground transportation for non-program activities, summer tuition and fees, and most meals (est. approximately \$1000).

Summer tuition:

<https://www.bursar.gatech.edu/content/tuition-fees>

Scholarships

- ❖ Various **study-abroad scholarship programs** are available.

Visit <https://ea.oie.gatech.edu/>

Many scholarships have the application deadlines earlier than the LBAT Japan. If you want to apply for study-abroad scholarship, apply early.

- ❖ **Campoamor Scholarship** (Application Deadline: usually end of March. Information for 2021 is TBD.)

Usually about \$400, depending on the number of applicants. Apply at <https://modlangs.gatech.edu/study-abroad/campoamor-scholarship>.

- ❖ **Project Global Officer (Project GO) Scholarship** (for ROTC students)

Visit: <https://modlangs.gatech.edu/projectgo>

Scholarships (continued)

- ❖ **Hope Scholarships** applies. You can use Hope Scholarship to pay for the summer tuition.

If you are using a scholarship or loan to pay the LBAT Japan program fee (NOT the summer tuition) and the money is not going to be available before the payment deadline(s), you must submit a letter requesting a deferment of the payment to the program director (Aki Matsushima).

In this letter, you must specify a new payment date. You are also required to submit a copy of the scholarship award letter or loan approval letter.

Deadlines

- ❖ Application Deadline: **February 15, 2021**

Apply at OIE site (<https://atlas.gatech.edu/>) & pay the application fee (\$200) and submit a transcript. You will be notified of the result of your application approximately 7-10 days after the deadline.

- ❖ Program Fee Payments

1st payment (\$2,500): **March 15, 2021**

2nd payment (\$2,000): **April 15, 2021**

The student's bursar's account will be charged for the program fee installments around the above dates. Once the charge is posted, the students are required to pay promptly.

Please note that the program fee is not fully refundable after we make payment to our host institution.

The program will be conducted virtually in case we cannot hold it in Japan.

Required Orientations

- ❖ If you are accepted into the program, you must complete **mandatory OIE pre-departure online orientation**.
- ❖ In addition to these the OIE pre-departure meeting, you are required to attend **two online pre-departure orientation meetings for LBAT Japan**. Your participation in these meetings is **mandatory**.

Cancellation Policy

Georgia Tech reserves the right to alter or cancel this program due to low enrollment, unavailability of a professor to teach a planned course, or other unforeseen circumstances. Once Georgia Tech has made payments to service providers, or if Georgia Tech cancels the program before departure or while the program is in progress for reasons beyond its control, such as political unrest or danger to participants' safety, only those fees that Georgia Tech is able to have refunded by service providers will be returned to participants. **If the host institute and/or Japan is NOT ready to host short-term exchange programs by March 15, 2021, the program will be conducted virtually.** *If a student withdraws from the program, the student will be responsible for the payment of all fees.*

Any Questions?

- ❖ If you have any questions regarding the 2021 LBAT Japan program, please contact Aki Matsushima (aki.matsushima@modlangs.gatech.edu).

- ❖ LBAT Japan homepage
<https://modlangs.gatech.edu/lbat/japan>