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| Number of Incoming Exchange students | 2023 Fall: 180 students 2024 Spring: 200 students (tentative) | |
| Partner Universities | 200 in 45 countries and regions (As of December 2023) | |

◆ Exchange Program

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| Program Outline | Contemporary Japan Program (CJP) There are two study tracks available within the CJP. Students can choose one of the following study tracks: - Japanese Language Track , for students who wish to focus on their Japanese language studies - Modern Japan Track , for students who wish mainly to learn about Japan via English-taught courses through a variety of subjects. |
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| Eligibility | Must be an undergraduate or graduate student nominated by a KGU partner institution. |
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| Language Requirements | Japanese Language Track | Modern Japan Track |
| | Students must at least be able to fluently read, write, understand and pronounce the Japanese Hiragana and Katakana phonetic scripts by the time they arrive in Japan. | N/A |
| English | As a number of elective courses are held in English, students whose native language is not English are expected to have an English proficiency equivalent to a TOEFL iBT® score of 71 or higher. Students are not required to submit any certifications for English proficiency. | |

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| Available Period of Study | One Semester or Full Year | Start: Fall or Spring |
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| Language of Instruction | Japanese or English |
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| Application Deadlines | All required hard copies of application documents must arrive at KGU by the following dates: | |
| | Fall Semester intake | April 15 |
| | Spring Semester intake | November 15 |

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| Application Process | Application information can be found on the following webpage and is updated around two months before each deadline: https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/exchange/prospective/apply.html |
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| Program Dates (tentative) | Fall Semester | |
| | Designated Arrival Date | Early to mid-September |
| | First Day of Classes | Late September |
| | Winter Break | Late December – Early January |
| | Last Day of Classes | Mid to late January |
| | Final Examination Period (*1) | Late January |
| | Winter Intensive Period for students who enroll at KGU for two semester beginning in the Fall | |
| | First Day of Classes | Early February |
| | Last Day of Classes | Mid-March |
| | Spring Semester (Academic calendar for the Spring will be finalized in Nov.) | |
| | Designated Arrival Date | Mid-March |
| | First Day of Classes | Early April |
| | Last Day of Classes | Mid to late-July |
| | Final Examination Period (*1) | Late July – Early August |

Note: Classes may be held on some Japanese national public holidays.
(*1) Final Examinations for courses listed under "Other Elective Courses" may take place during the KGU Regular Class Examination Period.

◆ Scholarship

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| KGU-Sponsored Scholarships | Exchange students can apply for a scholarship through KGU along with their application to KGU. Applicants will be informed if they will receive the scholarship roughly a week before arriving in Japan. However, there are circumstances in which students may not be informed until after their arrival in Japan. Note: Please be informed that the number of available scholarships has decreased over the last several years, and that applicants should not expect to receive a scholarship. All students must plan for financing their exchange without the help of this scholarship. |
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| Other Scholarships | US-Japan Bridging Foundation (US students only): http://www.bridgingfoundation.org/ Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association (Taiwan students only): https://www.koryu.or.jp |
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| ◆ Accommodation | | | | | | | |
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| Accommodation is NOT Guaranteed | Beginning with the Spring Semester 2024 intake, all nominated students will be eligible to apply for KGU-arranged accommodation. While KGU cannot at this time guarantee that all nominated students who apply for KGU-arranged accommodation will receive a housing placement, the KGU Residence Center will make every effort to accommodate as many students as possible. <i>More details can be found here.</i> | | | | | | |
| ◆ Courses Offered | | | | | | | |
| Mandatory Courses | <p>Mandatory Japanese Language Courses (JLC) for Japanese Language Track Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 class per week ✓ Taught in Japanese <p>JSC Modern Japan Seminar for Modern Japan Track Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 class per week ✓ Taught in English | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses | <p>Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in Japanese ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student <p>Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in English ✓ Wide variety from 5 categories: Art & Culture, Linguistics, Politics & International Relations. Society, Business & Economy <p>Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in Japanese ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student <p>Other Elective Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in English ✓ Large selection of courses offered by other Undergraduate and Graduate schools of KGU. <p>Regular University Courses</p> <p>Students who possess an extremely high ability of Japanese can enroll in regular university courses conducted in Japanese if they meet the either one of the following requirements:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Pass level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test before arriving in Japan.</td> <td style="width: 50%;">2. Obtain a high score on the placement test.</td> </tr> </table> | 1. Pass level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test before arriving in Japan. | 2. Obtain a high score on the placement test. | | | | |
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| Course List | The course list can be found in the latest CJP Brochure . | | | | | | |
| Online Syllabus | https://syllabus.kwansei.ac.jp Use online syllabus tool above to search for course code listed in the latest CJP Brochure (See link below). | | | | | | |
| Course Load (per week) | Exchange students must register and attend more than 10 hours of classes per week. To fulfill this requirement, registering and attending at least 7 periods every week is necessary. | | | | | | |
| Credits at KGU | <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>One Credit Hour (Actual Teaching Hours)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Language Courses</td> <td>22.5 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lectures & Seminars</td> <td>11.25 hours</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Exchange students cannot register for more than 24 KGU credits per semester.</p> | | One Credit Hour (Actual Teaching Hours) | Language Courses | 22.5 hours | Lectures & Seminars | 11.25 hours |
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| ◆ Other Information | | | | | | | |
| KG Buddies | Acting as partners the exchange student's first semester, KGU local student volunteers assist the exchange students in their life on and off campus. | | | | | | |
| Global Student Network (GS) | The GS Network is the official student group endorsed by CIEC and provides various supports to exchange students during orientation. They also plan and hold cultural exchange activities for both exchange students and KGU students over the course of the year. | | | | | | |
| Transcripts | Two grade transcripts will be sent to the home institution after the last semester of the student's exchange ends. The home institution will give one copy to the student and keep one for their records. The transcripts will be sent out in the following periods: <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Spring Semester (WIP)</td> <td>Early September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fall Semester</td> <td>Early March</td> </tr> </table> | Spring Semester (WIP) | Early September | Fall Semester | Early March | | |
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| Bringing Prescription Drugs to Japan | Certain requirements and rules apply when bringing or sending medicines for personal use into Japan. These rules and requirements differ depending on the type and amount of medicine being imported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ For general information concerning the import of medicines into Japan for personal use, please refer to the following web page of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/pharmaceuticals/01.html ※ For information concerning narcotics, psychotropic medicines and other controlled substances (including ADHD medication), please refer to the following web page: https://www.ncd.mhlw.go.jp/en/application2.html | | | | | | |