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Number of Incoming Exchange students	2025 Fall: 230 students 2026 Spring: 250 students (tentative)	
Partner Universities	200 in 45 countries and regions (As of January 2026)	

◆ Exchange Program

Program Outline	<u>Contemporary Japan Program (CJP)</u> 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.																																					
Eligibility	Must be an undergraduate or graduate student nominated by a KGU partner institution.																																					
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Available Period of Study	One Semester or Full Year	Start: Fall or Spring																																				
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◆ Accommodation

Accommodation is NOT Guaranteed	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. More details can be found here.
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◆ Scholarship							
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.						
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						
◆ Courses Offered							
Mandatory Courses	Mandatory Japanese Language Courses (JLC) for Japanese Language Track Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 class per week ✓ Taught in Japanese JSC Modern Japan Seminar for Modern Japan Track Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 class per week ✓ Taught in English 						
Elective Courses	Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in Japanese ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in English ✓ Wide variety from 5 categories: Art & Culture, Linguistics, Politics & International Relations. Society, Business & Economy Intercultural Collaborative Learning Courses (ICLC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in Japanese ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student Other Elective Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taught in English ✓ Large selection of courses offered by other Undergraduate and Graduate schools of KGU. Regular University Courses 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: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1. Pass level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test before arriving in Japan.</td><td>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 .						
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.						
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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 (GS) Network	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"> <tr> <td>Fall Semester</td><td>Early March</td></tr> <tr> <td>Spring Semester (+WIP)</td><td>Early September</td></tr> </table>	Fall Semester	Early March	Spring Semester (+WIP)	Early September		
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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 						