

5. Student Voices



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(University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)

My home university in Germany has a lot of Japanese partner universities. But I am so beyond happy that I chose KCUFS and the JLP program! The reason? The exchange program was so structured and organized to make the life of the exchange students as easy and comfortable as possible! I became really good friends with my partners which are Japanese students that help you with anything. In addition, the Japanese classes and teachers were so good, and I was successful in improving my language skills! And most importantly we had so much fun during countless daytrips and Japanese culture events! I learned so much about Japan and its people that I fell in love with Kobe instantly. I am going to visit Kobe again one day. Long story short: it was the best year of my life for sure.

Remembering the past year, only the warmest memories come to my mind! I'm very glad that I got into KCUFS. Here all the teachers help and support you in every possible way.

This program helped me to improve my Japanese and learn more about Japanese culture. The JLP program does its best to adapt to each student. Each teacher tried to make learning much more interesting, thanks to which you learn everything better. They also help you a lot with securing the apartment and all the paperwork associated with it.

Lastly, thanks to this program I have made very good friends from different countries. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity. Thank you!



KUSPANGALIYEVA Azima
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I have no words to describe what this experience meant to me. I will never forget the people I have known, the moments we lived and the things we learned. If I would have to sum up my experience in one sentence, I would say: "It was magic". At the beginning it was a bit hard because I was not used to living overseas, but in less than a month I felt even better than I did at home.

The JLP partners were very kind and they help us in everything we might need. They can guide you and show you around the city, and take you to interesting spots, and good places where to eat...

The instructors are really kind and patient. They will help you to improve your language skills and correct your mistakes. In addition, some of them will help you outside class hours. They help you take care of your personal matters, even if you catch a cold. The school trips are amazing. One of the best things to do in my opinion is to join some of the clubs; its members are polite and they will treat you as one more member of the team. Through these activities, you will get to learn a lot about Japanese culture and sports.



CARBONELL MÁRMOL Alvar
(University of Salamanca, Spain)

Looking back on this year, what I have gained is not only progress in Japanese learning, but also self-improvement. I learned to overcome culture shock and cultural differences. In this process, I met friends that I would cherish for the rest of my life. As for Kobe, it is a combination of the prosperity found in a metropolis with a good natural environment, which makes it a wonderful city to live in. The JLP allows you to take courses that suit your level of Japanese. In this way, you will soon adapt yourself to this new learning environment. There are experienced and friendly instructors you can ask for advice on study and life when you are in trouble. I really enjoyed studying and living here, and I believe that the wonderful memories will never fade away. With this being said, I highly recommend you to participate in this program.



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6. Kobe City

Blessed with a beautiful nature landscape 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. Having established itself historically as a trading port, Kobe has a vibrant culture which flourished thanks to a diverse population of foreign residents and their communities. Located in the both historic and cosmopolitan 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. All these places are just on short train ride away. Please access the following page for some more beautiful sights of Kobe: http://feel-kobe.jp/_en/



7. Application Procedures

	Fall Semester 2021	Spring Semester 2022
Nomination Deadline	March 1, 2021	August 31, 2021
Submission of Application Deadlines	April 15, 2021 17 hours (Japan Standard Time)	October 15, 2021 17 hours (Japan Standard Time)
Acceptance Notification	May 31, 2021	November 30, 2021
Arrival to Japan	September, 2021	March, 2022

*Application information available at:
http://www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp/english/international_students/study_at_kcufs/jlp/index.html

Eligible Students

- Exchange students from partner universities.
- Students who have a Japanese language competence equivalent to the JLPT level N4 or above. (Upper Elementary to Advanced levels)
- Students who have an English language proficiency of CEFR B1, IELTS 4.5, TOEFL iBT 60 or equivalent.

[Notes]

- * Students must be enrolled in undergraduate/graduate courses at the time of applying for and finishing the JLP program.
- * Reapplications to this program will not be accepted.
- * There is no lower elementary level course (corresponding approximately to the JLPT N5 level).

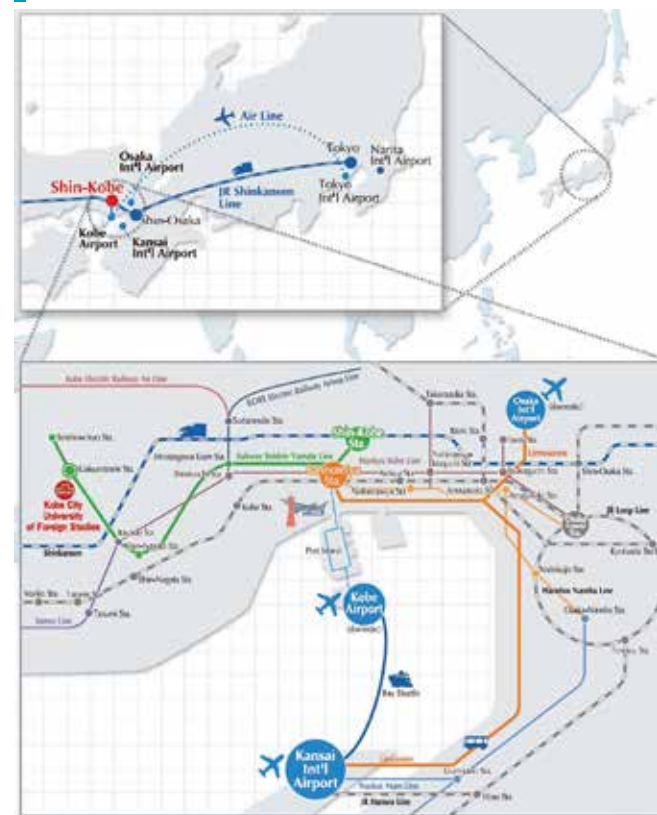
Scholarships

Students from partner universities might be eligible for scholarships.

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Japanese Language Program

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1. Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (KCUPS)



Founded in 1946, KCUPS offers undergraduate and graduate-degree programs in English, Russian, Chinese and Spanish studies, as well as International Relations. The undergraduate programs offer a choice of the following courses: Linguistics and Literature, General Culture, Social Sciences, and International Communication. Our graduate schools offer masters and doctoral degree programs in linguistic, cultural and social studies as well as double degree program with renowned overseas universities.

2. Japanese Language Program (JLP)

Exchange students coming to KCUPS from overseas partner universities are enrolled into our Japanese Language Program (JLP). This program aims to improve their Japanese language skills as well as deepening their understanding of Japanese culture. The study period is available for one semester or two semesters (1 academic year), starting either in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022. International students can also take regular university courses offered to KCUPS undergraduates. The courses cover Languages, Linguistics, Literature, Culture, History, Law, Commerce, Economy, Education, and Psychology. JLP students who are in graduate programs at their home universities are allowed to take graduate course subjects at KCUPS.



Curriculum

The program consists of Japanese language classes (Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Business Japanese), Kanji (Chinese characters) class, Japanese Affairs and fieldtrips to sites of cultural and historical importance. All classes are mainly offered in Japanese language. Instructors are committed to creating a positive and supportive learning environment in which students can realize their full potential. The program offers 4 levels; Upper Elementary level, Lower Intermediate level, Upper Intermediate level, and Advanced level. All students are required to take a placement test after arrival and are divided into groups based on their Japanese proficiency.

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Upper Elementary Course

-For the students who have completed over 150 learning hours of Japanese.
-Targeted level: equivalent to the JLPT N4-N3.

- In this course, students aim to:
- Learn upper-elementary or pre-intermediate vocabulary and grammatical expressions.
 - Communicate properly using frequently used expressions in daily-life situations.
 - Understand Japanese passages on familiar daily topics.
 - Write on familiar topics using basic vocabulary and sentence patterns.

Lower Intermediate Course

-For the students who have completed over 300 learning hours of Japanese.
-Targeted level: equivalent to the JLPT N3-N2.

- In this course, students aim to:
- Reinforce previously learned Japanese knowledge while learning intermediate vocabulary and grammatical expressions.
 - Communicate fluently in familiar situations and convey their opinions properly.
 - Understand the main points and structures of relatively complex texts.
 - Write logically and objectively on topics such as their experiences and familiar social themes.

Upper Intermediate Course

-For the students who have completed over 500 learning hours of Japanese.
-Targeted level: equivalent to the JLPT N2.

- In this course, students aim to:
- Learn upper-intermediate vocabulary and grammatical expressions.
 - Communicate with a degree of fluency and spontaneity, being able to state their opinions logically.
 - Understand relatively long and complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics.
 - Write various texts logically and coherently on a wide range of topics.

Advanced Course

-For the students who have completed over 800 learning hours of Japanese.
-Targeted level: equivalent to the JLPT N1.

- In this course, students aim to:
- Learn advanced vocabulary and grammatical expressions.
 - Communicate spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, even in complex situations.
 - Understand a wide range of intricate, longer texts, and be able to recognize implicit meanings.
 - Write clear, smoothly flowing, detailed texts on complex subjects using an effective and logical structure.

3. JLP Academic Calendar

The schedule is subject to change. Please check our website for updates.

Fall 2021 (Sept.-Feb.)

- Accommodation Move-in Date (Sept. 6)
- Post-arrival Orientation (Sept. 7)
- Placement Test, Opening Ceremony (Sept. 9)
- Individual Counseling (Sept. 10, 13)
- Classes start (Sept. 16)
- Winter Break (Dec. 18-Jan. 6)
- Closing Ceremony (Feb. 7)
- Spring Vacation

* Exams of regular course subjects will finish on February 10 in the fall semester.



Spring 2022 (Mar.-Aug.)

- Accommodation Move-in Date (Late March)
- Post-arrival Orientation (Late March)
- Placement Test, Opening Ceremony (Early April)
- Individual Counseling (Early April)
- Classes start (Mid-April)
- Closing Ceremony (Late July-Early August)
- Summer Vacation (August-September)

* The regular course subjects' exam period for the Spring Semester will be finished by the second week of August.

* Details for the Spring 2022 will be published on our website in August, 2021.

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4. Student life

Student Support

International Office/JLP Instructors

The International Office is open from Monday to Friday and all staff is readily available to support you in English. The students are welcome to come in at any time and talk to the staff for any requests or concerns during their life at KCUPS. Also, students are welcome to consult their instructors on their Japanese studies outside class hours as well.



JLP Partners

JLP partners are KCUPS students who provide personal support and friendship to JLP students helping them successfully adjust to the new culture and environment in Japan. 2-3 KCUPS students are paired with each JLP student. JLP partners reach the new come JLP students before they arrive to Japan, helping them with all the necessary information and answering their questions and concerns about their arrival.



GAIJAI CHAT

GAIJAI Chat is a student activity where international students can enjoy a friendly and relaxed conversation with a group of KCUPS students in their native language. This is a great opportunity for the JLP students to introduce their country and culture as well as making many KCUPS friends!



Club Activities

KCUPS has a wide range of club activities including sports, culture, language, music, and volunteering. Join a club and take up a new hobby while having fun with KCUPS students!

- Karate / Japanese Archery / Kendo / Tennis / Soccer / Baseball / Swimming / Dance / Basketball / Badminton / Volleyball / Rugby / Lacrosse / Tea Ceremony / Choir / Folk Song / Flamenco etc.



Accommodation

KCUPS will provide furnished accommodations for each exchange student and give them all the necessary information on their housing before they arrive to Japan. (Accommodation cost : approximately 300,000 JPY per semester)

Manabigaoka College Heights

- Apartment size: 25 m²
- Approx. a 30 minute on foot (2.2 km from KCUPS) or 6 minutes by bus (single fare 210JPY)



Gakuen-Nishi College Heights

- Apartment size: 18 m²
- Approx. a 15 minute on foot (1.2 km from KCUPS)

