

# CROSS- CULTURAL COLLEGE

Canada-Japan Collaborative Program  
for Educating World Citizens  
as Future Leaders



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Cross-Cultural College (CCC) is unique in the way that:

- ✓ **Students experience cross-cultural exchange in person**
- ✓ **Students are provided with a practically-oriented and business-related task which allows them to acquire cross-cultural skills**

Cross-Cultural College is a collaborative education project jointly run by King's University College at Western University, Mount Allison University, Queen's University, University of Toronto and Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU). The program aims to educate students to become world citizens and leaders who can contribute to the growth and sustainability of a globalizing world with cross-cultural understanding and communication skills. Along with the benefits of acquiring various skills, the program features two core courses for students to participate in internships, and problem-solving activities related to business. An emphasis on teamwork provides opportunities to develop international networks, and nurtures active young people to become world citizens and leaders.

## How we collaborate



## CCC Enables Students to Gain Five Factors

- 1 Basic knowledge and multicultural awareness enabling them to contribute to the sustainable development of society, and to solve problems society is facing
- 2 Understanding of common issues the world is facing, and the ability to propose solutions based on a comprehensive understanding of the cultural background of societies
- 3 Ability to communicate effectively on a multi-cultural context, including a high level of language skills to both understand the opinions and viewpoints of others, and communicate their own
- 4 Interest in other cultures and societies, and the ability to work effectively in collaboration with people from diverse backgrounds, with an understanding of and respect for their values
- 5 Confidence and determination to act effectively in a multicultural environment, based on practical experience of working with people from other cultures

## Canada, KGU and Globalization

The historical relationship between Canada and Kwansei Gakuin started in 1910 when the Canadian Methodist Church joined the operation of Kwansei Gakuin. C.J.L. Bates, the fourth president of Kwansei Gakuin who proposed the school motto 'Mastery for Service', was also a missionary from the Canadian Methodist Church. KGU has been receiving the funding from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan (MEXT) under the Ministry's 'Top Global University Project (2014-2023)', and has established the 'Global Academic Port' initiative, a homeport in which academic exchanges take place by students, faculty and staff, both local and international, to enable the cultivation of world citizens who embody the school motto. By 2023, KGU plans to send more than 2,700 students overseas while accepting 1,500 students a year in order to accelerate internationalization.



C. J. L. Bates  
(The fourth president of Kwansei Gakuin)

## Messages



The objective of the Cross-Cultural College is to help students develop the skills that will position them to better engage in a human, meaningful way with the wider world. University is the time to stretch oneself to the fullest, and the CCC is designed with that in mind: to introduce students to new perspectives and lifestyles that are very much a part of our globalizing international society. Through collaborative work on joint projects, Japanese and Canadian students will have a cross-cultural experience, see diversity in action and build friendships that will last a lifetime. Even if your longer-term aspirations lie more at home than they do abroad, remember that learning about others - and from others - makes us better understand ourselves. I can think of no more effective mechanism than the CCC to assist you in this regard. So, take up the challenge, join the program, and develop the communication and cross-cultural skills that will make you a world citizen.

**Rector**  
**Mackenzie Clugston**

Professor of KGU,  
Former Ambassador of Canada to Japan



What sort of person will be able to contribute to the sustainable development and growth of a global society? From a survey of 70 organizations, we found that although foreign language skills are essential, what these organizations regarded as most important was the ability to perceive and solve problems effectively, and to work in a multicultural environment, unhampered by cultural biases and preconceptions. The Cross-Cultural College program is built around a core of practically-oriented courses in which Canadian and Japanese students work together to understand and solve problems. Its courses will nurture the abilities needed in the future for students to act effectively on the global stage. It will also be an opportune occasion for students of KGU and Canada to know each other.

**Chief Academic Director**  
**Norie Yazu**

Professor of Center for International  
Education and Cooperation, KGU

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (CP)

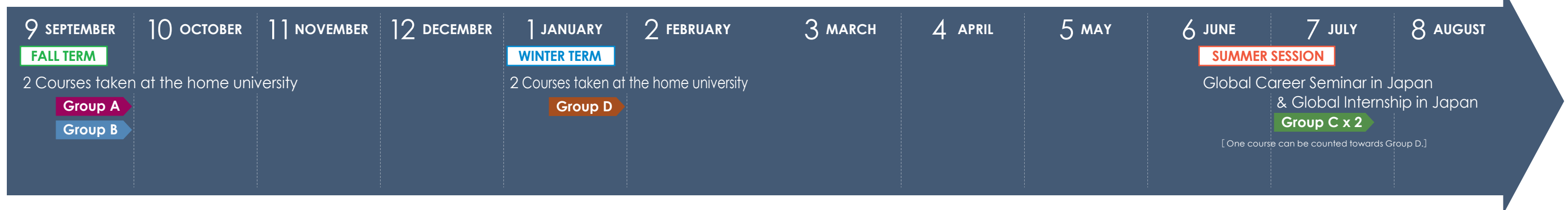
The Certificate Program (CP) is a program that offers certificates to students from the operating five universities, and by receiving this certificate, students are considered as world citizens and leaders who can contribute to the growth and sustainability of a globalizing world with cross-cultural understanding and communication skills. Students will work collaboratively to find solutions to specific business issues through taking part in practical courses, which will be undertaken in English. A completion certificate will be issued by all five universities to students who have acquired all of the required credits.



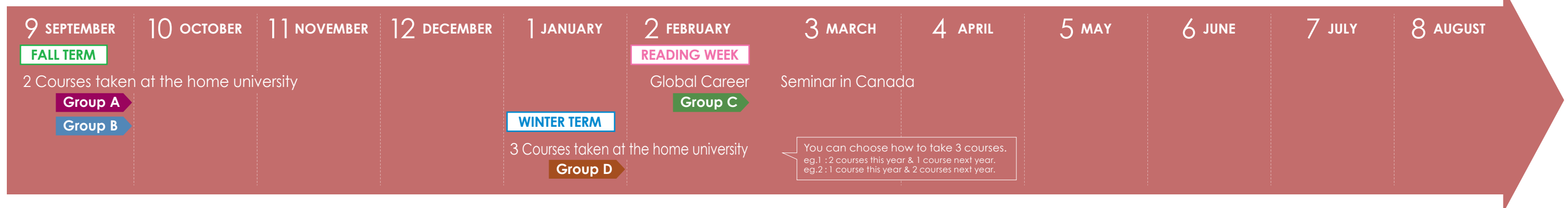
## The certificate will prove your ability to...

- ✓ **Communicate in a cross-cultural context**
- ✓ **Understand the values of people with different backgrounds**
- ✓ **Analyse/solve problems in an efficient manner**

### MODEL CASE A COMPLETING THE CP (PARTICIPATING IN CORE COURSES IN JAPAN)



### MODEL CASE B COMPLETING THE CP (PARTICIPATING IN CORE COURSE IN CANADA)



## REQUIREMENTS FOR CP COMPLETION

CATEGORY	King's	MTA	QUE	UofT	GROUP CONTENTS
Group A	0.5	3.0	3.0	0.5	Courses on theoretical and/or empirical multicultural studies
Group B	0.5	3.0	3.0	0.5	Courses on international relations, organizations and economy as well as global society and business
Group C	0.5	3.0	3.0	0.5	CP Core Courses (Global Career Seminar, Global Internship)
Group D	1.5	9.0	9.0	1.5	Courses which further enhance cross-cultural literacy and/or international understanding

\*Courses taken at the home university prior to registration in the CCC program can be counted for CP requirements if they are approved by the home university's international office.  
\*Extra courses taken from Group A, B and C can be counted towards Group D.

## To Complete the CP...

A student must take at least one of the CP core courses (Group C), along with the courses in the other three categories as designated by the CCC program curriculum for a total of the credits designated on the right at each university. Courses other than CP core courses can be taken at home universities and a certificate will be awarded upon completion of the program.

Core courses take place at KGU in summer, and at U of Toronto during the Ontario Reading Week. Students will collaborate to solve the real business issues, which provides students with opportunities to enhance their cross-cultural communication skills and ability to understand different cultures.

For inquiries, please contact the home universities international offices.

King's	TOTAL OF	3.0 CREDITS
MTA	TOTAL OF	16 CREDITS
QUE	TOTAL OF	16 CREDITS
U of T	TOTAL OF	3.0 CREDITS

# GLOBAL CAREER SEMINAR (GCS)

The Global Career Seminar (GCS) is a forum where groups of students from Canada and Japan come together to find solutions for problems that corporations and organizations have posed. Students will gain basic knowledge of international and Japanese businesses as well as business analysis methods through watching online pre-seminar lectures.

After watching the online lectures, students will gather to spend a week with their peer students, meet with representatives from companies and organizations, and receive feedback from them after giving group presentations.

We provide two seminars every year; at the KGU campus in August (GCS in Japan) and at U of Toronto campus in February (GCS in Canada). While GCS in Japan allows students to experience daily life and culture in Japan for 10 days, GCS in Canada is a more intensive program which takes place during the Ontario Reading Week.

\*GCS is counted towards Group C of the Certificate Program.



Want to know what Japanese culture is like? We also have a cultural session!



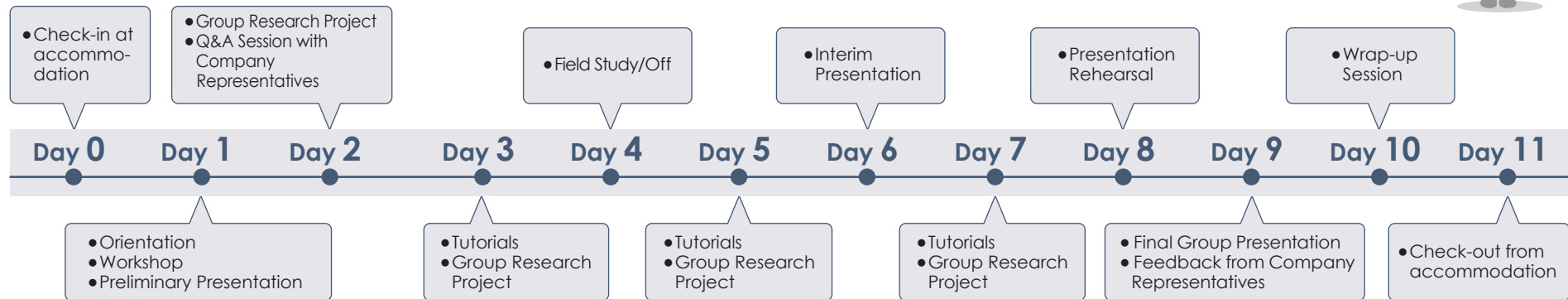
## SUMMER

### Global Career Seminar in Japan

- Period** About 1 week in early August
- Credit** 3 credits at KGU (3.0 at Mount Allison and Queen's, 0.5 at King's and U of T)
- Venue** Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan
- Previous participating companies and organizations**  
Embassy of Canada to Japan, IBM Japan, Ltd., Ricoh Company Ltd., etc.  
\* Participating companies for summer 2023 are subject to change.

### Program Schedule

\*Subject to change



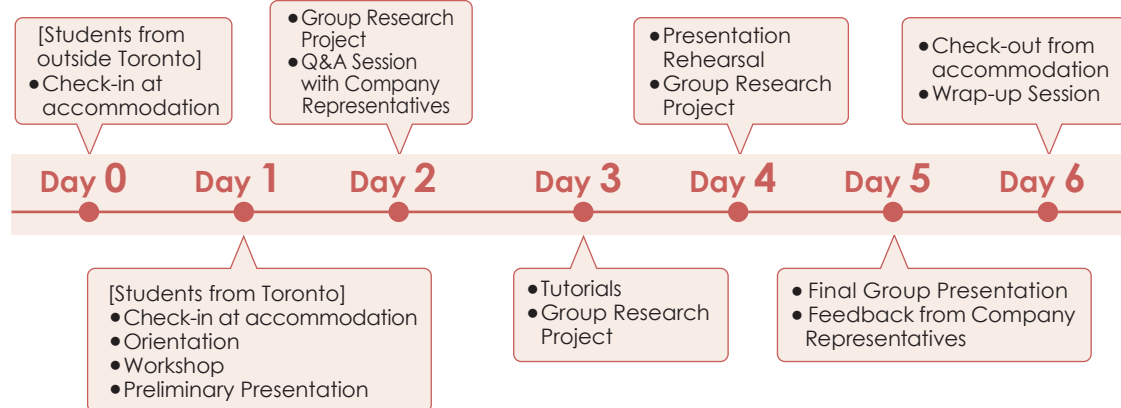
## WINTER

### Global Career Seminar in Canada

- Period** About 1 week in late February (Ontario Reading Week)
- Credit** 3 credits at KGU (3.0 at Mount Allison and Queen's, 0.5 at King's and U of T)
- Venue** University of Toronto, Canada
- Participating companies for winter 2023 are subject to change.**  
Air Canada, Ernst & Young LLP, Kubota Canada Ltd., Toyota Canada Inc., etc.

### Program Schedule

\*Subject to change



The best way to spend your Reading Week break with an international experience without going abroad!



# GLOBAL INTERNSHIP (GI)

This program allows students to experience working at a company/organization in Japan for approximately two weeks. Two students from different cultural backgrounds work together in pairs, and learn the importance of cooperation and mutual understanding through working together towards a common goal. During coursework prior to the internship, students will learn about the Japanese economy and business trends, as well as characteristics of the industry and business they will be working for. After the internship, students will report and present their findings to share with other participants.

\*The GI is counted towards Group C of Certificate Program.



Great opportunity to challenge yourself in an international business setting!



- Period** About 2 weeks in mid to late August
- Credit** 3 credits at KGU (3.0 at Mount Allison and Queen's, 0.5 at King's and U of T)
- Venue** Kwansei Gakuin University and Company/Organization in Japan
- Previous participating companies and organizations**  
ANA All Nippon Airways, EnglishCentral, JTB Japan Travel Bureau, Sankei Meriyasu Co. Ltd., Schneider Electric, etc.  
\* Participating companies for summer 2023 are subject to change.

## Program Schedule \*Subject to change



## IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN BOTH GCS AND GI IN JAPAN

### JAPAN RAIL PASS

If you wish to travel across Japan but want to keep the cost as low as possible, we recommend you purchase a 'JAPAN RAIL PASS'. This is a rail pass which offers unlimited use of JR trains including long distance express for one to three weeks at a very reasonable price. Although there are some exceptions (i.e. Super Express Nozomi, Mizuho, highway buses), it is valid on most of the JR trains, buses, and even on a ferry to Miyajima, a famous island in Hiroshima with a world heritage shrine. This pass is limited to short term visitors to Japan who enter Japan as 'temporary visitors', and you can purchase the voucher online\*.

\*You need to exchange the voucher with the pass after arriving in Japan.

\*Students who participate both in Global Career Seminar in Japan and Global Internship in Japan are asked to arrange their own accommodation during the interim period.

### SAMPLE PLAN

#### Day 1

Shin-Osaka



- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
- Miyajima

#### Day 2

• Himeji Castle



- Kyoto  
(Kinkaku-ji/ Sanjusangendo/  
Fushimi Inari Taisha/ etc.)



Himeji Castle



Kyoto

#### Day 3

• Kanazawa

- (Kenrokuen/  
21st Century Museum  
of Contemporary Art,  
Kanazawa/ etc.)



Kenrokuen

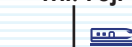
#### Day 4

• Tokyo

- (SAMURAI MUSEUM/  
Shinjuku Gyoen/  
The Imperial Palace/ etc.)

#### Day 5

• Mt. Fuji



Shin-Osaka



Mt. Fuji

- Day 1 ..... (red)
- Day 2 ..... (orange)
- Day 3 ..... (blue)
- Day 4 ..... (green)
- Day 5 ..... (purple)



# STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

## Paige Meisner

Global Career Seminar in Canada (2023)  
Mount Allison University

The CCC program is an invaluable opportunity for any student interested in business and commerce, economics, international relations, cultural studies or simply becoming a better global citizen. During the course of this program, I got to work and live alongside numerous humans from various nationalities and cultures, with the overarching goal of working together to create a presentation that offers a solution to a real issue that a company is currently facing. Not only are you presented with many opportunities to work with your group members virtually prior to the in-person portion of the program, but during the week we spent together in Toronto, I was able to form strong bonds of friendship with the people from both my group and the program in general. I am extremely grateful to the CCC program for creating an environment in which I could not only build upon my presentation, research and collaboration skills but also grow my cultural competency and create beautiful memories with my new friends - memories that are bound to stay with me for the rest of my life.



Paige Meisner, far right

# PROGRAM FEES AND ARRANGEMENTS

\*The fees are subject to change and will be announced through each university's international office prior to the application period.

## GLOBAL CAREER SEMINAR IN JAPAN (Onsite)

PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE	PROGRAM FEES DO NOT INCLUDE
Accommodation, organizer and liability insurance, cultural activities, other expenses	Round trip air ticket to and from Japan, meals, transportation, overseas travel insurance, personal expenses

## GLOBAL CAREER SEMINAR IN CANADA (Onsite)

PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE	PROGRAM FEES DO NOT INCLUDE
Accommodation	Meals, transportation fee to and from Toronto, personal expenses

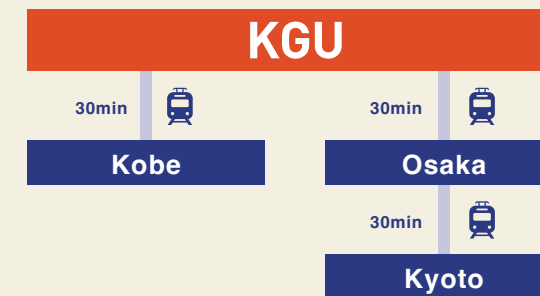
## GLOBAL INTERNSHIP IN JAPAN (Onsite)

PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE	PROGRAM FEES DO NOT INCLUDE
Accommodation, organizer and liability insurance, administration fees, Round trip Shinkansen costs from Shin-Osaka to internship site during internship (will be refunded if allocated to an organization in Kansai area)	Round trip air ticket to and from Japan, meals, transportation except Shinkansen, overseas travel insurance, personal expenses

# ABOUT KGU AND JAPAN

## Location

KGU is located in Nishinomiya city, roughly halfway between the two megapolis of Osaka and Kobe (a one-way trip to either city takes about 30 minutes by train). Students can enjoy this convenience while also taking in the beautiful natural surroundings of the Nishinomiya Uegahara campus.



## About Kwansei Gakuin

Kwansei Gakuin is one of the most prestigious private institutions in Japan, and was founded in Kobe in 1889 by the American missionary Reverend Walter Russell Lambuth.

With the aim to educate young minds based on Christian principles, Kwansei Gakuin has since grown into a leading private comprehensive and integrated educational institution consisting of a university, junior college, senior high school, elementary school, kindergarten and international schools. Now residing in 8 campuses, including Nishinomiya, Sanda, Takarazuka, Osaka, and Tokyo, Kwansei Gakuin values inclusiveness for students from all backgrounds.



## Mastery for Service

'Mastery for Service', Kwansei Gakuin's school motto, reflects the ideal for all its members to master their abundant God-given gifts to serve their neighbors, society and the world.

## Kwansei Gakuin University at a Glance

\*As of 2022

 <b>1889</b> founded in Kobe	 <b>Over 290</b> partner institutions worldwide	 <b>14</b> undergraduate schools
 <b>More than 25,000</b> students	 <b>1000</b> international students	 <b>14</b> graduate professional schools