

# JAPAN

## Animation, Games & Design Tour 2025

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Animation)

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Game Design)

Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)

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### Cross Institutional Project COL400 – International Tour

6 CREDIT POINTS

#### Summary

This elective unit, running during the February 2025 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: 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- Return to Australia: 10<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Proposed Itinerary

##### *Week 1 – Osaka and Western Japan*

After landing at Kansai International Airport (KIX) on the morning of 27 January, students will experience a blend of structured educational visits and free exploration.

Your itinerary in the Kansai area, which encompasses 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.

On 31 January, you will transfer to Osaka by shinkansen

##### *Week 2 – Tokyo*

Key visits will include teamLab Borderless and the Ghibli Museum (subject to ticket availability), with classes at our partner institution, [Nippon Designers School \(NDS\)](#). Free time is ample, encouraging students to pursue areas of personal creative interest.

#### About Nippon Designers School

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.

### Unit Key Dates (subject to adjustment if necessary)

8 Sept 2024	Applications Close
27 Sept 2024	Successful applicants will be notified
18 Oct 2024	<b>Passports and \$1500 Deposit (refundable after completion of the trip)</b>
6 Dec 2024	Payment for full-fee paying students due
26 Jan - 10 Feb 2025	Travel period
10 Feb 2025*	February trimester commences

\*You will miss the first day of the February trimester, but fear not, arrangements will be made to ensure you catch up on any missed content.

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

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

### Eligibility

- Open to all Bachelor students in **Animation, Game Design, and Visual Communication** entering **Trimesters 3 - 6 in February 2025**.
- Students applying must be in possession of a valid passport by 18 October 2024. The passport expiry date must be at least six months after the 10 February 2025 return date (ie. after 10 July 2025).

### Selection Criteria

The Selection is based on the following criteria:

- The student's academic performance.
- Your HoD's recommendations, focusing on collaborative spirit and alignment with JMC's core values.

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\$7,700\*.

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 6 December, 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 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 4 October, 2024.

### **Additional expenses**

The unit fee of A\$7,700\* 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).

Osaka: [Cityroute Hotel](#)

Tokyo: [APA Hotel Nihombashi Bakurocho Ekimae](#)

### **Supervision**

JMC Academy staff members will accompany the group.

### **Further information**

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

**[Click here to apply.](#)**

**Applications close 8 September.**

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