



Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (Hyogo)



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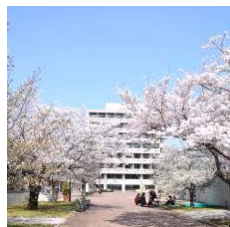
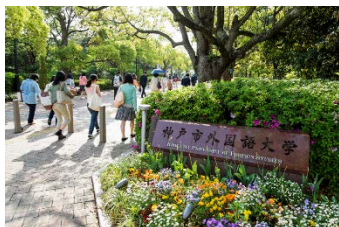
■ University Introduction

① Overview

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (KCUFS) was first established as Kobe Municipal College of Foreign Affairs in 1946, and it has changed into its the current structure in 1949. As a municipal university of Kobe city, KCUFS has contributed to the academic and cultural development in the Kobe area through a wide-range of research fields, such as languages, cultures, politics, societies, laws and economics.

Although KCUFS specialties in foreign studies (English, Russian, Chinese and Spanish Studies) and the study of International Relations, there are also a variety of opportunities for undergraduate students to learn other fields which include Japanese language and culture studies. International students are able to take these classes and learn alongside KCUFS students. If the students wish to conduct further research, they are always welcome to come back to KCUFS as graduate school students.

Students : 2,287 *Including 148 postgraduates
(As of May 1, 2019)
Faculty Members : 80
(As of April 1, 2019)



② Inter-institution Academic Exchanges

Number of Agreements : 39 (As of May 1, 2019)
Number of Partner Institutions' Countries : 12

③ International Students & Japanese Studies Students in the Past Three Years

Year	Total	Students in the Japanese Studies Program
2019	118	2
2018	102	0
2017	93	1

※Roughly 20 exchange students are registered each semester.

④ Characteristics of Kobe

Blessed with a beautiful nature of mountains and sea, Kobe is a very popular city to live in Japan. It has a 1.5 million population and is the 7th largest city in Japan. As it developed as a trading port since ancient times, Kobe has a vibrant culture flourished by a diverse population of foreign residents and their communities. Also, there are famous Japanese sake breweries and historical hot springs, such as Arima onsen.

Located in the Kansai area, Kobe is an ideal hub to enjoy a day trip to Japan's old capitals Kyoto and Nara as well as Osaka or other famous cities. You can easily access to those places in a short time.



■ Program Outline

① Purpose

(b) A course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency



② Program Characteristics

Japanese Studies Students will study in the Japanese Language Program (JLP) with KCUFS exchange students from other foreign universities.

Small Classes with Attentive Teaching

Each student will be advised on their suitable classes by the JLP coordinator based on the result of a placement test and Individual counseling. Classes are small and students can ask questions to the lecturers at any time.



Japanese Affairs Class

Once a week, students will learn about Japanese society, culture and traditional performance/arts such as Zen meditation, Noh play and calligraphy. Also, in this class, students will make presentations to introduce their countries and cultures in Japanese.

Fieldtrips

2-3 fieldtrips in a semester. E.g. Tottori Sand Dunes, Okayama Castle, enjoying "Shojin-ryori" (a traditional vegetarian meal in the Temple)

Japanese Students' Partner System

Each international student has 2-3 Japanese partners to support their daily-life.

③ The Number of Students Accepted: 2

Embassy Recommendation: 2
University Recommendation: 0

④ Qualifications & Conditions for Applicants:

Applicants are required to meet all of the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an overseas full-time undergraduate program.
- Have an English proficiency of CEFR B1, IELTS 4.5, TOEFL iBT 60 or equivalent.
- Have acquired lower intermediate grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 500 learning hours, equivalent to the JLPT N3 level or higher.
- Aim to pass the JLPT N2 or N1 level.
- Be strongly interested in studying Japanese language/Japanese culture .

⑤ Goals:

Students are aimed at acquiring Japanese language proficiency corresponding to the JLPT N2 or N1 level as well as deepening their understanding of Japanese culture and express academic topics precisely in Japanese.

⑥ Course period:

Sept.10, 2020– Mid-Aug, 2021

*Scheduled Closing Ceremony date: early August

*Scheduled apartment move-in date: Sept.7, 2020

⑦ Scholarship period

October, 2020– August, 2021



⑧ Academic Calendar (AY2018-2019)

<Fall semester>

Early September:

Arrive in Japan, Accommodation Move-in

Mid-September:

Orientation, Opening Ceremony for the Fall Semester

October:

International Students Welcome Party (Fall) ,
Fieldtrip (Okayama)

November:

School Festival, Theater Festival, Art appreciation
(Takarazuka Revue),

December:

Fieldtrip (*Shojin-ryori, Ikebana*),
Exchange Event (Macha workshop in Kyoto)

February:

Final Exam for the Japanese Language Program,
Closing Ceremony for the Fall Semester



<Spring semester>

April:

Opening Ceremony for the Spring Semester,
International Students Welcome Party (Spring)

May:

Fieldtrip (Tottori), Fieldtrip (*Shojin-ryori, Ikebana*)

June: Fieldtrip (Japanese Pottery Art)

July:

Exchange Event (Japanese sweets workshop in Kyoto),
Final Exam for the Japanese Language Program

Early August:

Closing Ceremony for the Spring Semester,
Final Exam for the regular undergraduate courses

Late August: Leaving Japan

⑨ Requirements for Program Completion

Students are required to register and complete a number of JLP courses amounting to at least 16 class periods(480 hours)

※transcript will be sent to the students after the course is finished.

⑩ Curriculum Outline:

1) Curriculum Features

- After arrival, students will take a placement test to measure their Japanese language level.
- Students are required to take at least 8 classes per semester. Each class period takes 90 minutes. A class meets for 2 contact hours (90 minutes class time and 30 minutes preparation and review time) per week over a 15-week semester, totaling 30 hours.
※1 class period = 1 credit

2) Curriculum

I) Mandatory Subjects

- ◆ Japanese language: 6 class periods /semester
*Subjects focused on Japanese language:
**"Listening", "Reading", "Speaking",
"Writing(research paper writing classes included)",
"Grammar" (2 class periods)
- ◆ Japanese: Chinese Characters:
1class period /semester
- ◆ Japanese Affairs: 1 class period /semester

II)Optional Subjects

- ◆ Business Japanese: 1 class period /semester

※It is possible to register for KCUFS regular course subjects.

3) Participatory Learning (Visitation etc.)

Field trips are conducted 2-3 times per semester to broaden students' understanding of the Japanese culture and history.

As a part of the Disaster Prevention and Health Care Orientation, students will visit the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute in Kobe.



4) Opportunities for study with Japanese students:

In addition to the mandatory Japanese classes, international students from foreign universities are able to take regular undergraduate courses taught in Japanese mainly, which enables them to study with KCUFS students.

The courses cover Languages, Linguistics, Literature, Culture, History, Law, Commerce, Economy, Education, and Psychology.

Past course enrolment of Japanese Studies Students

- Japanese Culture
- Introduction to Social Psychology
- Studies in Buddhism

International students can also participate in club activities. It is a good way to learn about martial arts and tea ceremonies with KCUFS students.

There are facilities of tea ceremony, archery field, martial arts grounds on campus.



5) Other Courses:

■ “GAIDAI Chat”

GAIDAI Chat is a student activity where the international students can have a chat with a group of KCUFS students in their native languages. This is a great opportunity for the foreign students to introduce their country and culture as well as making many KCUFS friends!



■ A Variety of Lectures at KCUFS

Students can participate in free lectures by visiting professors and external lecturers held on campus.

⑪ Teaching System

- NAKAI Yukihiro (Professor)
Vice Director of the International Office
(Specialty :Japanese Linguistics)
- IWAO Takanori (Associate Professor)
(Specialty :Japanese Linguistics)
- KATSUDA Chie (Program Coordinator and Lecturer)
- TOYOTA Maki (Program Coordinator and Lecturer)
- 3 part-time Japanese lecturers

*Depending on the students’ research theme, students might be supervised by other than the academic staff members above. Also, students are able to take undergraduate classes taught by other lecturers.



■ Housing

Initial Fee : 20,000 yen
Room Fee : 270,000 yen/semester

*After arrival, students must pay 290,000 yen at once. However, depending on the financial situation, students are able to pay in installments.

There are 2 housing facilities.

- Furnished and free Internet access
- 15 minutes’ walk or 10 minutes by bus from university



■ Follow-up for Students Who Complete This Program

Students who completed the program are working on fields such as Japanese translator/interpreter in their home countries. Some of them are planning to come to Japan for further studies. KCUFS will support their study abroad in Japan by giving information through Facebook, emails and our website.



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