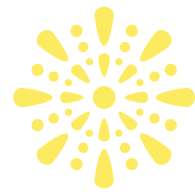


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KGU SUMMER SCHOOL



The KGU Summer School is a joint program run by Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) and our select partner institutions.

This 5 week program offers East Asian Study track - you can select courses that suit your interest, allowing you to study a variety of topics related to Japan and East Asia along with KGU students.

Courses in the East Asian Study track are taught by KGU faculty and visiting professors from our partner institutions covering a wide range of topics such as politics, religions, international relations, business and economics to explore many different aspects of East Asia.

Students participating in this program will benefit greatly, not only from the academic value, but also from the cultural exchange experience.

Come and join us this summer, and be inspired by the people you will meet from all over the world and create lasting memories at KGU!



Program Information

Program Dates	June 6 - July 11, 2024
Number of Participants	Maximum: 60 students
Application Requirement	Students must be enrolled at one of our partner institutions as an undergraduate or graduate student for the duration of the program.
Number of Courses/ Credits	2 courses = 6 KGU credits
Study hours/ Teaching hours	<Actual teaching hours= 66h> Each class is 100 minutes long and taught in lecture/seminar style.
Language of Instruction	English

Transcript/Credit Transfer

Upon completion of the program, transcripts will be issued and sent out at the end of August. Credit systems differ depending on the home university, and students are advised to consult with their home university regarding how KGU credits will be transferred.

Classes

Classes are held Monday through Friday*, with frequent activities and excursions. Each class is 100 minutes long and taught in a lecture/seminar style.

* Some field trips may be on the weekends

Program Schedule

*All dates are subject to change.

June 6	Arrival Day All participants must arrive in Japan on the specified date, and will stay at a hotel near Kansai International Airport on the night of their arrival. Hotel rooms will be arranged by KGU.
June 7	Going to KGU A chartered bus will pick you up at the hotel and take you to KGU. You will check into your accommodation.
June 10	Orientation Day An orientation and ice breaker session will be held
July 11	Check-out / Departure Day A chartered bus will take you to Kansai International Airport.
Late August	Transcripts Issued

East Asian Study Track

All East Asian Study Track Courses are taught in English, offering a wide variety of topics related to contemporary Japan and East Asia. Students may choose one course from each group shown below. All courses are also open to KGU students.

East Asian Study Track Courses
6 credits in total

Group A

International Relations of East Asia

▪ Credits: 3 credits ▪ Offered by: Southern Methodist University

This course provides an overview of international relations in the East Asian region while introducing students to the leading theories and debates about regional cooperation in the field of international relations. It examines the various tensions between the establishment of closer ties among the nations in East Asia and the preservation of national sovereignty. The central question is whether the East Asian region is heading towards greater peace and cooperation or war and conflict in the twenty-first century. For the purpose of this course, East Asia is defined as the region encompassing the Russian Far East, China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Southeast Asia. Because it has been extensively involved in the region since the 1850s, we also discuss the role of the United States in the region. We may make occasional reference to India, but South Asia and Central Asia are not a primary focus of this course.

Religions of China and Japan

▪ Credits: 3 credits ▪ Offered by: Stetson University

This course is an introduction to the significant religious traditions found within China and Japan. These traditions include Tibetan Buddhism and Bön, Chinese Buddhism, Daoism, and Confucianism, as well as Japanese Buddhism and Shinto. We will explore the origins and evolution of these religions through a combination of lectures, readings, discussions, films, and individual field research. We will also examine the intersections of these beliefs within each cultural milieu and learn about the lived experience of religious members in the modern world. This course will give particular attention to the philosophical, biographical, ritual, and doctrinal texts of these religious traditions in order to engage with them more directly.

Japanese Politics and Society

▪ Credits: 3 credits ▪ Offered by: Pitzer College

As the first non-Western nation to become a major industrial power, Japan provides many lessons for economic development and growth. From the devastation of WWII, how did Japan become the fourth largest economy in the world behind China, the U.S. and India? Since the "Bubble Economy," Japan has faced enormous challenges with an aging population, declining workforce, mounting government debt, monetary policy and exchange rates issues, labor market reforms and productivity growth. What can we learn from the Japanese experience?

Group A

International Relations of East Asia (3)
or
Religions of China and Japan (3)
or
Japanese Politics and Society (3)



Group B

Political Economy of East Asia (3)
or
Japanese Economy and Business (3)



Group B

Political Economy of East Asia

▪ Credits: 3 credits ▪ Offered by: Southern Methodist University

This course examines the interplay between politics and economics in East Asia. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to: (1) understand political and economic history of the East Asian region; (2) reconcile the region's success with the difficulties experienced in East Asian countries more recently; and (3) analyze in what ways and to what degree the growth experiences of the high-performing economies in East Asia shed light on the prospects for long-term outcomes of reforms currently underway in China.

Japanese Economy and Business

▪ Credits: 3 credits ▪ Offered by: Kwansai Gakuin University

The purpose of this course is to give students an overview of the Japanese economy and business practices in Japan. Starting with the development of the Japanese economy from 1945 until today, this seminar first gives an overview of the changes that occurred during that time, investigates to what extent the Japanese employment system has transformed, and discusses recent developments in the Japanese labor market. In the second part of this course, students will learn about Japanese management by using real-world case studies, which will help them to develop cross-cultural communication and management skills that are beneficial for their future careers.



Fieldwork and Cultural Activities

Fieldwork Activities

Fieldwork activities provide valuable learning opportunities for everyone. By participating in fieldwork, you can apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired in the classroom and a better understanding of your field of study. Enjoy fieldwork activities filled with old and new elements of Japanese culture! Students will visit one of the Japan's most popular automobile manufacturers, Mazda in Hiroshima- you will tour the Mazda Museum and a part of their plant and learn about their latest technology, production system and business strategy. You will also visit other sites in Hiroshima including Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island. Another destination is Matsuyama, where students will be able to discover the many aspects of Shikoku area which includes industry, a mine, traditional hot spring, pottery making and more. There also will be an opportunity to visit Kyoto. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of Japanese gardens, visit temples, and other historical architecture, and sample traditional cuisine - gaining valuable insight into a variety of concepts in traditional Japanese aesthetics.

*Destination subject to change based on availability



Application

Program Fees

Total: **460,000** JPY*

* The tuition is 174,600 JPY, which will be waived for students who will be coming on an exchange basis. The home institutions and KGU must have a written agreement on whether or not to accept students on an exchange basis prior to acceptance to the program.

Included in program fees	NOT included in program fees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All classes and extracurricular activities offered throughout the program Accommodation for the duration of the program KGU Training Center (Gym) fees KGU designated hotel on Arrival Day (one night) Chartered bus from the hotel to KGU Chartered bus from KGU to Kansai International Airport (Departure Day) Liability Insurance, Fire Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airfare Commute between KGU and the participant's accommodation Overseas Travel Insurance You are required to be covered by travel insurance that protects you against the cost of potential problems such as flight cancellation, lost luggage, stolen property, and illness or injury for the duration of the program. Any other costs that are not listed in the "Included in program fees" section.



Cultural Activities

You will have a chance to participate in various types of Japanese cultural activities as well, such as Wadaiko (traditional Japanese drumming), Yuzen-zome (yuzen dyeing), or watching a baseball game to feel the Kansai spirit! Participating in these inspiring cultural activities will give you a great experience to connect more deeply with Japanese culture.

*Activities are subject to change.



How to apply

Nominations shall be made by your home university prior to your application. However, your home university must be one of the partner universities of KGU. Please consult with the study abroad office at your home university. Once we receive your information from your university, further details regarding application procedures will be provided along with the URL for the application form. Applications can be completed online, and shall be available one month prior to the deadline.

<https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/shortprograms/summerschool/>

Application Schedule



Housing and Expenses

Accommodation Options

We offer two accommodation options, homestays and International Dormitory. You can indicate your preferred choice at the time of application.*

*There are a limited number of rooms/placements in each type of accommodation. Please note that we are not always able to guarantee a place in your choice of accommodation.

Homestays

All host families are registered directly with KGU. Staying with a Japanese family is a very effective way to improve your Japanese language skills and gives you a great opportunity to experience the Japanese lifestyle.



International Dormitory

Located within a 10 minute walk from the Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus, the dormitory is self-catering with shared facilities, such as kitchen, bathroom, laundry, and lounge. A Wi-Fi network is also available.



Living Expenses

The cost of living can vary depending on where you stay, your lifestyle and budget. On-campus cafeterias and convenience stores provide affordable meal options. There are some local grocery stores near the campus, so preparing meals is very easy for those who stay at the KGU International Dormitory. These are estimated costs of living in the local area, to give you a rough idea of how much you will need during the program.

Food (3 times a day)*	Approx. 1,500 JPY~ 1DAY
Transportation cost from accommodation to KGU*	Approx. 550 JPY (for return journey) 1DAY
Miscellaneous* (toiletries, hobbies and outings, emergency money, etc.)	Approx. 80,000 JPY~

* Homestay option provides 2 meals on weekdays, 3 on weekends.

* Students are advised to bring around 70,000 JPY in cash for emergency situations or when credit cards are not accepted.

About KGU

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 is an independent institution for higher education, offering Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in over 35 different disciplines to a student body of approximately 25,000. Founded in 1889, the university maintains academic standards that rank among the highest of all Japanese universities and colleges. KGU places a large emphasis on producing 'global citizens'; and in 2014 was selected by the Japanese government as one of 37 universities nationwide to receive funding under the Top Global University Project.

Location

KGU is located in Nishinomiya city, roughly halfway between the two cities 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.



Kwansei Gakuin University at a Glance

*As of December 2023



1889

founded in Kobe



Over

300

partner institutions worldwide



14

undergraduate schools



More than

25,000

students



1,900

international students



14

graduate / professional schools

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