The College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) has initiated a requirement for students to participate in an international experience prior to graduation. The goal of CHHS's international experience requirement is to introduce students to international and intercultural perspectives in order to prepare them to live and work in an increasingly globalized world.

Studying abroad is a high-impact educational practice that has been shown to increase student success and employability after graduation. The CHHS International Experience is designed to provide high-quality global learning experiences that are flexible, affordable, and relevant to students' degree programs and professional goals.

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**Japan**

Japan is a country located in East Asia. The capital of Japan is Tokyo. Four-fifths of Japan's land is mountains, one of them is the popular Mount Fuji. Japan is popular for its cherry blossoms, food, shopping, anime and manga and vending machines.

**The most common language is Japanese**

However, when traveling to Japan, it is common for locals to understand English. Best to learn common phrases like "hello" or "excuse me."

**How to get around?**

You will most likely use Japan's train system to get around. Japan also requires a lot of walking so, bring comfortable shoes!

**How to dress?**

In Japan, it is frowned upon to show too much cleavage or to wear shorts that are too short. Especially if you are visiting shrines and temples.

**Weather**

How to prepare for Kyōto's weather:

- **Spring:** Temperatures: 40°F to 70°F. Weather is warm and dry. Pack a jacket and light layers.
- **Summer:** Temperatures: 70°F to 80°F. Hot and humid with rain. Pack light clothing, sandals, and umbrella.
- **Fall:** Temperatures: 60°F to 70°F. Weather is pleasant, but watch for typhoons in September. Pack an umbrella, jacket, and waterproof layers.
- **Winter:** Temperatures: 10°F to 30°F. Cold and snowy. Pack a coat and warm layers.

**Must-try foods!**

A couple of foods you must try while in Japan include sushi, ramen, udon, tempura, miso soup and soba.

**Eating out etiquette:**

1. Slurping is a sign of appreciation.
2. When eating with a small bowl, bring it to your face.
4. Do not start drinking until everyone has their drink and raise their drink to salute, "Kampai."

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**NO tipping!**

Tipping is not necessary in Japan, it can be considered rude in many situations.