

# JAPAN STUDY 2010-2011

## Application Instructions

**Due in our office by: January 15th**

**(Many colleges, including Earlham College, have an earlier internal deadline and application process - please check!)**

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete the on-line application. A link to a PDF of your completed application will then appear.
2. Print out completed PDF application, check for errors, sign in two places, and obtain appropriate signatures. (If you notice errors in the PDF version of your application, please correct them with a colored pen.)
3. Complete the essays and student profile, as listed on page two.
4. Request one **official transcript** from all colleges attended.  
*Include transcripts from college courses taken as a high school student. Current transcript must include fall semester grades.*
5. Give **reference request forms** (see below) to your recommenders and note the due date.  
*These should be from departments related to the Program's academic content and/or your intended major. One letter may be from an academic administrator.*
6. Apply for or renew your **passport**.  
*If you do not already have a passport, or if your passport will expire before the end of the program, you will need to **apply immediately**. Accepted students must send a copy of their passport to our office by early-March. If you do not have a valid passport, you may become ineligible for the program. To avoid U.S. Passport Office delays, we recommend applying for your passport by December. For more information see: <http://travel.state.gov/>*
7. Save a copy of your application and essays.  
*If you are accepted, you will need this information.*

Items to Mail to Japan Study:

**Application Form with all required signatures**

**Essays and Student Profile**

**Official transcripts from all colleges attended**

**Proof of passport (copy of picture page or receipt from application)**

Send all materials by the above deadline to:  
Japan Study  
Earlham College  
801 National Road West  
Richmond, IN 47374

Questions?  
Phone 765-983-1224 / Fax 765-983-1798  
e-mail: [japanstu@earlham.edu](mailto:japanstu@earlham.edu)  
web: [www.earlham.edu/~jpns/](http://www.earlham.edu/~jpns/)  
Decisions will be announced in March.

## Application Essays

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below each question, enter your responses using 12 pt, Times, single-spaced, with one-inch margins.

### STUDENT PROFILE QUESTIONS

1. List all East Asian related courses, including language, that are currently on your transcript.
2. List all East Asian related courses, including language, that are not on your transcript, (but will be taken by the end of this academic year).
3. List your overseas experience for the past five years. Include only country and days/weeks spent in country.
4. If you have lived outside the United States for longer than 2 months, please explain the circumstances of your stay.
5. Is your college or university calendar Semester or Term?
6. What languages, including Japanese, have you studied? Indicate number of college years (completed or equivalent) that you will have by the end of this academic year.

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What special interests do you have? In what organizations or activities are you involved?
2. How long have you been interested in Japan? In what non-course related ways have you pursued your interests? (e.g., people you have met, books you have read, etc.)
3. Learning about Japan is central to success on Japan Study. How do you plan to pursue your study of Japan when at Waseda? Give concrete examples.
4. What are the three greatest challenges you expect to encounter in making the transition to living and studying in Japan? How would you attempt to deal with such challenges?
5. Please explain why you wish to participate in this program--include particular reference to academic and personal goals. How does participation on Japan Study fit into your overall four-year academic career? Refer to specific courses that you would consider taking at Waseda to support your major. (See the Japan Study website for a tentative list of courses). **This essay must be at least one page long.**
6. If you have chosen the semester option, include an additional 1-2 page essay explaining why you have chosen this option rather than the full academic year.

**JAPAN STUDY**  
**REFERENCE REQUEST FORM**

**DUE DATE: January 15th**

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Please refer to the following questions when writing your recommendation letter, although you do not need to address each question specifically. Please use your **college's letterhead** when writing your recommendation and include your name, title and **signature**. Thank you.

1. Does the applicant have valid educational reasons for participating in this program?
2. Describe any particular difficulty that the applicant may have with the program as a whole or with certain aspects of it?
3. Does the applicant have any particular strengths which will prove to be assets during the stay in Japan?
4. Is the applicant likely to adjust easily to a new environment that requires self-discipline and patience? How well will (s)he cope in a non-traditional educational program?
5. As far as you can determine, is the student making adequate progress for preparation in Japan Study (e.g., Japanese language instruction, enrollment in relevant courses, etc.)?
6. Please add any comments you believe will be helpful to either the selection committee or the program staff.

**Please mail your reference to:**

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Richmond, IN 47374**

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### SPECIAL REFERENCE FOR SEMESTER APPLICANTS ONLY

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1. Does the applicant have valid educational reasons for participating in this program? Please elaborate, especially on the need for the student to study for a partial year rather than the full academic year.

**Please return your reference to the applicant in a signature-sealed envelope or mail to:**

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