



Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (Hyogo)



The International City of Kobe Connects People, Cultures and the World.

Introduction to the University

1. Outline

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies(KCUFS) is devoted to the studies of foreign languages and cultures. KCUFS offers five undergraduate-degree programs: English Studies, Russian Studies, Chinese Studies, Spanish Studies, and International Relations. The students study foreign languages and cultures as well as other liberal arts. They learn to express their opinions effectively in several foreign languages, and also acquire the practical skills needed in modern society, in addition to broadening their perspectives on global issues. Furthermore, KCUFS has a graduate program in which students can continue their areas of research. As a municipal university corporation, KCUFS strives to contribute to the academic and cultural development of the local community, and its doors are open to all students who seek to grow and learn for themselves.

Number of Faculty Members and Students (as of May 1, 2016)		
Students	Undergraduates	2,168
	Postgraduates	122
Faculty Members		89



2. International Exchange

- The Number of Inter-institution Exchange Agreements : 39
- The Number of Partner Institutions' Countries : 12

3. The Numbers of International Students & Japanese Students in the Past Three Years

Year	Total	Students in the Japanese Studies Program
2016	93	1
2015	82	1
2014	75	1

4. Characteristics of Kobe

Kobe is one of the largest cities in Japan with a population of about 1,540,000.

With a diverse population of foreign residents and cultures established by foreign communities, Kobe is well known throughout Japan as an international city.

Surrounded by beautiful nature with the mountains on one side and the ocean on the other, Kobe is also easily accessible from famous cities such as Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara. You can easily make a day trip from Kobe to these historic sites.



Program Outline

1. Purpose

The main purpose of this program is to improve Japanese language proficiency with supplementary study of Japan and Japanese culture

2. Characteristics of the Program

We welcome international students who want to study Japanese intensively. We are committed to creating a positive and supportive learning environment in which students can realize to their full potentials.

The courses in our JLP are targeted to upper elementary, lower intermediate, and upper intermediate level students. Classes are designed to promote improvement in the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in Japanese. In addition, other classes, such as Kanji Class and Japanese Affairs, are offered.

Japanese Affairs Class consists of lectures focusing on Japanese culture and society, including tea ceremony and calligraphy. Students presentations are also required.

There are field trips a few times per semester, and students have opportunities to go and see famous and historical places in the Kansai region.

In addition, Japanese students at our university become JLP partners and support JLP students in daily and campus life. This helps new JLP students successfully adjust to the new culture and environment in Japan.

3. The Number of Students Accepted: 2

Embassy Recommendation: 2

University Recommendation: 0



4. Requirements for Application

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.**
- ✓ **Aim at JLPT N4–N2 level.** (There is neither a lower elementary level course nor an advanced level course.)

<Upper Elementary Course>

Applicants are required to:

- ✓ Have acquired lower elementary level grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 150 learning hours.
- ✓ Have finished studying with lower elementary textbooks such as Minna-no Nihongo Shokyu I and Genki I.

<Lower Intermediate Course>

Applicants are required to:

- ✓ Have acquired upper elementary grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 300 learning hours.
- ✓ Have finished studying with upper elementary textbooks such as Minna-no Nihongo Shokyu II and Genki II.

<Upper Intermediate Course>

Applicants are required to:

- ✓ Have acquired lower intermediate grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 500 learning hours.
- ✓ Have finished studying with lower intermediate textbooks such as Minna-no Nihongo Chukyu I.

5. Goals

<Upper Elementary Course>

Acquisition of Japanese language proficiency corresponding to Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N4

<Lower Intermediate Course>

Acquisition of Japanese language proficiency corresponding to JLPT N3

<Upper Intermediate Course>

Acquisition of Japanese language proficiency corresponding to JLPT N2

6. Program Period

September 14, 2016 – August 10, 2017

The closing ceremony for the spring semester will be held in August. (That of the spring semester 2016 was held in August.)

*Students are required to move into their accommodation on September 12, 2017.

7. Class Outlines

Students are required to take a placement test after coming to Japan and are then divided into groups based on their Japanese proficiency. All classes are basically offered in Japanese and are designed to promote improvement in the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. In addition, other classes, such as Kanji Class and Japanese Affairs, are offered. Each class 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.

In principle, students are allowed to take eight classes per week.

① Required Courses (Japanese Language & Japanese Affairs) (240 hours / semester)

Upper Elementary Course:

Eight courses in total from among Upper Elementary Japanese 1 – 3, Practice in Japanese 1 – 6, Japanese: Chinese Characters, Special Practice in Japanese and Japanese Affairs

Upper and lower Intermediate Course:

Eight courses in total from among Intermediate Japanese 1 – 10, Advanced Japanese 1– 2, Practice in Japanese 1 – 6, Japanese: Chinese Characters, Special Practice in Japanese and Japanese Affairs

② Participatory Courses Such as Visitation and Community Exchange

In order to deepen students' understanding of the Japanese culture and history, field trips are conducted for a few times per semester.



③ Other Courses including Elective Courses (30 hours /course in a semester)

Students can take regular undergraduate course classes in the five departments (English Studies, Russian Studies, Chinese Studies, Spanish Studies, and International Relations) and study with Japanese students. The courses cover Languages, Linguistics, Literature, Culture, History, Law, Commerce, Economy, Education, and Psychology.

8. Academic Calendar for JLP

September:

Opening Ceremony for the Fall Semester

Orientation

Placement Test

October – January

Field Trips will be held.

December 23 – January 8:

Winter Vacation

February:

Term Exams

Closing Ceremony for the Fall Semester

Spring Vacation

April:

Opening Ceremony for the Spring Semester,

April – July: Field Trips will be held.

The end of July:

Term Exams

August:

Closing Ceremony for the Spring Semester



9. Teaching System

JLP classes are taught and managed by a coordinator-lecturer and other part-time Japanese lecturers.

The Head of the International Students' Education Program Committee:

Prof. Yukihiko Nakai, Vice Director of the International Office (Specialty :Japanese Linguistics)

Japanese Language Program Coordinator and Lecturer:
Chie Katsuda

10. Requirements for Program Completion

Students are required to successfully complete registered Japanese language courses.



■ Housing

- Furnished and free Internet access
- 6 minutes' bus ride from university

Initial Fee (Non-refundable)	10,000 yen
Room Fees	270,000 yen/Fall Semester 225,000 yen/Spring Semester

*The fees are subject to change depending on a tax increase, etc.



■ Follow-up for Students Who Complete This Program

- KCUFS issues course descriptions, contact hour certificates and transcripts in English and Japanese so that students can be credited with the courses taken at KCUFS by their home universities.
- Via Facebook, emails and website, information with regard to further study in Japan or at KCUFS is offered to students who have completed this program so as to encourage it.



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The Web Page of JLP (for Japanese Studies Students):

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