

JAPAN

Animation, Games & Design Tour 2024

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Animation)

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Game Design)

Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)

Cross Institutional Project COL400 – International Tour

6 CREDIT POINTS

Summary

This elective unit, running during the September 2024 trimester, features a special project based on learning undertaken in Tokyo and related activities in the Osaka region. Following a 2-week program in Japan, students will continue with a 12-week special project on campus in Australia. Individual projects will focus on a topic chosen by the student, developed under the guidance of a supervisor.

Japan trip dates

- Depart Australia: 7th September.
- Return to Australia: 22nd September.

Proposed Itinerary

Week 1 – Tokyo

After landing at Tokyo Haneda International Airport on the morning of 8th September, students will experience a blend of structured educational visits and free exploration. Key visits include teamLab Planet Tokyo and the Ghibli Museum, with classes at Nippon Designers School (NDS). Free time is ample, encouraging students to pursue areas of personal creative interest.

Week 2 – Osaka and Western Japan

On 15 September, you will transfer to Osaka by shinkansen.

Your itinerary in the Kansai area, encompassing Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, and Kobe, will blend structured events with personal exploration time. Potential visits might include the Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum, Kyoto Manga Museum, Universal Studios, and an organized trip to Naoshima, Japan's renowned "Art Island", though actual scheduling will be influenced by logistical arrangements and possibly group preferences.

Unit Key Dates (subject to adjustment if necessary)

12 May	Applications Close
24 May	Successful applicants will be notified
3 June	Passports and \$1500 Deposit due
1 August	Payment for full-fee paying students due
7 -22 September	Travel period
23 September	September trimester commences

Assessments are due in Week 3, Week 4 and Week 12.

****Please note this timeline is subject to amendments if necessary****

About NDS

Established in 1965, Nippon Designers School (NDS) is a Japanese design college offering courses such as graphic design, visual design, illustration, manga, photography, and more. With 3 branches situated in Tokyo and Fukuoka, NDS has continued to educate its students for more than 50 years, preparing them to be active in the creative industry. For more details, visit: <https://ndg.ac.jp>

Eligibility and Selection

Open to all Bachelor students in Animation, Game Design, and Visual Communication entering Trimesters 3 - 6 in September 2024. Selection is based on academic performance and HOD recommendations, focusing on collaborative spirit and alignment with JMC's core values. In order to be eligible applicants must be in possession of a valid passport by 3 June 2024. The passport expiry date must be at least six months after the 22 September 2024 return date (ie. after 22 March 2025).

Shortlisted applicants may be contacted by phone as part of the screening process. Please advise us on the application form if you anticipate being uncontactable during this period.

Fees

The Cross-institutional Project COL400 Unit Fee is AU\$7,500*.

This unit is FEE-HELP eligible for students who normally qualify for this loan scheme. Students who do not qualify for the loan scheme will be required to pay the full fee to JMC Academy before 1 August, 2024.

A **\$1500 deposit** will be required to secure a place in the unit. For FEE-HELP eligible students, this deposit will be refundable upon return from the Japan, subject to meeting conditions (to be detailed before deposit is due). For non-FEE-HELP eligible students, this deposit will form the first payment of the unit fee.

*Subject to possible variation. Final fee to be confirmed prior to 30 May, 2024

Additional expenses

The unit fee of A\$7,500* does not include airfares, accommodation, transfers or entry to excursions. **However, students who are accepted into the program will be deemed eligible**

to receive a travel grant to cover these costs. Other expenses such as passport, insurance, meals and other incidentals will *not* be covered by the grant.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged by JMC Academy (accommodation subject to change).

Tokyo: [APA Hotel and Resort Ryogoku Eki Tower](#)

Osaka: [Cityroute Hotel](#)

Supervision

JMC Academy staff members will accompany the group.

Further information

Email international@jmc.edu.au or call International Services (03) 9624 2929.

[Click here](#) to apply. Applications close 12th May.

All aspects of the study tour including but not limited to itinerary and accommodation are subject to change at the discretion of JMC Academy.