

Eligibility	VISA	Study Period	Language of Instruction	Type of Housing	Approximate semester dates	LHU partner since	Cost of Housing & Meals
LHU and external students; Minimum GPA 2.5	Yes	Fall or Fall/Spring	Japanese/English	Single room – resident facilities	Fall: Sept. – Dec. Fall/Spring: Sept- July	1985	32,075 yen /month

# JAPAN

## Nara University of Higher Education, Nara

[www.nara-edu.ac.jp/index.html](http://www.nara-edu.ac.jp/index.html)

### The Location

To visit the city of Nara in Japan is to take a tour of some of the country's oldest history. Nara's history extends as far back as the early 8<sup>th</sup> Century, when in A.D 710., the great Fujiwara family established their imperial court. They built palaces and pagodas, shrines and statues that, despite the damage caused by fires, wars, weather and time, continue to stand as some of the world's grandest works of art and architecture.

Today, Nara remains one of the most important cultural centers of Japan. The National Museum is here, as well as Todai-Ji, a temple said to be the oldest wooden building in the world. At the center of town is Nara Koen (Nara Park). This beautiful, forested park is home to the sacred imperial deer. According to Shinto religion, these deer, which wander openly in the park, are considered the messengers of gods.

### The University

Nara University of Education began as Nara Normal School for Teachers in 1888, and celebrated its centennial in 1988. In 1949, the name of the school was changed to Nara University of Liberal Arts; a second change in 1966 gave the university its present name. The university's Faculty of Education delivers programs in 20 areas of emphasis, including Japanese Language Education. In recent years, Nara University has been very active in promoting international exchanges. Currently, Lock Haven University is one of two USA partner institutions. Other international partners include universities in Germany, Korea, Romania, France, Indonesia, and China.

### Academics

LHUP students have the opportunity to enroll in a prescribed program of study (12-14 semester hours) that has been established by Nara University for international exchange students. The duration of the program is one semester (Fall only). Classes begin in the first week of September and end in the third week of December. The courses are as follows

	<b>U.S. Credits</b>
Basic Japanese Conversation	(4 semester hours)
Basic Japanese Grammar	(4 semester hours)
History of Japanese Culture (taught in English)	(3 semester hours)

### **Housing**

LHUP students are provided with single room housing with shared cooking facilities in an on-campus international residence hall that accommodates approximately 90 students. Students pay approximately 20,000 yen per month (approximately \$150 per month, subject to currency fluctuations), which includes rent, electricity, and water. The shared cooking facilities allow students to prepare meals for themselves.

**Air Travel** – students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the international office for assistance. See travel assistance guidelines for details.

**Tuition** - LHU students continue to pay LHU tuition and fees while attending Nara University. Students are billed for tuition and fees plus an additional \$150 International Service Fee. Keep in mind that all financial aid can apply toward your study in Japan since you are participating in an LHU sponsored program. Students do not pay any tuition or fees in Japan. Please note, however, that it will be necessary to pay for activities such as athletic club memberships, if you wish to utilize those services.

Non-LHU students are billed LHU tuition and fees and a \$150 International Service Fee.

### **Health Insurance**

All students are required to maintain a health insurance policy that will provide coverage while abroad and for the entire duration of this period. Information on international health insurance providers can be obtained from the Center for Global Engagement. You may find that your present health insurance policy includes overseas coverage. It is important, however, that your carrier provide written verification of such coverage.

### **Academic Calendar**

LHU student can apply for two semesters which normally run from the first week of September until approximately the end of July. Students can also apply for the fall semester only.

### **So, how do I get started?**

Simply come by the Center for Global Engagement to pick up an application form. Remember! Applications are due March 1 for the fall term.

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