

## An Opportunity to Study Abroad USIU-AFRICA/ YAMANASHI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY (YGU), KOFU (JAPAN) EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted from undergraduate students desiring to study abroad at **Yamanashi Gakuin University (YGU), Kofu (Japan)** for two semesters (16 weeks each), i.e. in **Fall 2024 through Spring 2025** (August 2024 – May 2025). **Two (2) Students Will Be Selected.** Visit: <https://www.usiu.ac.ke/student-exchange>.

### About YGU:

YGU aims to nurture individuals who can contribute to society with a deep understanding of Japanese culture and a broad, international perspective, thus cultivating a rich cultural awareness and creativity in each of its students. YGU Faculty of Sport Science aims to contribute to the promotion of sport in Japan and abroad by training personnel capable of facilitating a virtuous cycle between top sport (sport for athletes) and community sport (sport for all). (Visit: <https://www.ygu.ac.jp/en/principles.html> for more information).

**NOTE: Though the Exchange opportunity is open to all students in different programs, students participating in SPORTS are encouraged to apply.**

### Eligibility

Undergraduate students studying Japanese are encouraged to apply. However, all undergraduate majors are eligible to apply. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (with 30 units or more) and no history of disciplinary infractions (Student Code of Conduct). Japanese language is not a must. Courses will be taught in English. Students will be responsible for the following:

1. Depending on your major, deposit of amount ranging from **Kshs. 114,304 to Kshs. 158,738 (by students from E.A) and Kshs. 148,285 to Kshs. 204,240 (by other Int'l students)** into your USIU-Africa Student Account (1 semester of Tuition, One Official Transcripts fee)\*. **Deposits to be made by Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**
2. Purchase of a return airline ticket.
3. Valid Passport.
4. Provide current Bank Statement indicating **Yen 1,839,400 or Kshs. 1,850,000.** (This is the **approximate amount to cater for Room, Food, Books, Health Insurance and other personal expenses**).

*(US\$ were converted to Kenya Shillings on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 using conversion rates at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/full.shtml>). **Please note: Fees are subject to an annual review, which may be between 5% to 10% increase. For preparation purposes, please put this into consideration. Confirmation of the amount to be deposited into your USIU-Africa Student Account will be made by end of May, 2024.***

### Application Deadline:

Interested students should send in their letter of application (along with the parental/guardian financial guarantee letter and copy of Passport) to Kellen Njagi, International Students Officer (Freida Brown Student Center – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) - **by Friday, March 15, 2024.** **Students may select different institutions (at most 3) but must indicate the priorities.**

Your letter of application should include the reasons why you should be selected to represent USIU-Africa at the selected university. Please mention participation in extra curriculum activities and community service (in USIU-Africa and off campus, if applicable). **Also, include your University Id. Number, current email address and phone contacts.** Students will be expected to submit a written report on their experience upon their return to USIU-Africa (softcopy and pictures recommended).