

Information Sheet 2017

Kobe University

Graduate of Intercultural Studies

Faculty of Intercultural Studies

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Exchange Program Application		
Nomination Deadline for Partners	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment:	November 1st
	Fall Semester (October) Enrollment:	April 1st
Application Deadline for Students	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment:	November 30th
	Fall Semester (October) Enrollment:	April 30th
Application Information	http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html	
Required Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form for Intercultural Studies Study Abroad Program 2. Official academic transcript from your university 3. A photocopy of the Japanese proficiency certificate (if obtained) 4. Application for the "Certificate of Eligibility" (COE) 5. Letter of Financial Support 6. A copy of the statement from your sponsor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Recent bank statement and copies of recent bankbook OR B) Certificate of employment of sponsor and a certificate of his/her annual income 7. A photocopy of your passport 8. A digital photo of the applicant 	
Notification of Application Result	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment:	Late December
	Fall Semester (October) Enrollment:	Late May

Academic Information

Academic Calendar
(Subject to Change)

Spring semester 2017 (April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016)

Residence open: April 3
Orientation for Exchange Students: Early April (TBA)
Class begin: April 7
Class Registration period: April 7 – 20
Exam period: August 2 – 9

Fall semester 2017 (October 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

Residence open: September 29
Orientation for Exchange Students: Early October (TBA)
Class begin: October 2
Class Registration period: October 2-16
Exam period: February 2 – 9

Courses at Graduate School of Intercultural Studies/ Faculty of Intercultural Studies

Language of Instruction: Most classes offered at Graduate School of Intercultural Studies / Faculty of Intercultural Studies are taught in Japanese.

For Classes taught in English, please refer the timetable where classes taught in English are marked with an “E”.

<http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html>

Syllabus

<https://syllabus.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe-ex-e/campus>

Please click “Graduate” or “Undergraduate” first, then select “Intercultural Studies”. Another school’s courses are not always available for exchange students under our agreement.

Course Registration

All classes you would like to take will be registered at Kobe University after your arrival and there is no pre-registration. Information about class registration will be notified at the Graduate School/ Faculty Orientation.

Number of Classes (hours per week) required for Exchange Students

Obligations in regards to Student Visa;
Undergraduate Students: Must to take more than 6 classes per week.
Graduate Students (Master/Doctor): Must have 10 hrs classes or research per week.

Japanese Language Courses for International Students

If the exchange students were accessed as having not-enough Japanese language skill to take regular classes, they will be given an opportunity to take Japanese language course offered by the International Student Center. There are 3 courses of 5 levels each.

<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/international-students/international-student-center/japanese-language-courses.html>

Academic Record Released

Student’s academic transcript will be send to the partner universities after completing their exchange program.

March End: issued in Late March

September End: issued in Late September

Grading Scale

S: 100-90, A: 89-80, B: 79-70, C: 69-60, F: 59-

Housing & General Information													
Kobe University Affiliated Accommodation	<p>Exchange students are given priority for room allocations in the university dormitories. The room type will be single only; no other room can be selected.</p> <p>http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/international-students/current/housing-information-a.html</p>												
Housing Application	<p>Fill in the section “Accommodation” of the Exchange Program Application form.</p> <p>We will do our best to arrange your accommodation accordingly when you are accepted as an exchange student. However, please note that this does not guarantee the availability of your preferences.</p>												
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Housing Application Deadline	Same as the Exchange program Application deadline												
Visa	<p>After acceptance, Kobe University will apply for the students' COE (Certificate of Eligibility), needed to apply for a college student visa. It will be issued within 1-2 months after application. (We cannot guarantee 100% successful result of COE assessment, but most cases it has been successful.)</p> <p>Students will need to apply for College Student Visa at a Japanese Embassy / Consulate in your home country before entrance.</p>												
Airport Pick up	Not Available												
Insurance	<p>National Health Insurance:</p> <p>The Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare now requires all College Student Visa holders to become a registered member of the Japan National Health Insurance. All exchange students must enroll. Students will pay monthly premiums (Approximately 2,000 JPY per month).</p> <p>Upon joining this system, students will be charged only 30% of the incurred medical cost.</p> <p>Kobe University PAS (Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research):</p> <p>PAS is a nationwide system to indemnify students for the number of days that medical treatment is needed for injury incurred during regular curricular activities and while commuting to or from University. (1,000JPY up to 1 year.) All students are required to participate in this insurance plan.</p>												
Estimated Living Expenses	<p>Average Monthly Costs for Kobe University Students</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Books and materials</td> <td>30,000-50,000 yen/year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>University Accommodation</td> <td>~37,300 yen/ month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utility (Electricity, Gas, Water)</td> <td>15,000 yen /month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Board & Living expense</td> <td>30,000 yen /month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation</td> <td>15,000~20,000 yen /month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cell Phone</td> <td>5,000 yen~ /month</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Books and materials	30,000-50,000 yen/year	University Accommodation	~37,300 yen/ month	Utility (Electricity, Gas, Water)	15,000 yen /month	Board & Living expense	30,000 yen /month	Transportation	15,000~20,000 yen /month	Cell Phone	5,000 yen~ /month
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National Health Insurance	2,000 yen /month
Others / Entertainment	10,000 yen /month
TOTAL	100,000 yen~ /month

Useful Link

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