

Exchange Program Fact Sheet

Contemporary Japan Program 2019-2020

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Number of Incoming Exchange students

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Fall 2018: 160 students Spring 2019: 186 students

Partner Institutions 159 in 35 countries and regions (As of January 2019)

Exchange Program

Program Outline

Contemporary Japan Program (CJP)

There are two study tracks available within the CJP. Students can choose one of the following study tracks:

- Japanese Language Track, for students who wish to focus on their Japanese language studies (5 credits of mandatory Japanese Language Courses each semester)
- Modern Japan Track, for students who wish mainly to learn about Japan via English-taught courses through a variety of subjects. (2 credit mandatory Japan Studies Course, "Modern Japan Seminar" each semester)

 Note: Tracks cannot be changed after a student has submitted their application to KGU.

Must be an undergraduate or graduate student nominated by a KGU partner institution.

Eligibility Language Requirements

	Japanese Language Track	Modern Japan Track
Japanese	Students must at least be able to fluently read, write, understand and pronounce the Japanese Hiragana and Katakana phonetic scripts by the time they arrive in Japan.	N/A
English	As a number of elective courses are held in English, 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 any certifications for English proficiency.	

Language Instruction Japanese Language Courses are taught in Japanese.

Japan Studies Courses, Canadian Studies Courses (undergraduate only), School of International Studies Courses (undergraduate only), School of Economics Courses (undergraduate only), School of Human Welfare Studies (undergraduate only) and Institute of Business and Accounting (graduate only) Courses are taught in English.

Application Deadlines

All required hard copies of application documents must arrive at KGU by the following dates:

Starting from Fall Semester 2019	April 15, 2019
Starting from Spring Semester 2020	November 15, 2019

Application Process

Note: The application period opens around two months before the deadline.

Available Period of Study

Program Dates (tentative)

Application information can be found on the following webpage and is updated around two months before each deadline: https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/exchange/prospective/apply.html

One Semester or Two Semesters Start: Fall or Spring.

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Fall Semester 2019 (Tentative)			
Designated Arrival Date	September 9, 2019		
Orientation Week	Second/Third Week of September		
First Day of Classes	September 20, 2019		
Winter Break	December 24 – January 5, 2020		
Classes Resume	January 6, 2020		
Program Completion	January 11, 2020		
KGU Regular Class Examinations *1	January 14 – 28, 2020		
Winter Intensive Period for students who enroll at KGU for two semester beginning in the Fall.			
First Day of Classes	February 10, 2020		
Last Day of Classes	March 14, 2020		
Spring Semester 2020 (Academic calendar for the 2020 spring will be finalized in Nov. 2019)			
Designated Arrival Date	March 25, 2020		
Orientation and Course Registration	End of March-Beginning of April		
First Day of Classes	April 7, 2020		
Program Completion	Mid-July		
KGU Regular Examination Period (*1)	Third/Fourth/Fifth Week of July		

Note: Classes may be held on some Japanese national public holidays.

(*1) Final Examinations for courses not listed under Japanese Language Courses or Japan Studies Courses may take place during the KGU Regular Class Examination Period.

Courses Offered

Japanese Language Courses (JLC) Elective Courses The mandatory Japanese Language Courses are taught before lunch and are mandatory for students in the Japanese Language Track.

CJP elective courses are conducted in English and taught in the afternoon.

The JSC Modern Japan Seminar course is mandatory for students in the Modern Japan Track.

There is also a selection of elective Japanese Language Courses.

Online Syllabus

Use online syllabus tool below to search for course code listed on CJP Brochure.

https://syllabus.kwansei.ac.jp

Regular University

Students who possess an extremely high ability of Japanese can enroll in regular university courses conducted in Japanese if they meet the either one of the following requirements:

1. Pass level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test before arriving in Japan (students who already have N1 are still required to take the RCA test)

2. Obtain a high score on the placement test, and then pass the RCA (Regular Course Aptitude) test held later during orientation.

School of International Studies (SIS) Undergraduate students can also take classes conducted in English at the School of International Studies. There are no International Studies courses offered at the graduate level.

List of courses: See CJP Brochure

School of Economics

Undergraduate students can also take classes conducted in English at the School of Economics. There are no School of Economics courses offered at the graduate level.

List of courses: See CJP Brochure

School of Human Welfare Studies (SHWS) Undergraduate students can also take classes conducted in English at the School of Human Welfare Studies. There are no School of Human Welfare Studies courses offered at the graduate level.

List of courses: See CJP Brochure

Institute of Business and Accounting (IBA)

Graduate/Master students majoring in business or economics can take graduate level courses in English at the Institute of Business and Accounting. Interested students should contact CIEC during the orientation.

List of courses: See CJP Brochure

Fall / Spring Semester	10-16 credits per semester
Winter Intensive Period*	2 credits

*The Winter Intensive Period is only offered to exchange students enrolled from the Fall semester for two semesters.

Note: Students can take more credits if required by their home university, but this is considered a full credit load at KGU.

Accommodation

KGU guarantees accommodation to incoming exchange students who request it, but not all students will be able to be placed in the accommodation of their choice.

Accommodation

1. Homestay (2,200 JPY/day)

Includes 2 meals/day on weekdays, 3 meals/day on weekends and holidays, and utilities

Note: KGU may not be able to find a placement for exchange students due to their preferences, dietary needs or health conditions.

2. Dormitory (35,000 - 55,000 JPY/month)

Excludes meals and utilities

Details about the dormitories available here.

Scholarship

Opportunities through KGU

Exchange students can apply for a scholarship through KGU along with their application to KGU.

Applicants will be informed if they will receive the scholarship roughly a week before arriving in Japan. However, there are circumstances in which students may not be informed until after their arrival in Japan.

Note: Please be informed that the number of recipients has decreased over the last several years, and that applicants should not expect to receive a scholarship. All students must plan for financing their exchange without the help of this scholarship.

Other Scholarships

US-Japan Bridging Foundation (US students only):

http://www.bridgingfoundation.org/

Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association (Taiwan students only):

https://www.koryu.or.jp

♦ Other Information

Nihongo Partner

Acting as language partners the exchange student's first semester, KGU local student volunteers assist the exchange students in their practice of Japanese. Only students who are enrolled in Japanese Language Track and apply in advance are able to be assigned Nihongo Partners.

Global Student (GS) Network The GS Network is the official student group endorsed by CIEC and provides various supports to exchange students during orientation. They also plan and hold cultural exchange activities for both exchange students and KGU students over the course of the year.

Transcripts

Two grade transcripts will be sent to the home institution after the last semester of the student's exchange ends. The home institution will give one copy to the student and keep one for their records.

The transcripts will be sent out in the following periods:

Spring Semester (WIP)	Late August
Fall Semester	Late February

Bringing Prescription
Drugs to Japan

There is a form called a "Yakkan Shomeisho" that you need to submit and send to Japan in order to bring prescription drugs and other medical equipment such as prescription contact lenses into Japan. It will then be sent back to you, but can take some time, so please make sure that you look into this several months before you leave for Japan.