

Kansai University Exchange Students' Procedure Guide (Fall Semester 2022)

***Please understand that the information in this procedure guide are subject to change due to the influence of the COVID-19.**

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1. The exchange study system at Kansai University

(1) Characteristics of the curriculum

Exchange students at Kansai University follow the [“KUGF \(Kansai University Global Frontier\) Curriculum”](#). Students whose Japanese language proficiency is sufficiently high can also take undergraduate courses offered by each faculty.

① KUGF curriculum

The purposes of the KUGF curriculum are to improve language proficiency and communication skills, develop a high level of cross-cultural understanding, and foster global leadership skills. The curriculum can be categorized into 2 courses. Please refer to [KUGF Course Guide](#) for contents of the courses and language requirements.

1. Global Frontier and Skill Up for Studying Abroad *taught in English.

Global Frontier courses consist of 8 Modules. The purpose of Skill Up for Studying Abroad courses is to acquire English language skills.

2. Japanese as a Second Language *taught in Japanese.

These courses are to support international students with Japanese language studies. We provide various levels of classes, from basic to advanced. You will be taking an appropriate level of Japanese classes after a language placement test. We offer not only Japanese language courses but also courses that provide basic knowledge on Japan, introduce cultures of Japanese companies, business Japanese and courses that place you in a real company or an organization.

② Undergraduate courses (courses offered by each faculty)

Exchange students whose Japanese language ability is sufficiently high as proven on the Japanese language placement tests taken after their arrival in Japan can enroll in classes provided by each faculty.

Students can learn a wide variety of subjects from general cultural subjects to specialist ones through these courses, held in the 13 faculties of Kansai University. These are studied in Japanese and students can expect an improvement in their level of Japanese proficiency as well as learning at a higher level of specialty.

The following is used as a guideline for the level of Japanese proficiency required to enroll in undergraduate courses.

Test Name	Reference Score
JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)	N2 or higher
J.TEST (Test of Practical Japanese)	Level C or higher
CEFR	B2 or higher

(2) Study support

① Japanese language support program[※]

Kansai University also provides support for exchange students to study Japanese outside of their classes. Students are encouraged to use this support program effectively to improve their Japanese proficiency.

[※] The programs and contents implemented are subject to change.

【Japanese language tutor/tutee system】

Tutors (Japanese students) advise and support international students regarding studies (mainly Japanese language) and daily life.

【Conversational Japanese brush-up seminars】

Practical training that helps exchange students learn Japanese conversational skills that are necessary in daily life in order to adapt well to Japanese society.

② Academic advisors

A member of the teaching staff of the Division of International Affairs is assigned to each individual exchange student as an academic advisor to provide guidance in formalities such as course registration after the student arrives in Japan. We offer Office Hours to respond to consultations regarding study and life.

③ Acceptance at Kansai University Graduate School

If students wish to study at Kansai University Graduate School during the exchange program, they will be assigned a supervisor to provide support for research activities.

Students who wish to undertake research at the graduate school must search for a supervisor suitable for their research theme using the [KANSAI UNIVERSITY System for Academic Information](#) and submit a research plan (in either Japanese or English) at the time of application.

*Graduate courses will not be opened if there are no regular students to take a course of a relevant graduate school.

*Regarding acceptance at the graduate level, acceptance may be refused at the discretion of the supervisors due to inconsistency in research content. In that case, please note that students will be accepted at the undergraduate level.

(3) Grading

The results for each subject studied are graded as shown below.

Points	Graduate Level	Undergraduate Level
100 – 90	A	S
89 – 80		A
79 – 70	B	B
69 – 60	C	C
under 59	F	F

*If a course includes examinations to assess results and the examination was not taken, then 'I' (not taken) is displayed.

(4) Credit-based system

Kansai University evaluates grades for the courses taken and issue a CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC RECORD. Based on the certificate, credits will be accredited in accordance with the student's home university's standard. Please make sure to check with the responsible person at your home university concerning credit transfers beforehand.

We define 1 credit as equivalent to 45 hours of workload complying with the requirements of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's provision.

(5) **Announcement of Grades**

Grades of Spring semester will be revealed at the beginning of September, and grades of Fall semester will be revealed at the beginning of March.

The grades announcement date cannot be changed for any reasons.

(6) **Issuance of CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC RECORD**

The CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC RECORD (in English) for each semester will be sent to the person responsible at the student's home university. The schedule for sending this is as follows:

Fall Semester - planned to send at the end of March

Spring Semester - planned to send at the end of September

*Only one copy of the CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC RECORD will be sent. An actual cost will be charged from the second copy onwards.

2. Academic calendar

Spring semester (April to September)		Fall semester (September to March)	
April 1	Start of spring semester	September 21	Start of fall semester
			Start of fall semester classes
Early April	Start of spring semester classes	Late December to early January	Vacation
Mid-July	End of spring semester classes	Mid-January	End of fall semester classes
Mid to late July	Spring semester examinations	Mid to late January	Fall semester examinations

*Academic calendar may change depending on a year.

3. Student dormitories

We cannot guarantee the acceptance at student dormitories. If there is not enough capacity, we may determine the residents by lot. For those who are not selected, we will introduce our affiliated company that will support you to find a place to stay.

Kansai University has not only international students dormitory operated by the university but also an affiliated international student dormitory operated through a business alliance with the outsourcing contractor. Also, we can introduce our affiliated company to those who would like to do a homestay or reside in an apartment. Please state which residential formation you prefer at the time of application. For more information about dormitories, please check [here](#).

(1) **International Students Dormitories**※

Those who wish to enter an international students dormitory will be entering one of the following 3 dormitories. Unless there are special circumstances, the decision on which dormitory the student will enter is made by Kansai University. Also, we allocate the dormitory (male/female) based on the sex written on the student's passport so please make sure to inform us beforehand in case if there are any circumstances that we should be aware of in assigning a dormitory.

*In case you would like to enter international students dormitories, it is required to submit the dormitory guarantee form.

※ Dormitory fees and other matters are reviewed each academic year. Also, dormitory fees and other matters described are for one student. We will collect a deposit which is as equivalent to the monthly dormitory charge at the time of dormitory entrance. Dormitory fees include heating expense, electricity expense, water expense, linen leasing fee, and Internet connection fee.

① **Kansai University International Dormitory**

Dormitory entrance fee: 15,000 yen

Dormitory charges: 30,000 yen per month (single room)

Meals: Not provided

Access to Senriyama Campus: Approx. 20 minutes by train

② **Student House Shurei-ryo (male dormitory)**

Dormitory entrance fee: 15,000 yen

Dormitory charges: 36,000 yen per month (single room A)

38,000 yen per month (single room B)

Meals: Provided (Breakfast - 250 yen, evening meal - 490 yen)

Access to Senriyama Campus: Approx. 10-minute walk

③ **Dormitory Tsukigaoka (female dormitory)**

Dormitory entrance fee: 15,000 yen

Dormitory charges: 33,000 yen per month (twin room)

Meals: Provided (Breakfast - 250 yen, evening meal - 490 yen)

Access to Senriyama Campus: Approx. 15-minute walk

(2) **Affiliated International Students Dormitory** *Please check the details [here](#)

● **KU I-House**

Dormitory entrance fee: none

Building maintenance fee: 3,000 yen per year

Dormitory charges: 48,000 yen per month

Meals: Provided

• Contract that includes meals: 17,400 yen (the monthly dormitory fee is required separately)

• Contract that meals are separated: Breakfast - 385 yen, evening meal - 715 yen (per meal)

Linen leasing fee: 7,150 yen/month *depends on the contract period

Others: Electricity expense (5,500 yen) and communication equipment fee (3,960 yen) are required separately every month.

Access to Senriyama Campus: Approx. 15-minute walk

(3) **Requests for residence other than in student dormitories (homestay/apartment)**

We will introduce you to our affiliated company separately if you wish to do a homestay or reside in an apartment.

Kansai University does not take responsibility for troubles that arise between you and an affiliated company or host family. Please make sure to understand your contract fully before you sign.

*In case of wishing to do a homestay or residing in an apartment for some period of time during exchange, please send us an inquiry separately at the time of application.

① Homestay (single room)

Placement fee: 12,000 yen

Homestay charges: 3,000 yen/stay *application available from a 4-week stay (28 days stay)
2,700 yen/stay *after 91 days stay

Meals: Provided (Breakfast and evening meals are included in above charges.)

Others: Homestay charges also include linen leasing fee, light and heating charges, and Internet connection fee.

*Tax will be added separately to the homestay expenses.

*Please click [here](#) for more details about homestays, including firsthand accounts by other exchange students.

② Apartment

The costs depend on the apartment, but on an average, it costs more than 40,000 yen a month to rent an apartment around Kansai University.

4. International Exchange

Please understand in advance that these exchange activities may be significantly restricted due to the influences of the COVID-19 infection.

(1) **Global Buddy Program (GBP)**

KU students become a buddy of international students, help them get rid of their worries for Japanese customs, making new friends, and support them to adapt to a new life smoothly. Students can start interacting with Kansai University students and other exchange students before coming to Japan, and participate in various events together after coming to Japan to make life at Kansai University fulfilling.

(2) **Activities**

At Kansai University, we prepare many activities which international students can join, and look forward to your participation. In addition to events that promote students' interaction, you can also experience Japanese culture by participating in field trips and traditional festivals. There will be welcome party for international students at the time of arrival, and completion ceremony and farewell party when returning home. Please make many great memories at Kansai University.

(3) **Multilingual Immersion Room (Mi-Room)**

International students from all over the world gather in the Mi-Room which can be used freely at any time, and various languages can be heard in the room. At the reception desk, friendly student staff (DIASS) will help you rent a computer and connect to the Internet. Sessions concerning languages, presentation, writing, and TOEIC preparation are held in the Mi-Room, and you can join any time. In addition, you can learn many languages besides English, such as Chinese, Korean, and etc. Mi-Room is the place where international students can relax, learn, and make many friends from all over the world.

(4) **GTA (Global Teaching Assistants)**

Mi-Room's sessions are held by highly motivated international students from all over the world or Kansai University students with a wealth of international experience. GTAs help local students improve their language skills, adaptability to cultural differences, and improve their discussion skills. Students who contributed as a GTA will be issued the Award Certificate depending on the level of contribution. Not only can you pass your culture, language, perspectives and experiences to local students but also gain practical and valuable experiences through teaching and meeting new students.

5. Scholarships

(1) **Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-Term Study in Japan)**

This is a scholarship paid by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). If our university's program has been adopted, we will notify the details to subjects.

The details are not decided at the time of application for exchange study, so please note that we cannot respond to any enquiries in advance.

(2) **Scholarships limited to specific universities**

There are cases where a scholarship may be paid to exchange students from some specific universities, based on an agreement between them and Kansai University. Please check the details of this with the person responsible at your home university.

6. Application procedures

(1) **Application eligibility**

Students who have been recommended by their home university and have been nominated in advance.

(2) **Application method**

Apply using the [Online Application for Exchange Program](#).

Please note that we can only accept email address registered at the time of the nomination. Also, when applying online, in addition to completing all the required fields, it is also necessary to upload the below documents (PDF, JPEG or PNG). *Only documents issued within 3 months are valid.

- ① Photograph for identification *For specifications and guidelines for ID photos, please refer to the "[Website Here](#)" and upload a photograph that meets all the requirements.
- ② Passport page containing your photograph
- ③ Certificate of Enrollment
- ④ Kansai University Certificate of Health
- ⑤ Kansai University Exchange Program Recommendation *Please issue the recommendation form from students' home university
- ⑥ Kansai University Exchange Program Covenants application *The signature of the applicant is required.
- ⑦ Kansai University Exchange Program Research Plan (only applicants who wish to study at graduate level at Kansai University)
- ⑧ DORMITORY GUARANTEE *Those who plan to live in the International Student Dormitory of Kansai University will need to submit the Dormitory Guarantee form.

*Forms ④ to ⑧ can be downloaded [here](#).

(3) **Online application deadline**

May 2 (Mon), 2022 – May 10 (Tue), 2022 (JST)

(4) **Selection**

Kansai University will check if all application forms are sufficient and accurate.

Our committee will then hold a board of review the applicants result of acceptance.

7. Schedule *Following schedule is subject to change due to the influences of the COVID-19.

The schedule from application procedure to arrival in Japan is as follows.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

Details	Time Period
Nomination procedure by partner universities	March 28 – April 15
Online application period	May 2 – May 10
(1) Application procedures for Certificate of Eligibility	Late May – Mid June
(2) Check of details of Certificate of Health	
(3) Issuance of the Letter of Acceptance (PDF)	June
(4) Sending of the Welcome Pack	Early August – Mid August
(5) Visa application	
(6) Arrival in Japan and orientation	Early September
(7) Start of classes	September 21~

*Above schedule is subject to change depending on the Japanese government's border measures etc.

(1) Application procedures for COE (Certificate of Eligibility)

The COE is the certificate necessary for an exchange student's visa application.

To obtain a COE, Kansai University will make an application to the Immigration Bureau on behalf of the student based on the details provided in the online application. If more details are required to apply, a company commissioned by the university will contact you via email.

(2) Checking details in the Certificate of Health

If there is anything on the Certificate of Health that requires confirmation, Kansai University will contact you for clarifications.

(3) Issuance of the Letter of Acceptance (PDF)

As soon as acceptance procedures at our university are completed, we will inform you of the acceptance permission and how to download the Letter of Acceptance.

Also, please note that we cannot answer any questions related to the details of the selection.

*Please do not forget the ID and password to be registered at the time of the online application as you will need them when you download the Letter of Acceptance.

*The acceptance may be cancelled if details in the application are found to be false.

(4) Sending of the Welcome Pack

After Kansai University officially determines students' acceptance, as soon as the COE is ready, a Welcome Pack will be sent by mail from Kansai University to the responsible contact at your university.

*The COE is issued after screening by the Immigration Bureau. Kansai University cannot guarantee the issuance of a COE or the timing of issuance. The preparation of all other documents may be delayed if the screening for COE issuance at the Immigration Bureau is prolonged.

The Welcome Pack includes:

① Guide for Coming to Japan (booklet)

This includes information on visa acquisition, airport pick-up service, taking the Japanese placement test, orientation schedule after your arrival and more. Please go through all the information very carefully.

② Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

The COE is a certificate essential for your visa application and cannot be reissued. Please treat the COE carefully.

③ Application for work permit

Exchange students are able to work part-time by acquiring a work permit. Please apply for it when entering Japan i.e. at the airport if you wish to get the work permit.

④ Letter of Dormitory Acceptance

This document will be enclosed only if the student has selected to reside in a international students dormitories in the online application.

However, regrettably, they may not be able to reside in a dormitory if it is already full. Also, Kansai University will assign the dormitory.

⑤ Appointment letter for scholarship (subjects only)

This will be enclosed only for students who are eligible for a scholarship from Kansai University.

(5) Visa application

Please print out the (3) Letter of Acceptance and make an application for a visa at the Japan consulate overseas after receiving the Letter of Acceptance and COE. Documents necessary for the application vary depending on the country, so please check with the consulate.

*Please purchase an airline ticket after a visa has been obtained

*A certain amount of time is required from application to the issuance, so allow plenty of time when making the application.

(6) Arrival in Japan and orientation

After arriving in Japan, an orientation on life in Japan and course registration will be held. The orientation will include sessions on procedures required at the city hall and how to open a bank account. The orientation schedule will be enclosed in your Welcome Announcement.

8. Others

(1) Living expenses

The living expenses necessary to live a normal life in Osaka are around 100,000 yen per month, including dormitory fees. When coming to Japan, please establish a sufficient funding plan.

(2) Insurance

① **National Health Insurance (paid by the student)**

If you get sick or injured during your stay in Japan, National Health Insurance makes it possible to receive medical treatment with only a part payment of the medical expenses (partial obligation). In principle, you can receive medical treatment with a payment of just 30% of the total medical care expenses. Exchange students are obligated to buy the National Health Insurance.

② **Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) (paid by the university)**

The Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) is taken collectively to ensure a minimum level of insurance benefits in case of injuries resulting from an unexpected accident or disaster that occurs during education or research.

Type of benefit	During regular curriculum activities and school events	During recess on campus and extracurricular activities
Death benefits	12,000,000 yen	6,000,000 yen
Permanent disability indemnity	720,000 yen to 18,000,000 yen depending on the severity	360,000 yen to 9,000,000 yen depending on the severity
Medical benefits	3,000 yen to 300,000 yen Applicable from the first day of treatment and depending on the number of days required for the treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,000 yen to 300,000 yen Applicable from the 4th day of treatment and depending on the number of days required for the treatment (during recess on campus) • 30,000 yen to 300,000 yen Applicable from the 14th day of treatment and depending on the number of days required for the treatment
	(Additional hospitalization coverage) 4,000 yen per day hospitalized *Limited to 180 days.	

③ **Others**

Students are obligated to purchase “①National Health Insurance (paid by students)” while studying abroad in Japan. “②Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) (paid by Kansai University)” could be applied for curricular activities and injuries that occur on campus. However, the insurance mentioned above may not provide sufficient coverage. Please make sure to purchase insurance (traveler’s insurance) for sickness, injuries, and unexpected contingencies during your stay in Japan.

Kansai University recommends to purchase 「Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with “Gakkensai”」 (only international students can purchase this insurance) for international students who would like to purchase insurance in Japan.

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