Immerse yourself in Japanese Language and Culture at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan. Aoyama Gakuin was established in 1927 and hosts a total number of faculty, personnel and students of 30,000. Aoyama Gakuin is a comprehensive institution comprised of kindergarten, elementary school, junior high school, senior high school, women’s junior college, and university. The University is a Christian based institution and holds multiple activities for all aged students throughout the year.

Aoyama Gakuin is located in Tokyo (pop. 12,369,000) which houses 10 percent of Japan’s population. Located in the cultural heart of Japan, the campus provides an excellent starting point from which to begin your exploration of a truly fascinating land.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Students must have completed at least one year of full-time study in a UVM degree program and must remain registered in that degree program during the period of study in Japan.
- Students must be in good academic standing at UVM with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference will be given to students within the Japanese Language Program.
- Students need a minimum of two semesters of Japanese Language classes.

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For more information, visit the Aoyama Gakuin University or OIE’s website at: http://www.aoyama.ac.jp/en/ or http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange
APPLICATION PROCESS AND DATES OF THE EXCHANGE:

- Students can study for an academic year or semester.
- Students must first complete a UVM Exchange Application. UVM Exchange Applications, including Academic Reference Forms, can be downloaded at: http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange
- Complete applications must be received in the UVM Office of International Education (OIE) by January 15th for fall or full-year priority placements, or by August 10th for spring semester priority placements.
- Once nominated to the exchange program, students will complete another application for Aoyama Gakuin University.
- Upon acceptance, students must complete a Study Abroad Approval Form (SAAF) with the OIE. Students are responsible for obtaining a visa and any other necessary documents. Due to lengthy processing times, students should apply for the visa immediately after acceptance into the program. For more information, visit the Japanese embassy website: http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/index.htm

FINANCES:

- All participants are required to pay a UVM study abroad fee of $500 for a semester or year.

Costs per semester: Students pay UVM’s exchange tuition rate (currently equivalent to in-state tuition) and student fees.

- Students are responsible for paying their room and board in Japan. Semester estimates for university dormitories are: $2507 (males) & $2541 (females)
- Students are responsible for obtaining a student visa and may need to purchase additional health insurance.
- Students are responsible for obtaining their passport, booking their travel, purchasing their books, and paying personal expenses.
- There are many scholarships to encourage undergraduate study in Japan. More information is on the OIE website under cost of study abroad. Note: Deadlines for scholarship applications may be much earlier than university application deadlines.
- This exchange program qualifies for the transfer of State, Federal and UVM financial aid when applicable. Tuition remission benefits apply. Aid packages will be recalculated according to the program costs. Consult a Student Financial Services advisor for the full details of your aid package.

Each UVM student that participates on this exchange program opens a spot for an international student to study at UVM! Go abroad and help bring the world to UVM!