

KOBE UNIVERSITY

INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET for FALL 2024



INSTITUTION

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◆ Inter-University Exchange Program Website

https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html

◆ About Exchange Programs

◆ List of Inter-University Student Exchange Partners

https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html#about

◆ Eligibility

https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program/eligibility.html

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

1. NOMINATION for Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

Nomination Deadlines	Fall semester:	April 20, 2024
	Spring semester:	October 20, 2024
	Please fill out the nomination sheet, which will be sent by Kobe University to partner institutions, and return it to stdnt-intlexchange@office.kobe-u.ac.jp .	

2. APPLICATION for Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

Application Documents	1. Exchange Student Application Form (An application form will be sent directly to each student later.) 2. Copy of Academic Transcript (English) 3. Certificate of Japanese and/or English Language Ability (Optional)	
Application Deadlines	Fall semester:	May 1, 2024
	Spring semester:	November 1, 2024
	Send to stdnt-intlexchange@office.kobe-u.ac.jp by email attachment.	
Application Schedule	See an application schedule from here .	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Affiliations	<p>Exchange students should belong to one of the affiliations at Kobe University. They must choose one Faculty (School)/Graduate School or GEC that best correspond to their major.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faculties (Schools) (for Undergraduates/ Bachelor/ 1st cycle): https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/faculties_graduate_schools/faculties/index.html - Graduate Schools (for Graduate Students/ Master/ Doctor/ 2nd cycle/ 3rd cycle): https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/faculties_graduate_schools/grad/index.html - GEC (Global Education Center: Japanese Language Course): http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/about/education_programs.html <p><Eligibility for enrollment in GEC></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students majoring Japanese language or Japanese Studies at their home universities • Exchange students who wish to prioritize studying Japanese language and culture during their stay in Kobe University <p>【NOTE】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can apply to Kobe University Faculty participating in the student exchange agreement with their home university. Please contact the international exchange program division of their home university in detail. 	
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester:	October – March
	Spring Semester:	April - September
Academic Load	Kobe University does not have a full-time load. 124 credits or more are necessary to complete an undergraduate program (Bachelor degree) at Kobe University (approx. 30 credits/year). Maximum load per semester depends on each faculty, and there is no minimum load. However, all international students including exchange students must take at least 10 lesson hours (equivalent to 6-7 classes) per week in accordance with immigration law.	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Class Types and Schedules	<p>Classes include lectures, seminars, experiments, exercises, and practical training. We will offer classes according to patterns A) – C) described below. Patterns A) and B) are "quarter classes", and pattern C) takes the "semester class" format. Please see the syllabus for further information about each class.</p> <p>A) 1 class per week for 8 weeks (including examination days) B) 2 classes per week for 8 weeks (including examination days) C) 1 class per week for 16 weeks (including examination days)</p>									
Credits	<p>Grades and credits are acquired at the end of each academic semester. According to Kobe University General Rules for Students, 1 credit is usually awarded for 15 hours of lectures. To receive 1 credit, a total of 45 hours of study are required (this includes self-study hours to prepare for or review classwork).</p>									
Level of Study	<p>This should correspond to exchange students' level at their home university.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 651 1414 808"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="440 651 863 689">Home university</th> <th data-bbox="863 651 1414 689">Kobe university</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 689 863 728">Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="863 689 1414 728">Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle course only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 728 863 766">Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="863 728 1414 766">Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle course only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 766 863 808">Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="863 766 1414 808">Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle course only</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Home university	Kobe university	Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle	Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle course only	Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle	Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle course only	Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle	Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle course only
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Courses/Classes	<p>Syllabus (for external use) All course lists are subject to change and some courses may not be available every semester/ quarter.</p>									
Course Registration	<p>Course registration is available only after arrival, and there is no pre-registration process.</p>									
Japanese Language Requirement	<p>Students must possess sufficient Japanese language ability to understand classes and engage in academic research in Japanese. The Japanese ability equivalent to JLPT N2 or higher is strongly recommended for students applying for the Faculties/Graduate Schools below which have few English-taught classes. Please refer to the quick reference chart in the nomination guide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Business Administration (undergraduate) - Faculty of Science (undergraduate) - Faculty of Engineering (undergraduate) - Faculty of Agriculture (undergraduate) - Faculty of Oceanology (undergraduate)* <li style="padding-left: 20px;">* To be renamed to "Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology" (April 1, 2024~) - Graduate School of Business Administration (master) - Graduate School of Human Development and Environment (master) - Graduate School of Science (master) - Graduate School of Medicine (master) - Graduate School of Agricultural Science (master) - Graduate School of Maritime Sciences (master) - Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation (master) - Doctoral programs (see the quick reference chart in detail). <p>What is Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 ?</p>									
Grading System	<p>5-level grading system: S (90-100), A (80-89), B (70-79), C (60-69), F (below 59)</p>									
Transcript of Record	Fall Semester:	Late March – Early April								
	Spring Semester:	Late September – Early October								

OTHER INFORMATION

Requirements for Entry to Japan	<p>1. CoE (Certificate of Eligibility) This is a necessary document to apply for a student VISA. In order to support international students' smooth entrance to Kobe University, we offer prospective students a proxy application service for it.</p> <p>2. VISA The applicant must apply in person to the Embassy or Consulate-General in their country. Visa cannot be obtained after arriving in Japan. For detailed information about necessary documents and procedures, please refer to the URL of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.</p>	
Vaccination	<p>Kobe University has implemented the Measles and Rubella Registration Policy.</p> <p>Measles and Rubella - Control and Prevention (Please see page 16, ③. Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases. The guidebook says all newly enrolled Kobe University students must submit the certification of immunization for Measles and Rubella during their medical check-up in April. Actually, all newly students enrolled in spring must submit them during their medical check-up in April.)</p>	
Insurance	<p>There are 4 kinds of insurance that all students MUST enroll in.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Health Insurance 2. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) 3. Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Couples with PAS for International Students (Inbound "Futai Gakusou") 4. Inbound Medical Assistance Service (IMAS) 	
Accommodation	<p>We have 6 residential facilities which are located off campus for international students. There is 1 Affiliated International Dormitory which is also located off campus.</p>	
Recommended Arrival Date	Fall Semester:	late September
	Spring Semester:	late March
Orientation	Fall Semester:	late September
	Spring Semester:	early April
Students Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advising and Counseling Services for International Students https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/supports/index.html - Medical Support (medical checkups, physical and mental health consultations) https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/campus_guide/health.html - Medical Checkups Kobe University carries out annual medical examinations in early April and early October. New students must take a checkup in either of these months according to their enrollment month. Students who do not take the free medical examination at Kobe University must take an equivalent medical examination at an external hospital, for which it will be necessary to pay a fee for both the examination and certificate. Then they must present the certificate to the Medical Center for Student Health. - Medical Support Consultation Form For students with chronic conditions or disabilities (physical, developmental, or mental), we will make preparations to provide support where possible if they let us know in advance. If they are taking medication and need help finding continuous treatment in Japan, please let us know using the "Medical Support Consultation Form" before coming to Japan. This form will be enclosed when we send them Pre-Arrival Information. (Fall: around July, Spring: around January) - Support for students with disabilities https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/supports/index.html#counseling 	
Tutors	<p>Each international student is supported by a tutor who aims to help them to improve their study and research.</p> <p>https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/supports/index.html#japanese</p>	