

Cross-Cultural College

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



KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY



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Winning two awards program!

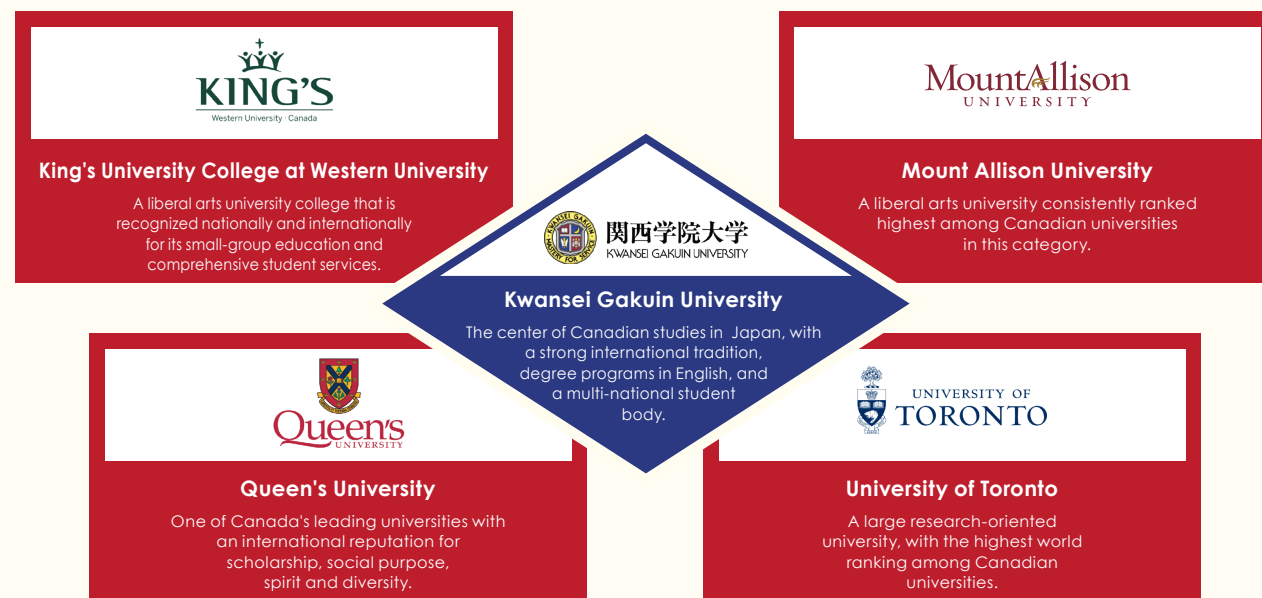
1. MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japanese Government) Minister Award in the 7th National Career Design Program Competition!
2. Excellent Award for the Open Badge (Category of Educational Institution)!

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

Strong Partnership between KGU and Canada

1. The historical relationship between Canada and Kwansei Gakuin started in 1910 when the Canadian Methodist Church joined the operation of Kwansei Gakuin.
2. 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.
3. The total number of CCC participants from 2011-2024 reached 1255 (KGU: 711 + Canada: 544).



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

Message



Rector
Chief Academic Director
Norie Yazu

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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.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (CP)

 **Excellent Award for the Open Badge winning program**
- Category of Educational Institution

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



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What is “Open Badge”

- Open Badge is a type of digital badge with international standards that is verifiable, portable, and packed with information about skills and achievements you made.
- By displaying the badge in their e-mail signature, SNS, CV, name cards with QR cord, etc, students can share their verifiable skills and achievements.
- You can promote your ability in various situations !



Examples for how to use Open Badge



▲ CV

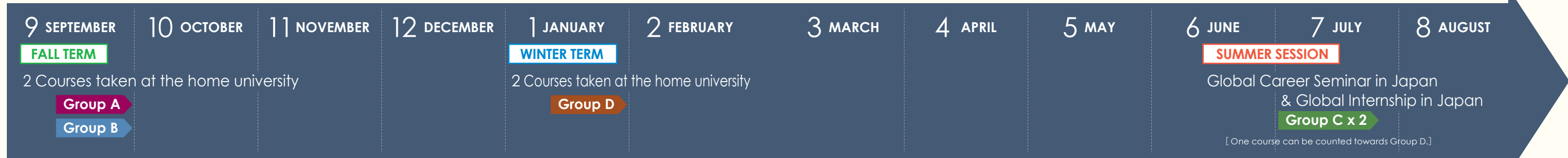


▲ SNS

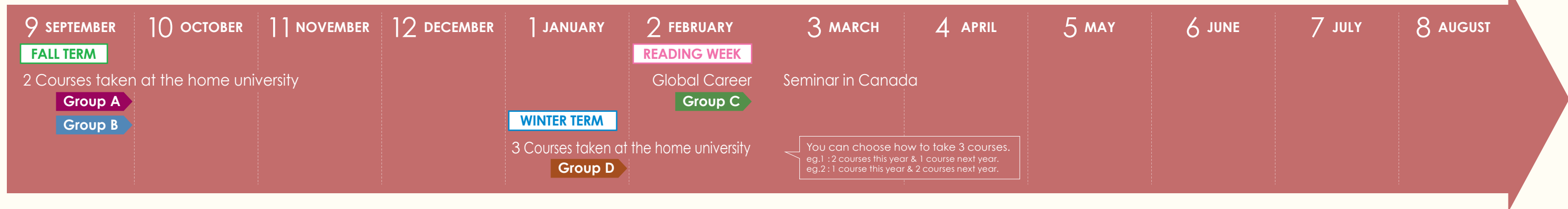


▲ E-mail

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	U of T	GROUP CONTENTS
Group A	0.5	2.0	2.0	0.5	Courses on theoretical and/or empirical multicultural studies
Group B	0.5	2.0	2.0	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.

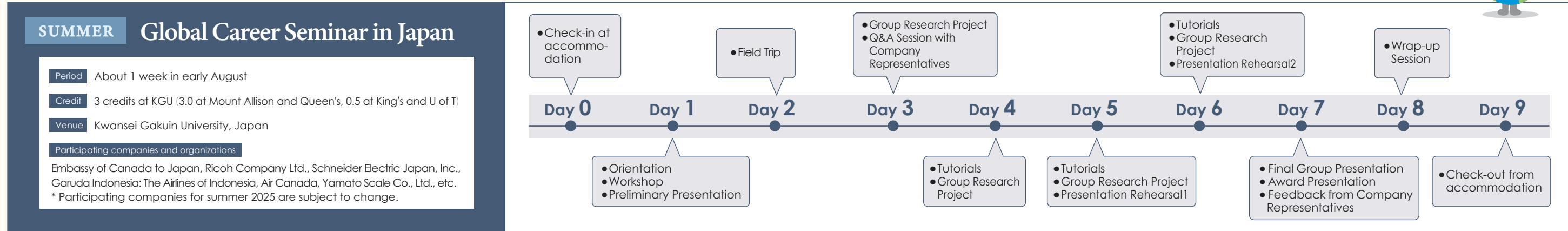


Want to know what Japanese culture is like? We also have a cultural session!



Program Schedule

*Subject to change



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*Subject to change



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



GLOBAL INTERNSHIP (GI)



A MEXT Minister Award winning program in the *7th National Career Design Program Competition* as the most impactful and innovative program for students career learning and development!

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.

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

Participating companies and organizations

ANA All Nippon Airways, EnglishCentral, JTB Japan Travel Bureau, Sankei Meriyasu Co. Ltd., TOA Corporation, etc.
* Participating companies for summer 2025 are subject to change.



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Great opportunity to challenge yourself in an international business setting!



Program Schedule

*Subject to change



Student testimonial

Jack Anthony Pemberton King's University College at Western University

Global Career Seminar in Canada (2023) / Global Career Seminar in Japan (2024) /
Global Internship in Japan (2024)

KGU's CCC program has undoubtedly been one of the most significant highlights of my life so far. The program provides students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working on projects and tackling business challenges within a new and unfamiliar cultural context. I cannot stress enough how invaluable it is to witness firsthand how different the world can be beyond the borders of your home country. This experience has profoundly shaped my global perspective, and I believe that is precisely what the program aims to achieve. KGU has done an exceptional job in making this possible.

That said, the program is not just about working, collaborating, and solving problems with people from another part of the world—it's also about forming lifelong friendships that you might never have imagined. While traveling to a new country can be intimidating for some, by the end of my time in Japan, I had forged lasting connections for which I am incredibly grateful. I feel truly fortunate to attend one of the few universities partnered with this program, and I highly encourage others to consider this incredible opportunity.



Jack Anthony Pemberton, Center Left



Jack Anthony Pemberton, Center

Ammia Zafar Queen's University

Global Career Seminar in Japan (2024) / Global Internship in Japan (2024)
Global Career Seminar in Canada (2024)

I participated in all three CCC programs, all of which were the best decisions I've made in my undergrad. I have done an exchange before, but what makes CCC different is how immersive it is. Before going to Japan, I didn't know much about Japanese or Japanese culture. I was quickly able to pick up Japanese and learn so much about not only the culture but also the business culture. I made lifelong friends that I lived with for over a month and made connections with companies I worked with. It is a unique and invaluable experience that completely changed my goals in life. The program itself allows for an environment where you get to collaborate and work through cultural and language barriers to deliver a business proposal. As a student in Politics, this was very new to me but the professors were always there to help. The company I interned with was also very supportive and still emails me to check in even though I'm back in Canada. The best advice I can give is to really put yourself out there, as everyone in the program was always together and till this day we plan trips together.



Ammia Zafar, Center left



Ammia Zafar, Center

Accommodation during the program period

Collaborative Learning while Living under the Same Roof

This is the most important concept of CCC since its establishment, so all of the participant students stay together during the program period.
KGU/UofT students whose homes are within commuting distance will also stay and live together in a hotel/hostel/dormitory, so CCC programs offer international exchange opportunities beyond your group and universities, so it is highly recommended for those who want to make many international friends!



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, Field trip, administration fees, 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

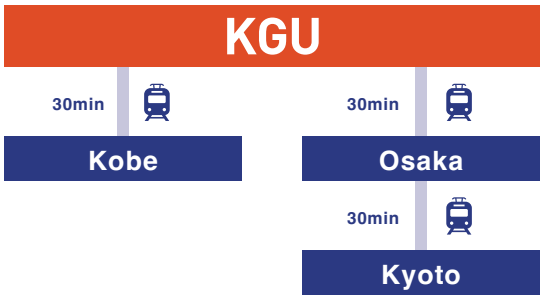
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP IN JAPAN (Onsite)

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 2024

 1889 founded in Kobe	 Over 300 partner institutions worldwide	 14 undergraduate schools
 More than 25,000 students	 1500 international students	 14 graduate professional schools



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