

UWC ISAK Japan | Japan

College Information

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College Bio: UWC ISAK Japan opened in 2014 as the International School of Asia, Karuizawa, and became an official member of the UWC movement in 2017. Our mission is to create transformational leaders for the greater good of Asia and beyond. UWC ISAK's focus is on leadership and innovation, and students are encouraged to develop and implement their own projects and activities based on personal interests and passions. In addition to the two-year IB Diploma Programme, we also accept approximately 40 students each year for our Grade 10 (Pre-IB) program.

The UWC ISAK Japan campus is located in Karuizawa, a beautiful mountain resort community located approximately 70 minutes by bullet train from Tokyo. Students have numerous opportunities to engage with the local community and experience Japanese culture. Additionally, making the most of our location, UWC ISAK Japan also offers a robust outdoor education program that enables students of all levels to participate in outdoor activities, including hiking, camping and skiing.

We are excited to welcome students who are eager to contribute to our community and support the UWC mission.

Residences: Most UWC ISAK students live in single-sex houses of 12 - 18 students. Rooms are assigned by self-identified gender, with students sharing either a two-person or four-person bedroom. Rooms are diverse, with students coming from different countries and cultural backgrounds. Each house includes a common area, a small kitchen and free laundry facilities. Each house is overseen by a House Mentor whose role is to support students in their residential setting.

In Fall 2018, ISAK will open its first **blended house**, which will accommodate 24 students of all genders. Rooms continue to be assigned by self-identified gender. The blended house will have gender neutral toilets and showers, as well as single sex showers.

Facilities: Full-size gymnasium. Climbing wall. Free access to local athletic facilities, including an indoor pool.

Does the college cater / not cater for specific groups:

Is your college able to accommodate the following:	Comments
Students who are deaf or have hearing impairments	Currently not set up to accommodate, but contact us to discuss.
Blind or partially-sighted students	Currently not set up to accommodate, but contact us to discuss.
Students who are wheelchair users	Due to campus design, access for students with physical disabilities is limited.
Students with learning disabilities	Can accommodate students with mild learning disabilities. Please include full details with the nomination.
Students with mental health problems	All current or previous mental health issues should be disclosed at the time of nomination so that we can have an open discussion with the family regarding the level of support we can provide.
Dietary requirements (including Kosher and Halal)	We are able to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Vegetarian and non-pork options are available at all meals.
Facilities / provisions for faith groups: <i>i.e. prayer room, specific days for religious celebration</i>	Prayer/meditation room. Student-organized religious celebrations.
LGBTQ students (i.e. different bathrooms for Trans students):	Unisex bathroom in the school building. Blended (mixed gender) house.

Medical provision: Medical and mental health support includes two full-time nurses and two school counselors, as well as weekly campus visits by a local doctor and access to medical and dental facilities in the local community. Students are covered by Japan's National Health Insurance.

Counselling and pastoral care: UWC ISAK Japan has an experienced pastoral care team, as well as a peer support group. Our mental health counselors are available on weekdays for one-on-one counseling. Full disclosure of current or previous health issues is required at the time of nomination, so that we can have an open and honest discussion with the family and NC regarding the level of support that we are able to provide. From 2018, we also have House Mentors who can provide students with an additional level of pastoral care.

Subjects taught:

Group 1	Group 3	Group 5
English Language and Literature (SL, HL) Chinese Literature (SL, HL) Japanese Literature (SL, HL) Spanish Language and Literature (SL, HL) Self-taught Languages (SL)	History (SL, HL) Economics (SL, HL) Global Politics (SL, HL)	Mathematics (SL, HL) Mathematical Studies (SL)
Group 2	Group 4	Group 6
English B (SL, HL) Chinese B (SL, HL) Japanese B (SL, HL) Spanish B (SL, HL) Chinese ab initio (SL) Japanese ab initio (SL) Spanish ab initio (SL)	Biology (SL, HL) Chemistry (SL, HL) Physics (SL, HL) Computer Science (SL, HL) Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)	Visual Arts (SL, HL) Film (SL, HL)

CAS available: Students are in charge of developing and running their own CAS projects in groups of eight or more students. Current projects include local reforestation, education and leadership training, community development, healthcare in Nepal and community engagement through food.

Student Body: Approximately 200 students (40 students in Grade 10/Pre-IB, 160 students in the IBDP).

Term dates: Mid-August - early June.

Nomination Info

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Age criteria :

Minimum age	<i>16 years old by August 15, 2019</i>
Maximum age	<i>17 years old by August 15, 2019</i>

Note: We can consider students who will still be 15 years old at the time of entry; please contact us to discuss. If you would like to nominate a student who will already be 18 years old at the time of entry, please contact us.

What supporting documents do you require with the nomination:

- The most recent UWC IO nomination package, including a financial assessment of nominees for fees-based offers. All sections of the nomination form must be completed, including the reason why the NC is nominating the student.
- The student's application form with a summary in English if the originals are in another language.
- Transcripts from the current school year and previous school year (translated into English)
- An accurate student email address
- Copy of student's passport (or ID, and explanation of no passport)

What support do you offer to help strengthen English proficiency:

UWC ISAK Japan requests that incoming students have an intermediate or higher level of English, as additional language support for beginning English speakers is limited.

Additional information:

The visa process takes 2 - 3 months, and the student visa needs to be obtained before the student arrives in Japan. While UWC ISAK Japan will submit the initial visa application on behalf of the student, once initial approval has been granted, the student will need to visit the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in his or her country in order to obtain the actual visa.

Information about Refugee candidates:

- Refugee students should be able to enter Japan without a passport if they have UNHCR travel documents or a travel certificate issued by a Japanese embassy.

Nearest Airport / Airport that college will provide transport from: Narita International Airport (NRT)

Confirmation of the place:

Once a full and complete nomination is received within the 'nomination window' committed to, Schools and colleges, in turn, commit to reply within two weeks after receiving this, including a date by which joining papers can be expected.

Due to the time required for the visa process, UWC ISAK Japan might not be able to consider nominations made after April 1. If the NC wishes to nominate a student who requires additional financial assistance, please contact us as soon as possible, as we have limited ability to cover school fees and additional expenses beyond the original offer.

“Welcome” information is available on our special website for new students from mid-March. Additional documents are sent with the student visa paperwork.