

I am currently in negotiations to establish a study abroad program for aspiring teachers to work in English language instruction in Japan. As all aspiring teachers in Georgia must complete a multicultural education class, a field experience in Japan would be ideal in allowing students to examine the nature and function of culture, as well as to explore the intersection of cultural identities, learning styles, and knowledge construction. The field site, englishbiz, is an *eikaiwa* chain in Takamatsu in Kagawa Prefecture on the island of Shikoku. This presentation will describe the rationale for the program and details about program activities as well as the work of englishbiz and life as an englishbiz intern. I also discuss how the Japan Studies Institute has provided invaluable insights into student recruitment and retention for the effort at establishing a 2015 Japan study abroad program at the University of North Georgia.