

Exchange Program Fact Sheet Contemporary Japan Program 2020-2021 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 Mr. Naoki Sumioka **Partnerships Coordinator** incoming@kwansei.ac.jp ciec-partnership@kwansei.ac.jp **Number of Incoming** Fall 2019: 200 students Spring 2019: 186 students **Exchange students Partner Universities** 173 in 38 countries and regions (As of October 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 - 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: Starting from Fall Semester 2020 April 15, 2020 Starting from Spring Semester 2021 November 15, 2020 **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 2020 (Tentative) (tentative) Designated Arrival Date Early September 2020 First Day of Classes September 20, 2020 Winter Break December 24 – January 5, 2021 Last Day of Classes January 13, 2021 Final Examination Period (*1) January 15 – 28, 2021 Winter Intensive Period for students who enroll at KGU for two semester beginning in the Fall. First Day of Classes February 3, 2021 Last Day of Classes March 16, 2021 Spring Semester 2021 (Academic calendar for the 2021 spring will be finalized in Nov. 2020) Designated Arrival Date Late March 2021 April 7, 2021 First Day of Classes Last Day of Classes Mid-July Final Examination Period (*1) Third/Fourth/Fifth Week of July Note: Classes may be held on some Japanese national public holidays.

♦ Scholarship

KGU-Sponsored Scholarships

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

(*1) Final Examinations for courses listed under "Other Elective Courses" may take place during the KGU Regular Class Examination Period.

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

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 Options

1. Homestay (400,000 JPY/ semester) Includes 2 meals/day on weekdays, 3 meals/day on weekends and holidays, and utilities

2. Dormitory (240,000 - 400,000 JPY/ semester) Excludes meals and utilities
Details about the dormitories available here.

Courses Offered

Mandatory Courses

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

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✓ Taught in Japanese

JSC Modern Japan Seminar for Modern Japan Track Students

✓ 1 class per week

√ Taught in English

Elective Courses

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

Other Elective Courses

- ✓ Taught in English
- ✓ For Undergraduate level students only: Courses shared with the School of International Studies (SIS), School of Economics (SE), School of Human Welfare Studies (SHWS)
- ✓ For Graduate level students only: Courses shared with the Institute of Business and Accounting (IBA)

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:

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

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 (90 minutes constitute one period) every week is necessary.

Credits at KGU

	One Credit Hour (Actual Teaching Hours)
Language Courses	22.5 hours (90 min. x 15 weeks)
Lectures & Seminars	11.25 hours (90 min. x 15 weeks)

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

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.

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	Mid-March

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.