

Adjunct Faculty Pepperdine Kyoto Center

Location: Kyoto, Japan

Start Date: Fall Term 2026

Pepperdine University is excited to announce the launch of a year-round undergraduate program centered in Kyoto, Japan, beginning in Fall 2026. We are seeking qualified adjunct faculty to teach second and third year courses in **Religious Studies, World Art History, East Asian Studies, History of Modern Japan, Introduction to Microeconomics, Principles of Marketing, Buddhist Literature, Elementary Japanese and Early Intermediate Japanese** to visiting U.S. enrolled students.

The Kyoto Center will host students from Pepperdine's Malibu campus for an immersive, semester-long study abroad experience. Courses will combine academic rigor with opportunities to engage with Kyoto's rich cultural, historical, and artistic heritage.

The ideal candidate will be exceptionally qualified, deeply committed to academic excellence, aligned with the university's mission, and adept at fostering a vibrant, interactive classroom environment.

Position Details

- **Courses:** Second and Third Year Level
 - **Elementary Japanese**
 - **Second Year Japanese**
 - **Christianity And Culture**
 - **World Art History**
 - **A Survey of East Asia**
 - **History of Modern Japan**
 - **Introduction to Microeconomics**
 - **Principles of Marketing**
 - **Buddhist Literature, Images and Practices**
- **Schedule:** Part-time; typically, 3.5 to 8 teaching hours per week per course, depending on type and number of courses taught.
- **Terms:** Fall, Spring, and possibly Summer Terms
- **Location:** On-site at Pepperdine University's Kyoto Center in Central Kyoto

Responsibilities

- Teach assigned courses in accordance with Pepperdine University's academic standards.
- Adapt course syllabus (provided by the university) for the course.
- Prepare and deliver engaging lectures, discussions, and engaging activities.
- Incorporate Kyoto's cultural resources into course content where appropriate.

- Assess and evaluate student performance through assignments, exams, and projects.
 - Assist students by providing constructive feedback during brief office hours, before and during course sessions, and via email.
 - Collaborate with Pepperdine's international programs staff to support student learning and well-being abroad.
 - Respond to student inquiries via email.
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Qualifications

- Master's degree in a relevant field required; Ph.D. or terminal degree preferred.
 - University-level teaching experience, preferably with U.S. undergraduate students.
 - Demonstrated excellence in teaching and subject matter expertise.
 - Strong intercultural communication skills.
 - Ability to adapt to a study abroad environment with visiting foreign students and foster experiential learning.
 - Professional fluency in English (all courses are taught in English).
 - Current working visa or residence in Japan.
 - Currently residing in Japan, preferably in the Kansai region.
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Preferred Qualifications

- Knowledge of Japanese culture, history, or society.
 - Experience living or working in Japan.
 - Ability to integrate Kyoto's cultural and historical context into teaching.
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Compensation & Benefits

- Competitive, flexible compensation based on number of courses taught.
 - Opportunity to work with motivated students in a dynamic international environment.
 - Professional development and networking within Pepperdine's global faculty community.
 - Negotiable compensation, estimated to be between USD \$80-\$120 per hour.
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Application Process

Interested candidates should submit the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Cover Letter that includes the following information:
 - Your interest in teaching for Pepperdine at this stage in your career
 - Your pedagogical approach to teaching American undergraduate students

- A response to Pepperdine's Christian Mission (which can be found [here](#))
- 3. Names and contact information for three professional references who would be willing to provide a Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation upon reaching the interview process

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Send Applications To: jlناسياinstitute@gmail.com

About Pepperdine University

Pepperdine University is a Christian university committed to academic excellence and Christian values, with a strong tradition of international education. Our International Programs division operates campuses in key global cities, providing transformative study abroad opportunities for students. The Kyoto Center will offer a unique environment to engage with Japan's traditions and innovations while delivering high-quality U.S.-style undergraduate education.