



KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

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Contemporary Japan Program

現代日本プログラム

2025-2026



Learn about Japan and experience
Japan's culture with KGU

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About Kwansei Gakuin



Kwansei Gakuin was founded in Kobe, Japan in 1889 by American missionary Reverend Walter Russell Lambuth. With the aim to educate young minds based on Christian principles, Kwansei Gakuin has since grown into a leading private comprehensive and integrated educational institution consisting of a university, junior college, junior and senior high school, elementary school, kindergarten and international schools. Now residing in 8 campuses, including Nishinomiya, Sanda, Takarazuka, Osaka, and Tokyo, Kwansei Gakuin values inclusiveness for students from all backgrounds.



Mastery for Service

'Mastery for Service', Kwansei Gakuin's school motto, reflects the ideal for all its members to master their abundant God-given gifts to serve their neighbors, society and the world.

“To be a man, a master man and at the same time a true servant of humanity is our ideal.”

Dr. C. J. L. Bates, the first president of Kwansei Gakuin University

The university



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Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) is an independent institution for higher education, offering Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees in about 40 different disciplines to a student body of approximately 25,000.

Undergraduate Schools

Theology • Humanities • Sociology • Law and Politics • Economics • Business Administration • Policy Studies • Human Welfare Studies • Education • International Studies • Science • Engineering • Biological and Environmental Studies • Architecture

Graduate Schools

Theology • Humanities • Sociology • Law and Politics • Economics • Business Administration • Science and Technology • Policy Studies • Language, Communication and Culture • Human Welfare Studies • Education • International Studies

Professional Graduate Schools

Law School • Institute of Business and Accounting

Nishinomiya-Uegahara Campus

The Nishinomiya-Uegahara Campus, Kwansei Gakuin University's main campus, is located in Nishinomiya city's quiet residential area. The campus features Spanish Mission style buildings and an abundance of lush greenery. The beautiful landscape, which also includes a stream and pond, helps to contribute to this campus's reputation as one of the most beautiful in Japan. Kwansei Gakuin University is an ideal place for learning and everyday living.



Kwansei Gakuin University
at a Glance

1889

Founded in Kobe

More than 25,000

students



Location

Kansai Region

Kansai is Japan's second largest urban region following the Tokyo metropolitan area. The region includes Hyogo prefecture, where Kwansai Gakuin University is located, as well as the prefectures of Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Shiga and Wakayama. Kansai is home to a number of ancient capitals, and rich in historic architecture and cultural assets designated as national treasures, making the region ideal for learning about Japanese culture.

Nishinomiya

Nishinomiya city is located in the south-east of Hyogo prefecture, from Osaka Gulf Coast on the south end to the north side of Mt. Rokko on the north end. It has a population of 480,000 and is therefore a suburban city by Japanese standards. It is located midway between Osaka and Kobe and has been developed as an "educational residential district" by taking advantage of the convenient location and rich natural environment.

Nishinomiya is home to the professional baseball team, Hanshin Tigers and to high school baseball players' sacred site, Hanshin Koshien Stadium. Nishinomiya is also famous for its sake brewery district and many cake factories.

Kobe

Located a short train ride from KGU's main campus, Kobe city is renowned as a modern and sophisticated city in Western Japan where various cultures blended to create a unique atmosphere. Historically, the city opened to the world as an international port in 1868, following the lifting of Japan's nearly 230-year-long isolation policy. Merchants and traders from around the world have chosen to base their operations in the city, which now is home to a large number of foreign residents, living side-by-side with Japanese in mutual respect. Thanks to this somewhat unexpected melting pot, Kobe is especially open to various faiths; Christian churches, Jewish synagogues, and Muslim mosques can all be found in Kobe.

Takarazuka

Takarazuka city is adjacent to the north of Nishinomiya city, and some of KGU's dormitories. Mukogawa River runs through the center of the city, and beside the river, Takarazuka Hot Spring resort offers relaxation for both residents and visitors. The city's best renowned attraction is the Takarazuka Revue, a performing theater company with all-female casts. As they bring large crowds to the city and their performance has a reputation second to none, the name Takarazuka is widely known throughout Japan with international fans as well.

Learn more about Hyogo prefecture ▶



Local touristic attractions

Koshien Stadium

Koshien Stadium is the iconic home of the Hanshin Tigers, one of Japan's oldest and most beloved professional baseball teams. It is also the venue for the National Collegiate American Football Championship, the Koshien Bowl, where the KGU American Football Club has achieved a record 34 championship titles, making them the most successful team in the bowl's history.



Takarazuka Revue

The Takarazuka Revue was founded in 1913 by Hankyu Railway founder Ichizo Kobayashi in order to attract passengers. It is a unique theatrical company as all its members are single women. They take pride in its long history, and enthusiastic supporters and patrons come to watch the show from across the country.



Nishinomiya Jinja Shrine

The Nishinomiya Jinja Shrine is the head shrine of the Ebisu sect of Shinto. The Ebisu festival is celebrated every January and the "Lucky Man Race", in which participants race to the main shrine and the first three persons to reach it are named the "Luckiest Men of the year", is its main attraction.



Kobe Beef

Kobe Beef is a prized Japanese delicacy and probably the most widely-known regional specialty food in Japan. Many steak restaurants offering tenderloin cooked in teppanyaki style can be found around Sannomiya Station.



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undergraduate schools

14

graduate and professional graduate schools

Over 300

partner institutions worldwide

Over 1,400

international students

Contemporary Japan Program

Overview

The Contemporary Japan Program is specially designed for incoming exchange students. Exchange students are offered a choice between two study tracks, the “Japanese Language Track” and the “Modern Japan Track” that will define the main focus of their time at KGU. Exchange students can also select elective courses to learn more about “contemporary Japan” from a variety of aspects such as language, culture, society, economy, and politics.

Feature

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Two study tracks

▼ For students who want to focus on language studies:

Japanese Language Track

Exchange students enrolled in the Japanese Language Track will primarily study the Japanese language in an intensive environment.

→ For curriculum details see p.05

▼ For students who want to learn more about Japan in English:

Modern Japan Track

Exchange students enrolled in the Modern Japan Track will primarily focus on studying and understanding Japan through the mandatory Modern Japan Seminar taught in English.

→ For curriculum details see p.06

Feature

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Wide variety of elective courses

KGU has a large range of elective courses taught in Japanese and English for students to choose from.

Elective Japanese Language Courses

A full selection of elective Japanese language courses allows exchange students to improve the four skills essential to communication: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

→ For course details see p.09

Taught in Japanese

Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses

Exchange students can enhance their understanding of intercultural issues in a classroom setting together with KGU students.

→ For course details see p.09

Depending on the student's purpose for studying abroad and their major, they can choose what they want to study from around 200 courses in four fields.

Taught in English

① Elective Japan Studies Courses

● Business and Society

Different business fields and social issues such as SDGs

● Language and Communication

Linguistics, culture, and cross-cultural communication centered on Japanese

② Other Elective Courses

offered by other Undergraduate and Graduate schools of KGU.

● Media and Culture

Japanese traditions, food culture, and pop/subculture that are unique to the world

● Politics and History

The relationship between Japan and other countries, Japan's history, religion, and legal system



Collaborative study with Japanese students



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Feature

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Class offered during the Winter Intensive Period (January to February)

Exchange students who study for a full year from the Fall Semester to the Spring Semester will be enrolled in classes during the Winter Intensive Period, which takes place for approximately four weeks from January to February.

→ For course details see p.10



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Japanese Language Track

Elshanni

Heinrich Heine University
Dusseldorf



Germany



"After spending one year at Kwansai Gakuin University I can proudly say that the Contemporary Japan Program I participated in has shown itself to be the best decision of my life.

Because of my Japanese studies at my home university in Germany, I chose the Japanese Language Track and it helped improve my Japanese fluency immensely.

Teachers were focused on each student's needs and I really appreciated the numerous discussions and presentations we held in class. Through those courses, I realized that Japanese was more than just learning from a book and learned to express myself and make presentations in a foreign language.

I made friends with many other exchange students and with my Japanese teachers, with whom I still keep in touch to this day. The relationship between the university's staff and the students is very cordial and it helped me a lot growing professionally and personally.

For everybody out there who is thinking about an exchange year at KGU and the Japanese Language Track, the more effort you invest into your studies, the more you will get back. So at least do your homework and I am sure you will not regret your stay at Kwansai Gakuin University."

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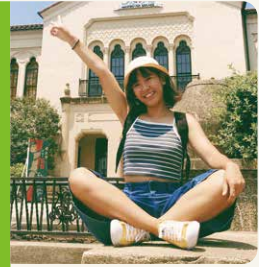
Modern Japan Track

Raya

Ateneo de Manila University



Philippines



"I chose the Modern Japan Track for two reasons: the first was because a lot of my classes could be credited for my majors back home in the Philippines, and the second is my genuine interest in Japanese culture and society. During my time in KGU, I learned a lot about the psyche behind phenomena that are special to Japanese society – I learned about hikikomori (modern hermits) and otaku (hardcore anime and manga fans), Japanese food culture, their special legal system, and so much more. I thought I was knowledgeable on Japanese culture and society to begin with, but after taking all these classes I learned that I was merely only scratching the surface of it all. My advice to prospective students is to do your research; there is a class for everything regarding Japan at KGU. Just make sure that you read up on the class descriptions to make sure the coverage of the class is something you really want to study. Moreover, don't worry about the workload. Classes are only once a week, with a very manageable workload that is designed to help you maximize your learning on the topic."

Voice

Participants'

What stops you from filling out the KGU exchange program application form? Our alumni shared their stories and experiences to remove your barriers and help you make the big decision to study abroad at KGU.

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Homestay

Ella

University of Ausburg



Germany



"Since I arrived in Japan I felt immediately at home. My host family didn't just open their doors; they opened their hearts to me. My host mom and I share a mutual love for cooking, and our culinary adventures began with preparing Okonomiyaki on my first day. Through this, I learned more about the Japanese food culture while introducing my host mom to some delicious German recipes. We even teamed up for the neighborhood food festival, where I happily lent a hand in the kitchen. My host dad and I bonded over a myriad of sports. One unforgettable moment was witnessing my little host brother's first touchdown—a family celebration filled with cheers and excitement. We ventured to the children's sumo matches and experienced the traditional Japanese Kimono together in Kyoto. In our day-to-day life, a mix of Japanese, English, and German keeps our conversations lively, filled with inside jokes and shared moments. Living with a Japanese family turned out to be the best decision for my exchange year. I get to explore every facet of Japan while having a place I can always call home. This experience has given me a whole new perspective on Japan and its culture. Moreover, I haven't just found a place to stay; I've found a second family—a bond I know will last a lifetime."

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Dormitory

Jaimee

Murdoch University



Australia



"In the beautiful city of Takarazuka, just 40 minutes away from KGU is the dormitory I chose to stay at, International Residence V. This dormitory houses international students from every corner of the globe and is a great place to meet new people who are experiencing the same things as you. The atmosphere is very welcoming, and the managers and Resident Assistants (RA) did their best to make me feel included through monthly events organized by the RA's, and other things like chatting together in the common space. The reason I chose this dorm is because I thought it would be a great way to make new international friends and learn about the different lifestyles people live in their home country. Also, due to the fact that we have individual bedrooms, I had the option to either head to my room to relax, or to go to the common space to socialise. Sharing a dorm with 3 other people was really daunting because of potential language barriers and cultural differences, but with open lines of communication, I found it to be very rewarding. The location is also great. The dorm is only a 10-15 minute walk from the train station and the area around the station has supermarkets, restaurants, izakaya and karaoke. Getting to Osaka, Kobe and Kyoto is very easy and convenient with the Hankyu Line and the JR Line, perfect for making day trips. I do not regret choosing Res. V and I have so many special memories of my time there. I hope future students are also able to create their own memories during their time at this dorm."



Japanese Language Track (JLT)

The Japanese Language Track (JLT) is for students who want to focus on their Japanese language studies. Students will be placed into levels based solely on the results of the Japanese Placement Test held before the start of each semester.

Students will be enrolled in mandatory Japanese Language Courses according to their level and will attend their courses five times per week. Mandatory courses focus on developing the students' four basic language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking by grouping students with a similar Japanese language level.

In addition to the mandatory Japanese Language Courses, students will be required to enroll and attend a number of elective courses (see p.08 for details about course load). Elective courses include Elective Japanese Language Courses (p.09), Elective Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (p.09), Elective Japan Studies Courses (p.10) and Other Elective Courses (p.11-12).

Course Registration Model for JLT Students

Mandatory (5 classes per week)	Elective (at least 2 classes per week)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory Japanese Language Courses (JLC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC) Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC) Elective Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC) Other Elective Courses

Language Requirements for Japanese Language Track

- Japanese Language Requirement:** Prospective exchange students must at least be able to fluently read, write and pronounce the Japanese Hiragana and Katakana phonetic scripts by the Japanese Placement Test.
- English Language Requirement:** As a number of elective courses are taught in English, exchange students whose native language is not English are expected to have an English proficiency equivalent to a TOEFL iBT® score of 71 or higher. Students are not required to submit a certificate for English proficiency.

Japanese Placement Test and Japanese Language Course Level

JLT students must take the Japanese Placement Test held before the beginning of each semester. The Japanese Placement Test results will determine the level of mandatory Japanese Language Courses each student is to be enrolled in. This allows each student to acquire strong skills adapted to their current needs and consolidate their current weaknesses.

Level at KGU	Level Description
Level 8 ▶	Proficient
Level 7 ▶	Advanced (High)
Level 6 ▶	Advanced (Low)
Level 5 ▶	Intermediate (High)
Level 4 ▶	Intermediate (Low)
Level 3 ▶	Pre-Intermediate
Level 2 ▶	Beginner (High)
Level 1 ▶	Beginner (Low)



※CEFR=Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
 ※N1-N5= JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)



For Both Tracks
 "KG Buddies" Program

Modern Japan Track (MJT)

The Modern Japan Track (MJT) is for students who want to learn more about Japan through English-taught courses. Students will be placed into one of the two Modern Japan Seminar courses (to be announced during Orientation Week). In principle, students cannot request a change of placement.

The Modern Japan Seminar is held once a week and will focus on studying and understanding Japan from various viewpoints through a seminar-style English medium class.

In addition to their mandatory Modern Japan Seminar, students will be required to enroll and attend a number of elective courses (see p.08 for details about course load). Elective courses include Elective Japanese Language Courses (p.09), Elective Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (p.09), Elective Japan Studies Courses (p.10) and Other Elective Courses (p.11-12).

Course Registration Model for MJT Students

Mandatory (1 class per week)	Elective (at least 6 classes per week)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •JSC Modern Japan Seminar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC) •Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC) •Elective Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC) •Other Elective Courses

Language Requirements for Modern Japan Track

- **Japanese Language Requirement:** N/A
- **English Language Requirement:** As a number of elective courses are taught in English, exchange students whose native language is not English are expected to have an English proficiency equivalent to a TOEFL iBT® score of 71 or higher. Students are not required to submit a certificate for English proficiency.

Japanese Placement Test and Japanese Language Course Level

MJT students are not required to take Japanese Language Courses. MJT students who wish to take elective Japanese Language Courses, Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses and other courses taught in Japanese are required to take the Japanese Placement Test held before the beginning of each semester. MJT students who choose not to take the test will not be allowed to take any Japanese courses. If MJT students wish to enroll in Japanese Language Courses, being able to read, write and pronounce Hiragana and Katakana is not required; however, if they are unable to do so, the Japanese Language Courses available will be limited.



“KG Buddies” are KGU degree seeking students who volunteer to support exchange students. They will help exchange students adjust to life in Japan and become their first friends at KGU.



For Students with a Strong Command of the Japanese Language

(Regular University Courses)

An extremely high level of Japanese language ability is required in order to take Regular University Courses taught in Japanese. Exchange students who meet one of the requirements below will be able to enroll in Regular University Courses:

- Submit proof of having passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 before the beginning of the semester.
- Receive a score of Level 8 in the Japanese Placement Test before the beginning of the semester.

Undergraduate students can only take courses offered at the undergraduate level. Graduate students can only take courses offered at the graduate level.

Academic Japanese (Level 8) is a mandatory course for exchange students enrolling in Regular University Courses.

▼ Course Registration Model for JLT students eligible to register for Regular University Courses

Mandatory (2 classes per week)	Elective (at least 5 classes per week)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Japanese (Level 8) (taught in Japanese) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular University Courses (taught in Japanese) • Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC) • Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC) • Elective Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC) • Other Elective Courses

▼ Course Registration Model for MJT students eligible to register for Regular University Courses

Mandatory (3 classes per week)	Elective (at least 4 classes per week)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Japanese (Level 8) (taught in Japanese) • JSC Modern Japan Seminar (taught in English) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular University Courses (taught in Japanese) • Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC) • Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC) • Elective Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC) • Other Elective Courses



Academic Affairs

Course Load

Exchange students must register for and attend at least 7 classes per week.

Credits

KGU requires degree seeking students to take 124 KGU credits over the course of a 4 year undergraduate program in order to graduate.

While it is recommended that students register for no more than 16 KGU credits (a full load for a KGU degree seeking student), one can register for up to 24 KGU credits per semester. Credit requirements and transfers are left to the discretion of the student's home university. Students should make sure to check with their home university about modalities.

Course credits are calculated using the following guidelines: ▶

1 KGU Credit Hour (Actual Teaching Hours)	
Language Courses ▶	22.5 hours
Lectures & Seminars ▶	11.25 hours

Course Evaluation Method

The evaluation method will vary depending on courses and students should make sure to check the online syllabus for each courses they are interested in.

Final examinations for courses listed under Japanese Language Courses, Japanese Studies Courses and Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (p.09-10) will be held by the end of classes. Final examinations for courses listed under Other Elective Courses (p11-12) may be held during the Final Examination Period. → see back cover for details about dates

Grading System and Policies

A student enrolled in a course is generally evaluated based on a comprehensive review of scores on examinations, performance in class, attendance, and other factors.

The grading system at KGU is divided into eight grades from "S" to "C," and "F." Grades from "S" to "C" are passing grades. "F" is a failing grade.

Letter Grade	Score	GPA	Meaning
S ▶	90 and above	4.0	Pass
A+ ▶	85 - 89	3.5	
A ▶	80 - 84	3.0	
B+ ▶	75 - 79	2.5	
B ▶	70 - 74	2.0	
C+ ▶	65 - 69	1.5	
C ▶	60 - 64	1.0	Fail
F ▶	0 - 59	0	

※Other possible grades include P: (Pass)

Course Numbering

Course Numbering and Course Code are different and should not be mistaken for one another.

While a Course Code identifies a specific course, Course Numbering shows the level of each course and can be found in the Course Number field using the KGU Syllabus Online Tool (Ex. [Course Number] Class Title).

See p.09 for details on how to access the KGU Syllabus Online Tool.

Course Numbering System

Undergraduate Level Courses ▶	100-299 : Lower division courses primarily for 1st year and 2nd year	100-199 : Introductory undergraduate courses
		200-299 : Intermediate level undergraduate courses
	300-499 : Upper division courses primarily for 3rd year and 4th year	300-399 : Advanced intermediate level undergraduate courses
		400-499 : Advanced level undergraduate courses
Graduate Level Courses ▶	500-699 : Graduate courses	
	700-899 : Graduate courses limited to doctoral students	

Course List

- Available courses are subject to change. Courses for the 2025 Fall Semester will be finalized in March 2025, and courses for the 2026 Spring Semester will be finalized in March 2026.
- You can find the details of courses on the online syllabus at the following URL: <https://syllabus.kwansei.ac.jp/>
- The course code or course name is required when searching the syllabus.



Japanese Language Courses (JLC)

Subject to change

Offered in Japanese

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
Mandatory Courses (Japanese Language Track Only)					
515305▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 1)	5	515405▶	JLC Speaking and Listening (Level 5)	2
515325▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 2)	5	515425▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 6)	3
515345▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 3)	5	515435▶	JLC Research and Report (Level 6)	2
515365▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 4)	3	515455▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 7)	3
515375▶	JLC Speaking and Listening (Level 4)	2	515465▶	JLC Research and Report (Level 7)	2
515395▶	JLC Intensive Japanese (Level 5)	3	515685▶	JLC Academic Japanese (Level 8)	2
Elective Courses					
515485▶	JLC Regular (Level 1A) For MJT Only	2	515555▶	JLC Japanese Usage (Level 4-7)	1
515495▶	JLC Regular (Level 1B) For MJT Only	1	515545▶	JLC Japanese Usage (Level 5-8)	1
515505▶	JLC Regular (Level 2) For MJT Only	3	515595▶	JLC Writing (Level 2-3)	1
515315▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 1)	1	515585▶	JLC Writing (Level 4-7)	1
515335▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 2)	1	515575▶	JLC Writing (Level 5-8)	1
515355▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 3)	1	515615▶	JLC Listening (Level 4-7)	1
515385▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 4)	1	515605▶	JLC Listening (Level 5-8)	1
515415▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 5)	1	515645▶	JLC Speaking (Level 1-2)	1
515445▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 6)	1	515642▶	JLC Speaking (Level 2-3)	1
515475▶	JLC Kanji and Vocabulary (Level 7)	1	515635▶	JLC Speaking (Level 4-5)	1
515535▶	JLC Japanese Culture (Level 1-4)	1	515625▶	JLC Speaking (Level 6-8)	1
515525▶	JLC Japanese Culture (Level 5-8)	1	515675▶	JLC Reading (Level 3-4)	1
515565▶	JLC Japanese Usage (Level 1-2)	1	515655▶	JLC Reading (Level 5-8A)	1
515562▶	JLC Japanese Usage (Level 3-5)	1	515665▶	JLC Reading (Level 5-8B)	1

Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC)

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

Offered in Japanese

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
46007000▶	ICLC Language Use and Language Policy in Multilingual Societies	2	46003000▶	ICLC Building a Sustainable Society	2
46009000▶	ICLC Project Work for Envisioning Inclusive Society	2	46005000▶	ICLC Psychological Science in the Age of Globalization	2
46010000▶	ICLC My Actions on Creating a Well-being Society	2	46006000▶	ICLC World Englishes	2
			46008000▶	ICLC Project Work for Redefining Inclusive Society	2

Canadian Studies

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

Offered in English

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
499142▶	Topics in Canadian Studies C	2	499140▶	Topics in Canadian Studies A	2
499143▶	Topics in Canadian Studies D	2	499141▶	Topics in Canadian Studies B	2



Japan Studies Courses (JSC)

Fall Semester Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
Mandatory Courses (Modern Japan Track Only)			
—	466620	JSC Modern Japan Seminar A	2
Elective Courses (Both Tracks)			
Business and Society	464600	JSC Introductory Japanese Finance	2
	464690	JSC Japanese Business B	2
	464720	JSC HR Management and Employment	2
	464750	JSC Intercultural Competency in Business	2
	464760	JSC Global Leadership	2
	466730	JSC Organizational Behavior in Japanese Business	2
Language and Communication	466010	JSC Japanese Linguistics	2
	466022	JSC The Study of Intercultural Communication B	2
	466050	JSC Language and Culture in Japan A	2
Media and Culture	464000	JSC Traditional Japanese Beauty	2
	464020	JSC Comparative Cultural Studies A	2
	464070	JSC Japanese Art A	2
	464120	JSC Japanese Food Culture	2
	464140	JSC Japanese Cinema A	2
	465040	JSC Japanese Psychology A	2
	465560	JSC Japanese Literature A	2
Politics and History	465060	JSC Japanese History A	2
	465630	JSC Political Economy of Japan	2
	465640	JSC Japan's Foreign Relations	2
	465660	JSC Japan-China Relations	2
	465670	JSC Government and Politics in Japan A	2
	465740	JSC Encounter between Japan and Korea	2



Winter Intensive Period (WIP)

Japan Studies Courses Offered in English

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
464700	JSC Japanese Studies Seminar B	2
466080	JSC Japanese Studies Seminar D	2

Japan Studies Courses Offered in Japanese

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
464630	JSC Internship ※Level 7 or above	3

Spring Semester Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
Mandatory Courses (Modern Japan Track Only)			
—	466300	JSC Modern Japan Seminar B	2
Elective Courses (Both Tracks)			
Business and Society	464620	JSC Innovation and Intrapreneurship	2
	464660	JSC Japanese Economy	2
	464680	JSC Japanese Business A	2
	465150	JSC Global and Local Actions around the SDGs	2
Language and Communication	466000	JSC Japanese Phonetics and Phonology	2
	466021	JSC The Study of Intercultural Communication A	2
	466030	JSC Pragmatics and Culture in Japan	2
	466060	JSC Language and Culture in Japan B	2
Media and Culture	466070	JSC Japanese Dialects	2
	464010	JSC Religious and Traditional Rites	2
	464030	JSC Comparative Cultural Studies B	2
	464060	JSC Traditional Japanese Theatre	2
	464100	JSC Manga: A Cultural History	2
	464112	JSC Japanese Pop Culture B	2
	465050	JSC Japanese Psychology B	2
	465570	JSC Japanese Literature B	2
	465030	JSC Environment Issues in Modern Japan	2
	465070	JSC Japanese History B	2
Politics and History	465080	JSC Japanese Religion	2
	465090	JSC The Japanese Legal System	2
	465100	JSC Japanese Society	2
	465120	JSC Women in Contemporary Japanese Society	2
	465620	JSC Minorities in Japanese Society	2
	465650	JSC The Chinese in Modern Japan	2
	465680	JSC Government and Politics in Japan B	2
	466100	JSC Diversity and Inclusion	2

Japanese Language Courses Offered in Japanese

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
515855	JLC Advanced Japanese Seminar (Level 6-8)	2
515860	JLC Project Work A (Level 1-3)	2
515890	JLC Project Work D (Level 4-8)	2



Subject to change

Subject to change

Other Elective Courses

Courses listed below are all worth 2 KGU credits. Courses listed below may have a final examination held during the Final Examination Period. Make sure to check the syllabus for details.

Subject to change

Courses Offered by Other KGU Undergraduate Schools <Undergraduate Only>

SIS School of International Studies SPS School of Policy Studies LC Language Center SHWS School of Human Welfare Studies SS School of Sociology

Fall Semester Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	School
Business and Society	234322	Sociology in English F	2	SS
	297242	International Trade	2	SPS
	341640	Japanese Economy	2	SIS
	341665	Basic Management	2	SIS
	341680	Introduction to Quantitative Analysis	2	SIS
	342101	Intercultural Relations (Focus on Racism & Minority Issues)	2	SIS
	342110	Contemporary Multicultural Societies	2	SIS
	342602	Management B	2	SIS
	342606	Microeconomics	2	SIS
	342608	Economic History of the European Union	2	SIS
	342609	Special Topics in Economics and Business Administration [Case-based Analysis]	2	SIS
	343290	US Economy	2	SIS
	343330	International Management	2	SIS
	343332	International Trade and Asia-Pacific	2	SIS
	344333	Global Seminar in South Asia B (Online version)	2	SIS
	344450	Japanese Corporate Governance	2	SIS
	344661	Eastern European Economies	2	SIS
	344662	The EU Economy	2	SIS
Language and Communication	294361	English Communication Topics B	2	SPS
	297167	Global Englishes	2	SPS
	341530	Introduction to Applied Linguistics	2	SIS
	342239	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	2	SIS
	451285	Multicultural Collaboration in English	2	LC

Fall Semester Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	School
Media and Culture	292961	Comparative Culture	2	SPS
	294041	Comparative Studies on Societies	2	SPS
	295752	Culture and Thought	2	SPS
	342238	Japanese Pop Culture B	2	SIS
	344101	Religion and Society in the Contemporary World	2	SIS
	344121	Sociology of Cultures in Transition	2	SIS
	344131	Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture	2	SIS
	344160	Introduction to Japanese Literature	2	SIS
	344170	Introduction to Japanese Culture	2	SIS
	Politics and History	293171	N.G.O.	2
293661		Ecological Policy	2	SPS
315341		Globalization and Social Welfare	2	SHWS
341570		Japanese Politics and Diplomacy	2	SIS
341580		Introduction to International Relations	2	SIS
341620		Introduction to International Law	2	SIS
342350		Global Governance	2	SIS
342360		International Relations in Europe	2	SIS
342361		International Relations of Japan	2	SIS
342363		Japan's Emigration Policy and Japanese Immigration	2	SIS
342365		Foreign Policy Analysis	2	SIS
342902		Topics in International Politics A (002)	2	SIS
342952		Topics in International Politics B (002)	2	SIS
343190		American Society	2	SIS
344310		Prewar Japanese Political History	2	SIS
344330	Postwar Japanese Diplomatic History	2	SIS	
344331	Australian Politics	2	SIS	

Spring Semester Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	School
Business and Society	234320	Sociology in English E	2	SS
	297128	Basic Economics	2	SPS
	341631	Introduction to Economics	2	SIS
	341660	Introduction to Financial Accounting	2	SIS
	342590	Financial Reporting and Analysis	2	SIS
	342591	Advanced Topics in Accounting	2	SIS
	342592	Introduction to European Economic History	2	SIS
	342601	Management A	2	SIS
	342604	Development Economics	2	SIS
	342607	Macroeconomics	2	SIS
	342615	International Human Resource Management	2	SIS
	343310	Human Resource Management in the USA	2	SIS
	343330	International Management	2	SIS
	343331	International Finance and Asia-Pacific	2	SIS
	344440	Japanese Financial Practices	2	SIS

Spring Semester Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	School
Language and Communication	294191	Intercultural Communication	2	SPS
	294211	English Linguistics	2	SPS
	294351	English Communication Topics A	2	SPS
	344133	Introduction to Contrastive Linguistics	2	SIS
Media and Culture	294581	The Web & Society	2	SPS
	342237	Japanese Pop Culture A	2	SIS
	343090	Cultures in the USA	2	SIS
	344111	Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture	2	SIS
Politics and History	344171	Changing Images of Women	2	SIS
	232774	Death, Dying, and Religion	2	SS
	293121	Regional Development	2	SPS
	297126	Global Environmental Policy	2	SPS
	315510	Human Welfare and International Development	2	SHWS
	341590	Introduction to Political Science	2	SIS
	341601	Introduction to International History	2	SIS


Spring Semester

Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	School
Politics and History	341610	International Conflicts	2	SIS
	342091	Japanese Religion	2	SIS
	342191	Climate Justice	2	SIS
	342360	International Relations in Europe	2	SIS
	342362	Theories and Debates in the Studies of Int'l Relations	2	SIS

Spring Semester

Offered in English

Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	School
Politics and History	342364	International Security	2	SIS
	342902	Topics in International Politics A (002)	2	SIS
	342952	Topics in International Politics B (002)	2	SIS
	344290	Asia-Pacific Relations	2	SIS
	344301	Prewar Japanese Diplomatic History	2	SIS
	344320	Postwar Japanese Political History	2	SIS

Courses Offered by Graduate School of Policy Studies <Graduate Only>
Fall Semester

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
760020	Career Seminar for International Organizations	2
760070	Global Diversity	2
760090	International Issues and Global Order	2
760110	Research Project in the United Nations	2

※Please note that the number of students who can join the above courses may be limited if there are too many applicants.

Spring Semester

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
760010	International Public Policy	2
760030	Management of International Organizations	2
760040	Global Sustainable Development	2
760050	Global Environmental Policy	2
760060	International Human Rights and Humanitarian Principles	2
760080	Diplomacy, Peace and Security	2

Courses Offered by Institute of Business and Accounting (IBA) <Graduate Only>
Fall Semester

Offered in English

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Level
973010	Business Ethics	2	C
973020	Management	2	C
973030	Accounting for Decision Making	2	C
973050	Statistics	2	C
973545	International Management	2	B
973555	Leadership and Corporate Renewal	2	B
973565	Marketing Management	2	B
973585	Principles of Finance	2	B
973590	Corporate Finance	2	B
973600	Financial Reporting and Analysis	2	B
973605	Cost and Management Accounting	2	B
974060	Marketing Research	2	A
974075	Consumer Behavior	2	A
974130	Financial Institutions Management	2	A
974193	Accounting Theory and Practice	2	A
974197	International Economic Integration	2	A
974200	Management Information Systems	2	A
974231	Family Business Management	2	A
974260	Advanced Topics in Business C	2	A
974285	Advanced Topics in Business F	2	A
974287	Advanced Topics in Business H	2	A

※Please note that the number of students who can join the above courses may be limited if there are too many applicants.

Spring Semester

Offered in English

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Level
973010	Business Ethics	2	C
973020	Management	2	C
973030	Accounting for Decision Making	2	C
973050	Statistics	2	C
973525	Corporate Strategy	2	B
973545	International Management	2	B
973565	Marketing Management	2	B
973570	Marketing Strategy	2	B
973585	Principles of Finance	2	B
973590	Corporate Finance	2	B
973600	Financial Reporting and Analysis	2	B
974010	Technology Management	2	A
974050	Human Resource Management	2	A
974051	Business Negotiation	2	A
974052	Information Management for Decision Making	2	A
974055	New Global Venture Creation	2	A
974100	Brand Management	2	A
974160	Portfolio Management	2	A
974170	Corporate Restructuring	2	A
974205	International Finance	2	A
974234	Marketing and Sustainability	2	A
974236	Sustainability Management & Accounting	2	A
974270	Advanced Topics in Business D	2	A
974280	Advanced Topics in Business E	2	A

Institute of Business Accounting Courses Structure

- C Core Courses** ▶ Designed to provide the fundamental knowledge essential for studying business at the MBA level. It is recommended to take these courses first.
- B Basic Courses** ▶ Designed to provide the fundamental knowledge essential for each disciplinary subject, i.e. Marketing, Management, Finance and Accounting. They are recommended for those students who are interested in disciplinary subjects.
- A Advanced Courses** ▶ Intended for further development and expansion of knowledge and expertise in each disciplinary subject. These courses may require highly advanced knowledge and expertise.





Accommodation Information



An incoming exchange student who qualifies for a KGU-arranged accommodation can apply for one of the two following options: Dormitory or Homestay. The Residence Center staff members will do their best to place each application in their accommodation of their preference.



Dormitory

Experience different cultures and build strong international friendships through living in a dormitory.

KGU places exchange students in various dormitories. The type of accommodation and location varies depending on the placement. Due to limited availability or duration of exchange, KGU may not be able to place students in their preferred dormitory. All dormitories provide exchange students with their own private room. The dormitory option is recommended for students who value personal space and independence.

What is provided in a private room ?

- Bedding, wardrobe, desk and chair
- Air-conditioner/heater
- Internet access

For details ▶



Facilities

Some of the dormitories have a bathroom and toilet inside the private room but most exchange students will have to share their bathroom, toilets and kitchen with other students.



Homestay

Gain an invaluable understanding of the modern Japanese family through a homestay experience.

Staying with a host family is a very effective way to learn Japanese culture and language. Becoming part of a Japanese family can be an amazing experience. However, it also means living in close quarters with a Japanese family, respecting each other and making compromises.

The homestay option is recommended for students who are extremely motivated in using the Japanese language every day and are highly adaptable.

What is provided in a homestay ?

- Bedding, wardrobe, desk and chair
- Meals (two meals on weekdays, three meals on weekends and Japanese National Holidays)
- Internet access (high-speed may not be available)

For details ▶



Remarks

The number of host families willing to welcome a long term student is declining and in the last couple of years, KGU has had difficulties finding suitable homestay placements for all students. When matching a student with a family, KGU takes into account the language skills (Japanese), dietary and health needs, and personal preferences of the student as well as the preferences and availability of the host family. As it is a complex process, KGU sometimes may not find a match and redirect a student to a dormitory.

Financial Information



Costs

While Tuition Fees are waived for exchange students at KGU, incoming exchange students must pay for the following items prior or during their exchange.

Program Fees (subject to change)

Program Fees include fees covering the purchase of the mandatory KGU Insurance Pack and KGU Support Pack.

	One Semester		Full-Year	
	Fall (Sep.-Jan.)	Spring (Mar.-Aug.)	From Fall (Sep.-Aug.)	From Spring (Mar.-Jan.)
Program Fees	▶ 40,000 JPY	40,000 JPY	55,000 JPY	55,000 JPY

All incoming students will be expected to complete full payment of the Program fees prior to the beginning of their program.

Accommodation Fees (subject to change)

Accommodation Fees include a range of items from rent to futon rental and will vary depending on the students' accommodation.

	One Semester		Full-Year	
	Fall (Sep.-Jan.)	Spring (Mar.-Aug.)	From Fall (Sep.-Aug.)	From Spring (Mar.-Jan.)
Dormitory Fees	▶ 260,000– 650,000 JPY	240,000– 600,000 JPY	530,000– 1,300,000 JPY	500,000– 1,250,000 JPY

※ Dormitory Fees will be charged monthly to the student after the beginning of the program.

	One Semester		Full-Year	
	Fall (Sep.-Jan.)	Spring (Mar.-Aug.)	From Fall (Sep.-Aug.)	From Spring (Mar.-Jan.)
Homestay Fees	▶ 500,000 JPY	400,000 JPY	1,000,000 JPY	900,000 JPY

※ One Semester Students will be expected to complete full payment of the Homestay Fees prior to the beginning of the program.

※ Full Year Students will be expected to complete payment of the first semester Homestay Fees prior to the beginning of the program and pay for the second semester Homestay Fees prior to the start of the second semester.

Living Expenses

Exchange students may find that they need more or less, but below is an estimate of what a student should plan for a one month period. Those planning trips during breaks, regular outings, shopping, or other personal plans should bring more.

The cost of a round-trip airfare to and from Japan or travel expenses for trips within Japan is not included below. Also, depending on where students are staying, transportation costs to and from the university may be required.

(Per month)

	Dormitory Student	Homestay Student
Health Insurance	▶ 3,000 JPY	3,000 JPY
Food	▶ 40,000 JPY	15,000 JPY
Books	▶ 7,000 JPY	7,000 JPY
Miscellaneous	▶ 20,000 JPY	20,000 JPY
TOTAL	▶ 70,000 JPY	55,000 JPY

Scholarship Opportunities

Applying for scholarships through KGU While KGU does not offer any unique scholarships for exchange students, we recommend students to apply to external organizations. Such scholarships depend on the external organization's budget and KGU cannot guarantee the number of scholarships we will be allocated. As a whole, the number of scholarships has decreased in recent years. Prospective exchange students are not to assume that they will receive a scholarship and should therefore plan their budget accordingly.

Monthly stipend	▶ 60,000 – 80,000 JPY
Eligibility	▶ A foreign national entering Japan with a student visa. Japanese nationals are not eligible.
Conditions	▶ A student who has demonstrated a history of academic excellence and requires financial support.
How to apply	▶ Scholarship application documents should be sent to KGU along with the CJP application documents. Prospective exchange students should discuss their eligibility with their study abroad advisor at their home institution.

Applying to scholarships on your own Past participants have received other scholarships through corporations, national governments, and non-governmental organizations. KGU will support applications to these scholarships, but the solicitation and application to the scholarship are the responsibility of the student.





Support on Campus

Organizations for Exchange Students

Transition to life in Japan is probably not going to be as smooth as most expect and exchange students may face difficulties. But rest assured, KGU is proud of its support groups and organizations and take great care of international students.



Center for International Education and Cooperation (CIEC)

CIEC is the central coordinating office for all students, faculty, and staff coming to KGU or going abroad. CIEC actively promotes cooperation with international organizations such as the United Nation Volunteers sending student volunteers each year to developing countries in order to support development in various areas. KGU is the first Japanese university to carry out this project.

All administrative, academic and private matters regarding exchange students are dealt with through CIEC.

Orientation

A mandatory orientation of approximately one week will be held at the beginning of each semester, introducing new students to life in Japan and information on KGU.

Global Student Network (GS Network)

GS Network is a CIEC student organization supporting all international students including exchange students and promoting understanding among international and local students. The GS Network plans various intercultural events both on and off campus throughout the year, such as field trips to Kobe or Kyoto, and a sports festival. Members are all keen to learn about different cultures and are aware of the challenges that international students may encounter while in Japan. Exchange students should feel free to rely on them when needed.



On-Campus Medical and Mental Support

KGU Health Care Center

The KGU Health Care Center provides services in 2 different specialties and also has a referral service to major hospitals and clinics in the area. As members of the KGU community, exchange students have access to these services in the event of illness or injury.

KGU Counseling Room - Free Support

The KGU Counseling Room provides Japanese and English counseling to the entire KGU community, free of charge. Exchange students can make an appointment by email to discuss anxiety related to their study abroad or daily life. All counseling discussions are strictly confidential to protect the students' privacy.

Campus Life



Clubs and Circles

Exchange students are strongly encouraged to join student clubs or circles as this is the main method of connecting with Japanese students. The clubs or circles focus on a wide variety of activities from intramural sports to martial arts to music appreciation, calligraphy and wearing kimono. In principle, clubs tend to set stricter regulations than circles as some clubs compete in national championships representing KGU and require to meet daily for 2 to 4 hours. Exchange students who wish to join a club are urged to consider their time commitment and allocation in order to secure enough study time.

Example of KGU Student Clubs

Cultural Clubs and Circles

- Calligraphy ● Japanese Flower Arrangement
- Tea Ceremony ● Mixed Chorus etc.

Athletic Clubs and Circles

- Capoeira ● Fencing ● Kendo ● Sumo
- Hula Dance ● Volleyball etc.

For details (Japanese language only) ▶



Theater Club

Deniss
 [Latvia University
 Latvia]



"I visited three different clubs and decided to join the Theater Club as it was the most welcoming to me.

We usually met three times a week. Apart from performance rehearsals, most of what we did felt like games and through these, we forged a great bond while also practicing acting skills. One of the biggest difficulties from the start was the language barrier as nobody could speak English. Luckily, my Japanese, though still basic, was good enough so we could understand each other to some extent. We are talking about the theater club after all – gesturing while explaining is what they do.

I first helped the club with stage and decoration preparations but as I got more comfortable, I tried my hand at acting for one of the yearly performances. I worked really hard on my acting part as I had to not only remember the lines of my character but act accordingly as well. Having a quiet voice and personality did not help but thankfully it went well.

I am glad I joined the Theater Club during my stay in KGU. This whole experience was a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of Japanese people. It also provided me with some Japanese speaking and listening practice. I had lots of fun during preparations, before and after performances, and I will bring back all those memories home with me."

Sumo Club

Nicolai
 [Friedrich-Alexander University
 Erlangen-Nurnberg
 Germany]



"As I came to the Sumo Club room for the first time, I told the members in very bad Japanese – at this time I couldn't speak at all - that I wanted to join. Thanks to the kind and caring Sumo Club members, a week later, I was quite a normal member.

I got my own Mawashi, the traditional Sumo Wrestler pants, and joined practice four times a week, which always started with some warming workout related to the special way Sumo Wrestlers' move. I always got a good explanation of what to do, even though their English was very limited. Once we were done with workout, we would fight each other. I am grateful that the regular members always held back when fighting me as I was a beginner. I was so involved in the club that I even entered three tournaments during my time there.

Outside of practice, Sumo Club members would often hang out together. From outing before the tournaments to home parties during which members would make Chanko Nabe, the traditional Sumo Wrestler Soup/Stew, from scratch for me, it was always a lot of fun.

Joining a club or circle can make your study abroad into an experience you will never forget. I strongly recommend you look for a good match."



Training Center

The Training Center is the university gym available to all university students. This facility is equipped with free weights and exercise machines such as stationary bicycles, treadmills and stepmills. Mats, balance balls, and other equipment are also provided in the conditioning room. Training staff are available for personal training advice.



Four Seasons at KGU



Spring
Mar.-May



Summer
Jun.-Aug.



Fall
Sep.-Nov.



Winter
Dec.-Feb.



Europe

■ Austria

Fachhochschule Kufstein Tirol-University of Applied Sciences
University of Innsbruck

■ Belgium

Catholic University of Louvain
Ghent University

■ Czech Republic

Masaryk University
University of Ostrava
University of Pardubice

■ Denmark

Aarhus University
University of Southern Denmark

■ Finland

Metropolia University of Applied Sciences
University of Vaasa

■ France

Burgundy School of Business
Lumiere University of Lyon 2
Normandy Business School
Sciences Po Lyon
The Institute of Political Sciences Saint-Germain-en-Laye
University of Lille
University of Montpellier
University of Paris

■ Germany

European University Viadrina
Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nurnberg
Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf
Hochschule fur Technik und Wirtschaft in Berlin
University of Applied Sciences (HTW Berlin)
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
Julius Maximilians University Wurzburg
Ruhr University Bochum
University of Augsburg
University of Bremen
University of Cologne
University of Mannheim
University of Regensburg
University of Siegen

■ Hungary

The University of Pecs

■ Iceland

University of Iceland

■ Ireland

Dublin City University

■ Italy

Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Sapienza University of Rome
University of Bergamo
University of Bologna
University of Parma

■ Latvia

University of Latvia

■ Lithuania

Vytautas Magnus University
Kaunas University of Technology

■ Netherlands

Avans University of Applied Sciences
Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen
Radboud University Nijmegen
The Hague University of Applied Sciences

■ Norway

Norwegian University of Science
and Technology
University of Oslo

■ Poland

Cracow University of Economics
University of Lodz

■ Portugal

University of Lisboa

■ Romania

Transilvania University of Brasov

■ Russia

National Research University,
Higher School of Economics

■ Spain

Autonomous University of Barcelona
Pompeu Fabra University
University of Alicante

■ Sweden

Linkoping University
Linnaeus University
Malardalen University
Stockholm University

■ Switzerland

Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences

■ U.K.

Cardiff University
De Montfort University
Keele University
The University of Birmingham
The University of Manchester
University of Central Lancashire
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Hertfordshire
University of Leicester
University of London
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University of Stirling
York St John University

Middle East

■ Turkey

Kocaeli University



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of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

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University of Hong Kong

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OP Jindal Global University
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Petra Christian University
Satya Wacana Christian University
University of Indonesia

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Sogang University
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North America

■ Canada

Huron University College at Western University
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 Memorial University of Newfoundland
 Mount Allison University
 Queen's University
 Simon Fraser University
 University of British Columbia
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 University of Guelph
 University of Toronto / Victoria University
 University of Victoria, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

■ U.S.A.

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 Central Washington University
 Drake University
 Emory University
 Florida State University
 Goucher College
 Hamline University
 Hendrix College
 Nazareth College
 Nebraska Wesleyan University
 North Carolina State University
 Ohio Northern University
 Pitzer College
 Presbyterian College
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
 Southern Methodist University
 Stetson University
 Texas A&M University
 The University at Albany, State University of New York
 Trinity University
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Missouri
 University of Nebraska at Kearney
 University of Nebraska at Omaha
 University of Nevada, Reno
 University of New Mexico
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of the Pacific
 Washington and Jefferson College
 Whitworth University

Oceania

■ Australia

Curtin University
 James Cook University
 La Trobe University
 Macquarie University
 Murdoch University
 Southern Cross University
 The University of Newcastle
 University of Adelaide
 University of New South Wales
 University of Queensland
 University of South Australia
 University of Sydney
 University of Technology Sydney
 University of Western Australia
 University of Wollongong

■ New Zealand

The University of Waikato
 University of Canterbury

Eligibility

In order to attend KGU as an exchange student, a student must:

be registered as a full time student at one of KGU's partner institutions. Participating students will be selected by the home institution. KGU reserves the right to make final decisions on the admission of students nominated for the student exchange program.

Central and South America

■ Argentina

University of Austral

■ Brazil

Rio de Janeiro State University
 University of Sao Paulo

■ Colombia

EAFIT University

■ Mexico

University of Monterrey

Consortiums

ACUCA (Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia)
 MISEN (Methodist International Student Exchange Network)
 UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific)
 USAC (University Studies Abroad Consortium)



■ Malaysia

Taylor's University
 University of Malaya
 University Sains Malaysia
 University Tunku Abdul Rahman

■ Philippines

Ateneo de Manila University

■ Singapore

Nanyang Technological University
 National University of Singapore

■ Taiwan

Fu Jen Catholic University
 National Cheng Kung University
 National Chengchi University
 National Taipei University
 National Taipei University of Education
 National Taiwan Normal University
 National Taiwan University
 National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University
 Soochow University
 Tamkang University
 Tunghai University

■ Thailand

Assumption University
 Chulalongkorn University
 Mahidol University International College
 Payap University
 Rangsit University

■ Vietnam

Foreign Trade University
 Thuongmai University

Contemporary Japan Program Academic Schedule

2025 Fall Semester

(Tentative)

Designated Arrival Day	▶ Early September
Orientation Week	▶ Mid-September
First Day of Classes	▶ September 22
Winter Break	▶ From December 24 to January 5
Last Day of Classes (except IBA courses)	▶ January 19
Regular Courses Examination Period ※1	▶ Mid to Late January
KGU Accommodation Moving-Out Day ※2	▶ January 31
Last Day of Classes/Examination (IBA courses)	▶ February 7
Official Grade Transcript Issuance Date	▶ Early March

※1 Examinations for courses listed under Other Elective Courses (except IBA courses) may take place during this period.

※2 Extensions possible for exchange students taking IBA courses.

Winter Intensive Period 2026

The Winter Intensive Period is offered only to full year students starting in the Fall Semester. Students cannot apply for the Winter Intensive Period only. (Tentative)

First Day of Classes	▶ Late January
Last Day of Classes	▶ Late February

2026 Spring Semester

The academic calendar for the 2026 Spring Semester will be finalized in November 2025.

(Tentative)

Designated Arrival Day	▶ Mid-March
Orientation Week	▶ Late March – Early April
First Day of Classes	▶ Early April
Last Day of Classes	▶ Late July
Regular Courses Examination Period ※3	▶ Late July – Early August
KGU Accommodation Moving-Out Day	▶ Early August
Official Grade Transcript Issuance Date	▶ Early September

※3 Examinations for courses listed under Other Elective Courses may take place during this period.

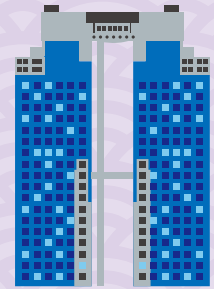
Every year, KGU is chosen as the place to pursue their studies on an exchange program by hundreds of students from partner universities around the world. If you are interested in joining us, please consult the below page and contact your International Office for details on how to access the 2025-2026 Contemporary Japan Program application forms.

<https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/exchange>

Application Deadline

All application materials must be received by KGU no later than the following deadline:

- 2025 Fall Semester Intake April 15, 2025
- 2026 Spring Semester Intake November 15, 2025



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