LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

Japanese

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The ERC offers tutoring for Japanese! **Peer Tutoring** provides BU students an opportunity to meet with fellow students and ask questions related to their course material. Our tutors are here to guide, encourage, and support you in your learning process.

The ERC also offers **Language Link** for Japanese! Language Link hosts several informal, half-hour discussions each week. Sessions are led by a native speaker and are offered at three different levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.
Study Abroad

Tokyo Keio University Exchange Program

Take classes in the Keio International Program for a full year or the spring semester. The courses are taught in English and cover aspects of Japanese history, society, culture, and language. Additionally, there are courses that focus on international relations, commerce, and governance.

Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies

Enroll for your fall/spring semester or a full year. Students can live with Japanese families or in apartments. One year of college-level Japanese language is required. Each semester, students take an eight-credit course in Japanese language. Additional courses in the humanities and social sciences are taught in English by Japanese and American professors.

- Applications for both full year programs are open from October 31, 2021–March 15, 2022
- Spring 2023 applications are open April–September 2022

For general study abroad questions, contact abroad@bu.edu.
Culture Day, or *Bunka no Hi*, is celebrated annually on November 3 and commemorates the official adoption of the Japanese constitution.

As part of the celebration of Culture Day, awards are given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Japanese culture or society as a whole.

Throughout the country, festivals and parades are held celebrating traditional Japanese customs. It's a great day to delve into the rich history and culture of Japan as most museums in Tokyo and across the rest of the country are open for free on Culture Day.
Shichi-Go-San is a rite of passage day usually celebrated on November 15. It's an event for children, specifically three-year-old and seven-year-old girls as well as five-year-old boys. During the Heian period, it began as a way to celebrate children's survival. Today, it celebrates children's health and well-being. Girls wear a kimono and boys were a hakama. They receive a piece of candy called chitoseame, which translates to "thousand-year candy".
Japanese Restaurants
right here in Massachusetts!

Top Picks

**Osaka**
**Saga**
**Genki Ya**
**Cafe Sushi**
**Hojoko**
**Totto Ramen**
**Tora**
**O ya**
**Zuma**

Northampton
Foxborough
Somerville
Cambridge
Boston
Somerville
Boston
Boston

Click the links above to visit the restaurants' websites
**Yakisoba** is a stir-fried noodle dish popular at festivals in Japan.

Yakisoba is made with noodles stir-fried with cabbage, pork, chicken or beef, carrots, and a few slices of pickled ginger.

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**Kakigori** is shaved ice with a syrup topping.

This cold dessert is especially enjoyed during the summer and is often topped with fruit flavored syrups and condensed milk.

[Click here](#) to discover more popular Japanese treats!
WE ARE X: A rock & roll story about the biggest and most successful band you've never heard of...yet.

Tokyo Story: When Takao decides to skip school one day in favor of sketching in a rainy garden, he has no idea how much his life will change when he encounters Yukino.

Garden of Words: The elderly Shukishi and his wife, Tomi, take a long journey from their small, seaside village to visit their adult children in Tokyo.

John Williams’ version of The Trial is a satire of contemporary Japanese society, where sinister, creeping invasions of freedom go unnoticed by a sleeping population.

Our Little Sister: Three sisters live together in the city of Kamakura, Japan. When their father dies, they travel to the countryside for his funeral and meet their shy, teenage half-sister.

Late Spring: Noriko lives at home with her widowed father, Shukichi, and has no plans to marry until her aunt Masa (Haruko Sugimura) convinces Shukichi that unless he marries off his 27-year-old daughter soon, she will likely remain alone for the rest of her life.
Language of the Month Film Discussion

In collaboration with BU Libraries, the ERC presents *Kikujiro* (1999) with special guest, Professor Hiromi Miyagi-Lusthaus, Senior Lecturer in Japanese in the Department of World Languages and Literatures.

**Tuesday, November 30 at 5:00 PM ET | Register via Zoom**

**Kikujiro**

Lonely young Masao leaves Tokyo in search of his mother, whom he has never met. He is accompanied by a middle-aged petty crook, Kikujiro. As the two share a series of wild and unpredictable adventures, they end up at a destination that neither of them could have imagined.
Click the play button to find the artist's Spotify playlists

**ADO**

At only 17, Ado released her digital single, "Usseewa." Not long after, the song hit number one on Billboard Japan's Hot 100

Last year, Yoasobi performed at Kohaku, the popular end-of-the-year music show in Japan

**YOASOBI**

Love their sound? Check out more popular Japanese artists: Aimyon, Kenshi Yonezu, Yuuri, and Fujii Kaze!
1. 推し、燃ゆ (Oshi Moyu)  
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Check it out on Goodreads

2. First Person Singular  
Haruki Murakami  
Check it out on Goodreads

3. Turning Pages: Reading and Writing Women’s Magazines in Interwar Japan  
BU Professor, Dr. Sarah Frederick  
Check it out via BU Libraries

4. Malice  
Keigo Higashino  
Check it out on Goodreads

CHECK OUT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE RESEARCH GUIDE VIA BU LIBRARIES
Activities

Grab a piece of colored paper and a pair of scissors to make some origami ninja stars.

Fun Fact
There are three Japanese writing systems (hiragana, katakana, and kanji)!