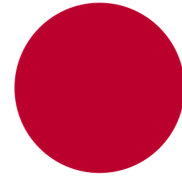


JAPAN 2026

CARDINAL DESTINATION COURSE ABROAD



The Intersection of Sport and Culture in Japan: Home Runs, Fast Food, and Contemporary Culture

 Jason Rice

 May 6-15, 2026

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Historical sport venues & museums
- Live sporting events
- Cross-cultural student exchange
- Urban exploration
- Explore some of Japan's most famous cities!

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS:

- Hotels

CARD*260*BL4

Course Description:

ホームラン!

Experience sport and culture in Japan. Shohei Otani is arguably the most influential baseball player in the world. This course and travel experience how Japanese culture and society have influenced sport in Japan, and maybe unveil the secrets of Otani's success. We will explore how things that seem similar on the surface, like baseball, may actually be quite different because of cultural differences. This exploration may extend beyond sport, into other areas of contemporary Japanese society.



Enrollment Steps:

To participate in a Cardinal Destination Course Abroad (CDCA), you must enroll in and successfully complete its prerequisite work.

- Contact your student success coach to understand how enrollment in the CDCA will affect your academic plan.
- Register ON MERLIN for the correlating 2-credit CARD*260 course on Merlin in the spring 2026 semester (designated course section listed on the flipside of this flyer). This course encompasses both the required prerequisite work and the travel component in May.

Enrollment Deadline: November 1, 2025

(or before, if course capacity is met)

Center for Global Education (CGE) Registration:

- **November 1, 2025:** Students enrolled in a CDCA will begin the registration process, be charged a non-refundable \$40 registration fee, and prompted to pay the non-refundable \$500 program fee deposit, through the Center for Global Education.
- **January 19, 2026:** Proof of a valid passport is due. *(Current passports must be valid through November 2026 for May term travel, six (6) months past your return travel date.)*

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COLLEGE 1861**

ESTIMATED COST & PAYMENTS

\$3,250 - \$3,650 based on 24 enrolled students

PRICE BREAK DOWN INCLUDES:

- Airfare & host country transportation estimate: \$1,750
- Program fee estimate: \$1,400 - \$1,900
- **NOT INCLUDED:**
 - Meals (other than those listed in the itinerary)
 - Optional entertainment and excursions
 - Excess baggage charges
 - Personal items (telephone charges, laundry fees room service, souvenirs, etc.)
 - Departure taxes (except U.S.)
 - Passport fees

Payment Deadlines:

- **December 12, 2025:**
\$500 non-refundable program fee deposit due to North Central College
- **January 30, 2026:**
\$500 non-refundable airfare deposit due to North Central College
- **April 2026:**
Remaining program fee balance (including airfare) will be billed to your NC Student Account

CDCA Tuition

- All CDCA experiences are worth 2-credits, which fall under the spring semester.
- All participating students will be registered in a 0-credit course in summer session for administrative purposes only. There is no summer tuition course fee.
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid during the fall semester to inquire about financial aid options for Cardinal Destination Courses Abroad.

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