

Exchange Program Fact Sheet Contemporary Japan Program 2024-2025 Address Center for International Education and Cooperation (CIEC) Kwansei Gakuin University 1-155 Uegahara Ichibancho, Nishinomiya City, Hyogo Prefecture, 662-8501 JAPAN Tel: +81 798-51-0952 Fax: +81 798-51-0954 ciec@kwansei.ac.jp Website https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/exchange/ Staff & Contacts **Incoming Exchange Coordinator Outgoing Exchange Coordinator** Ms. Amina DANTE outgoing@kwansei.ac.jp M. Yuki KITAGAWA **Partnerships Coordinator** incoming@kwansei.ac.jp ciec-partnership@kwansei.ac.jp **Number of Incoming** 2023 Fall: 180 students 2024 Spring: 200 students (tentative) **Exchange students** 200 in 45 countries and regions (As of December 2023) **Partner Universities 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 - Modern Japan Track, for students who wish mainly to learn about Japan via English-taught courses through a variety of subjects. Eligibility Must be an undergraduate or graduate student nominated by a KGU partner institution. **Language Requirements** Japanese Language Track Modern Japan Track Students must at least be able to fluently read, write, N/A lapanese understand and pronounce the Japanese Hiragana and Katakana phonetic scripts by the time they arrive in Japan. 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. Available Period of Study One Semester or Full Year Start: Fall or Spring Language of Instruction Japanese or English **Application Deadlines** All required hard copies of application documents must arrive at KGU by the following dates: April 15 Fall Semester intake Spring Semester intake November 15 **Application Process** 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 **Program Dates** Fall Semester (tentative) Designated Arrival Date Early to mid-September First Day of Classes Late September Winter Break Late December – Early January Last Day of Classes Mid to late January Final Examination Period (*1) Late January Winter Intensive Period for students who enroll at KGU for two semester beginning in the Fall First Day of Classes Early February Last Day of Classes Mid-March Spring Semester (Academic calendar for the Spring will be finalized in Nov.) Designated Arrival Date Mid-March Early April First Day of Classes Last Day of Classes Mid to late-July Final Examination Period (*1) Late July - Early August Note: Classes may be held on some Japanese national public holidays. (*1) Final Examinations for courses listed under "Other Elective Courses" may take place during the KGU Regular Class Examination Period.

♦ Scholarship

KGU-Sponsored Scholarships 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 available scholarships 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

Accommodation

Accommodation is NOT Guaranteed

Beginning with the Spring Semester 2024 intake, all nominated students will be eligible to apply for KGU-arranged accommodation. While KGU cannot at this time guarantee that all nominated students who apply for KGU-arranged accommodation will receive a housing placement, the KGU Residence Center will make every effort to accommodate as many students as possible.

More details can be found here.

Courses Offered

Mandatory Courses

Elective

Courses

Mandatory Japanese Language Courses (JLC) for Japanese Language Track Students

Students
✓ 1 class per week

- ✓ 5 class per week
- √ Taught in Japanese

✓ Taught in English

Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC)

- ✓ Taught in Japanese
- ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student

Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC)

- ✓ Taught in English
- ✓ Wide variety from 5 categories: Art & Culture, Linguistics, Politics & International Relations. Society, Business & Economy

Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC)

- √ Taught in Japanese
- ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student

Other Elective Courses

- ✓ Taught in English
- Large selection of courses offered by other Undergraduate and Graduate schools of KGU.

Regular University Courses

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:

Pass level N1 of the Japanese Language
 Proficiency Test before arriving in Japan.

2. Obtain a high score on the placement test.

JSC Modern Japan Seminar for Modern Japan Track

Course List

The course list can be found in the latest CJP Brochure.

Online Syllabus

https://syllabus.kwansei.ac.jp

Use online syllabus tool above to search for course code listed in the latest CJP Brochure (See link below).

Course Load (per week)

Exchange students must register and attend more than 10 hours of classes per week.

To fulfill this requirement, registering and attending at least 7 periods every week is necessary.

Credits	at	KGU	

	One Credit Hour (Actual Teaching Hours)	
Language Courses	22.5 hours	
Lectures & Seminars	11.25 hours	

Exchange students cannot register for more than 24 KGU credits per semester.

Other Information

KG Buddies

Acting as partners the exchange student's first semester, KGU local student volunteers assist the exchange students in their life on and off campus.

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)	Early September
Fall Semester	Early March

Bringing Prescription Drugs to Japan

Certain requirements and rules apply when bringing or sending medicines for personal use into Japan. These rules and requirements differ depending on the type and amount of medicine being imported.

- For general information concerning the import of medicines into Japan for personal use, please refer to the following web page of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan:
 https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/pharmaceuticals/01.html
- For information concerning narcotics, psychotropic medicines and other controlled substances (including ADHD medication), please refer to the following web page: https://www.ncd.mhlw.go.jp/en/application2.html