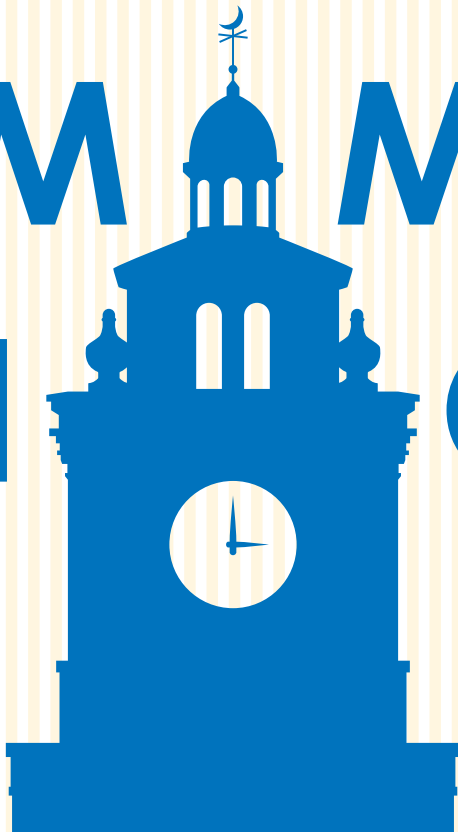


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KGU SUMMER SCHOOL

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

This 5 week program offers two study tracks - the “Japanese Language Study” track and “East Asian Study” track. Both tracks offer flexible learning options - 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.

The Japanese Language Study track offers an interactive approach through lessons with KGU students who will support you in classes. In addition to language study, you take additional courses taught in English such as Japanese Culture and Japanese Society.

Courses in the East Asian Study track are taught by KGU faculty members and visiting lecturers from our partner institutions covering a wide range of topics such as politics, 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 values, but also from the cultural exchange experience.

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



Why choose KGU Summer School ?

Flexible course options

There are two study tracks available through the program, the Japanese Language Study track and East Asian Study track, both offering various courses with flexible learning options. You can mix and match a combination of courses to suit your interest. Japanese Language courses will be taught in Japanese and other courses will be taught in English, providing a wide range of subjects in the field of Japan and East Asia.

Fieldwork and Extracurricular Activities

Sitting in a classroom and listening to lectures has its limitations. By participating in the fieldwork, you will be able to maximize your learning experience and gain a better understanding of your study subject. In addition, there are various extracurricular activities you can join such as traditional arts and workshops, giving you the opportunity to truly immerse yourself into Japanese culture.

Studying with students from all over the world!

Establishing this program with KGU's partner institutions has made it possible to take classes together with students from all over the world, along with KGU students. Many courses are also taught by our partner institutions' visiting lecturers and this unique academic collaboration has created an inspiring learning environment.

Program Information

Program Dates	June 5 – July 9, 2020
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.

Transcript/Credit Transfer

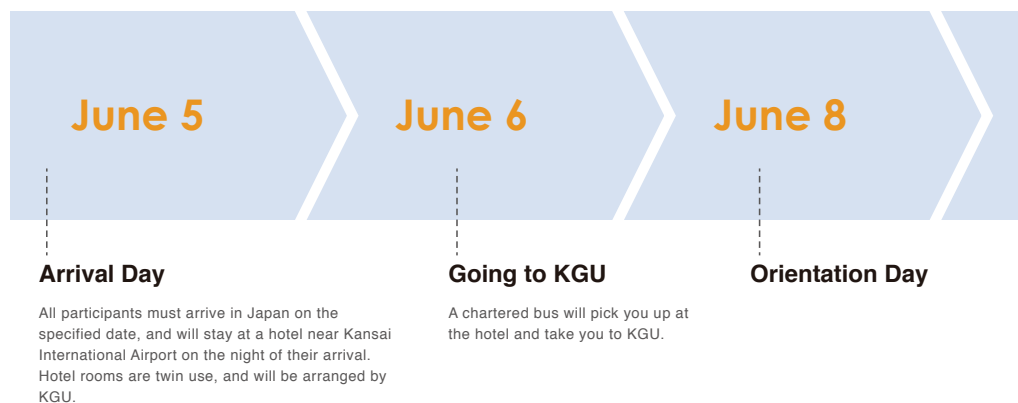
Upon completion of the program, transcripts will be issued and sent out at the end of August. Credit systems differ depending on the home university, and students are advised to consult with their home university regarding how KGU credits will be transferred.

Classes

Classes are held Monday through Friday, with frequent activities and excursions. Each class is 90 minutes long and taught in lecture/seminar style.

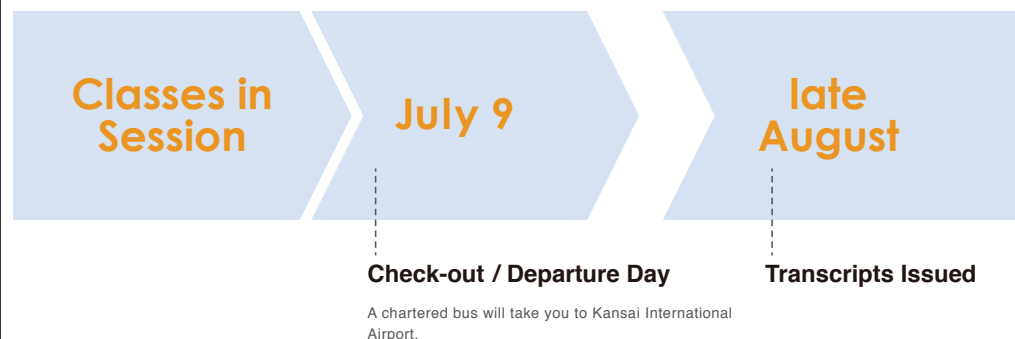
Program Schedule

*All dates are subject to change.



Program Overview

Track	Course Title	Credits	Teaching Hours	Language of Instruction
Japanese Language Study	Japanese for Daily Life (Beginner)	2	45h	Japanese
	Intensive Japanese (Elementary)	3	67.5h	Japanese
	Japanese Society	2	22.5h	English
	Japanese Culture	2	22.5h	English
East Asian Study	The Japanese Production System in Context	3	33h	English
	International Relations of East Asia	3	33h	English
	Contemporary Japanese and American Politics and Society	3	33h	English
	Japan and East Asia in Motion	3	33h	English
	Religions of the East	3	33h	English



Japanese Language Study Track

We offer Japanese Language courses at two different levels, Beginner and Elementary. Both courses include interactive sessions with KGU students who provide support inside and outside of classrooms. Class sizes are kept small for language courses with approximately 15 students at each level, allowing the teacher to accommodate everyone's needs. In addition to language study, students take courses taught in English, such as Japanese Culture and Japanese Society, along with KGU students, to explore different aspects of Japan.

Japanese Language Course Level	Prerequisite skills and other requirements
Beginner	It is highly recommended that students are able to read Hiragana and Katakana prior to the start of the program.
Elementary	This course is for students who have achieved the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N5-N4 level/CEFR A2 level. Students are expected to have knowledge of basic verb conjugation such as Dictionary form, Nai form, and Te form before they start the program.

Beginner

Japanese for Daily Life

- Credits: 2 credits
- Language of Instruction: Japanese

This is a beginners-level course open to those who have never studied the Japanese language before. However, it is strongly recommended that students are at least able to read Hiragana and Katakana prior to the start of the program. Using the "Genki I" textbook, students will be introduced to the basic structure of the Japanese language and practice introductory conversation. Through this course, students will be able to talk about and ask questions about everyday life situations and practice simple conversation skills with Nihongo Partners.

Beginner

4 credits or 6 credits in total



Japanese for Daily Life (2)



Japanese Society (2)
and/or
Japanese Culture (2)

Elementary

Intensive Japanese

- Credits: 3 credits
- Language of Instruction: Japanese

This course is for students who have studied the Japanese language for approximately one semester and have established communication skills used in familiar situations. Students will study elementary Japanese grammar using the "Genki II" textbook to further develop their daily conversational skills. Students are encouraged to use newly acquired grammar and vocabulary learned in class through daily conversations with Nihongo Partners.

Elementary

5 credits or 7 credits in total



Intensive Japanese (3)



Japanese Society (2)
and/or
Japanese Culture (2)

Japanese Society

- Credits: 2 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- Offered by: Kwansei Gakuin University

In past decades, Japanese society has seen fundamental changes from the traditional post-war model that provided a path to mainstream success, to an increase in various forms of employment, shrinking population and the dissolution of traditional family structures. This course gives an overview on these changes and shows how it affects people's lives in present-day Japan. It also takes up recent topics related to Japanese society such as changing gender roles, ethnicity and minorities, and social movements and protest. By studying these topics, this course provides students with a broad knowledge of Japanese society and enables them to understand and interpret recent developments.

Japanese Culture

- Credits: 2 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- Offered by: Kwansei Gakuin University

Is the Japanese festival (matsuri) only fun and entertainment, or is there more meaning to it? This course offers an introduction to Japanese culture through major festivals held annually all over Japan, focusing on Kyoto. The goal is to understand these festivals from diverse viewpoints - as religious, cultural, social and economic phenomena. We will explore their origins and significance, their role in preserving traditional Japanese values while also incorporating contemporary features and attracting tourists.

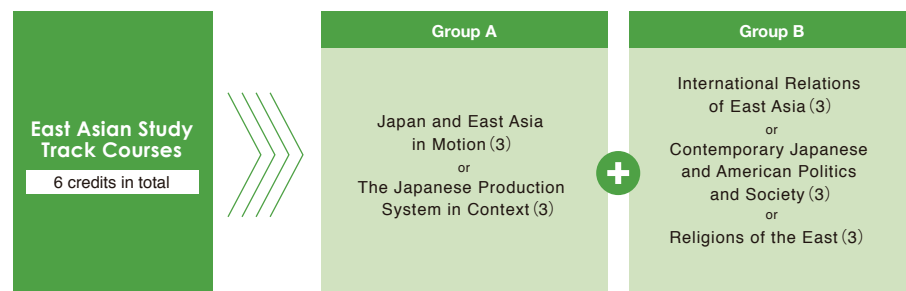
"Nihongo Partners"

"Nihongo Partners" are KGU student volunteers who will participate in Japanese language classes as teaching assistants. They also join some fieldwork exercises to help you use new Japanese phrases in practical situations. You can practice your Japanese with "Nihongo Partners" inside and outside of classes - a great opportunity to make many friends in Japan during the program!



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.



Economy and Business

The Japanese Production System in Context

- Credits: 3 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- Offered by: Trinity University

We examine the evolution of production systems from the Middle Ages to present times, focusing on the Lean paradigm, or Toyota Production System (Toyota Seisan Hoshiki). We will learn the basics of production management and we will study, analyze, compare and contrast Lean with other older and newer systems and explore the social, cultural and philosophical context that makes Lean the current benchmark in production quality and efficiency. As part of the coursework, students will research some aspect of Lean and produce a research report and presentation.

Politics & International Relations

International Relations of East Asia

- Credits: 3 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- 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.

Contemporary Japanese and American Politics and Society

- Credits: 3 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- Offered by: Trinity University

This course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the connections between Japanese and American culture and societies. We will review the major historical events that have given rise to the U.S.-Japan relationship. Along the way, we will explore major social institutions such as the economy, religion, politics, family, and workplace. Special attention will be given to issues like gender, sexuality, and nationalism.

Culture and Society

Japan and East Asia in Motion

- Credits: 3 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- Offered by: Southern Methodist University

This course looks at contemporary themes in the anthropology of East Asia with a special focus on Japan. It covers topics such as globalization, food culture, popular culture, affect, and kinship. The course pays particular attention to cultural changes and their relationship to economic and political transformations. The course title suggests that culture is constantly in motion and we seek to investigate those movements. Assignments include reading responses and an ethnographic project.

Religions of the East

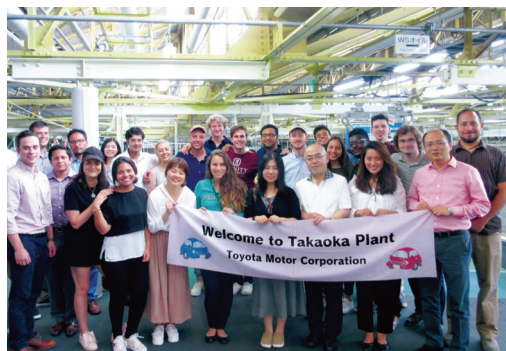
- Credits: 3 credits
- Language of Instruction: English
- Offered by: Stetson University

This course serves as a general introduction to Asian Religions, in particular Indian Hinduism and Buddhism; Tibetan Bön and Buddhism; Chinese Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism; and Japanese Buddhism and Shinto. By emphasizing the reading of primary texts in translation we will explore the major ideas and practices of these traditions, taking special note of the cultural, historical, political, and material contexts in which they were conceived and developed.

Fieldwork and Extracurricular Activities

Fieldwork Activities

Fieldwork activities will provide valuable learning opportunities for everyone. By participating in the fieldwork, you can apply the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom and increase a better understanding of your study subject. Enjoy the fieldwork activities filled with old and new elements of Japanese culture!



Japanese Language Study Track

East Asian Study Track



Cultural Activities

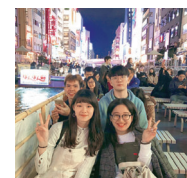
You have a chance to participate in various types of Japanese Cultural Activities, such as Wadaiko (Japanese traditional drums), Yuzen-zome (Yuzen dyeing), Wagashi workshop (Japanese traditional confectionery making), and watching a baseball match at the Hanshin Koshien Stadium. Participating in these inspiring cultural activities will give you a great experience to connect more deeply with Japanese culture.

*Activities are subject to change.



Activities

Japanese Language Study Track



Those enrolled in the Japanese Language Study track will visit the best places in the Kansai region such as Himeji castle, Japan's national treasure and world heritage site with its impressive size and beauty, Dotonbori, the center of Osaka with an abundance of restaurants and shops, famous neon lights and entertainment, and of course, Kyoto-Japan's old capital, full of historic treasures with many temples and shrines. During the Kyoto trip, you will have an opportunity to make your own sushi with a professional sushi chef.

You will also visit the NISSIN CUPNOODLES Museum. NISSIN is the creator of the original instant ramen, Chicken Ramen, the world's first instant noodle dish, and also the inventor of world's first cup-type instant noodles, Cup Noodles®. At the museum, you will enjoy making your own Cup Noodles® to take home.

Nihongo Partners will join all fieldworks and activities. Not only will they support your Japanese language studies but they also enjoy making new friends and learning about people from around the world, so it will be a great opportunity for you to add the cultural exchange experience to your studies!

*The destination may change depending on availability.



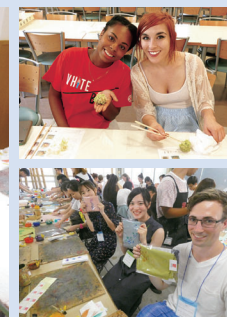
East Asian Study Track



Students in the East Asian Study track will visit one of the world's largest automobile manufacturers, Toyota - you will see the Toyota plant and learn about their latest technology, production system and business strategy. You will also visit the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry & Technology. Since Toyota originally began as a textile company, this museum features textile machines and automobiles, both of which played an important part in the Japanese industry. You will be able to observe how technologies have developed through history from dynamic displays and actual demonstrations.

You will also have an opportunity to visit Kyoto. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere in Japanese gardens, visiting temples and shrines, and trying out traditional cuisine - gaining valuable insights into a variety of concepts in traditional Japanese aesthetics.

*The destination may change depending on availability.



Housing and Expenses

Accommodation Options

We offer two accommodation options, homestays and KGU 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.



KGU 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.

	1 day	5 weeks (for the duration of the program)
Food (3 times a day)*	Approx. 1,500 JPY~	Approx. 60,000 JPY~
Transportation cost from accommodation to KGU*	Approx. 550 JPY (for return journey)	Approx. 22,000 JPY (for return journey)
KGU Training Center*	—	2,000 JPY
Miscellaneous* (toiletries, hobbies and outings, emergency money, etc.)	—	Approx. 70,000 JPY~

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

* This transportation cost does not apply to those who will be staying at the KGU International Dormitory.

* The KGU Training Center is a university gym open to all students and staff. This registration fee applies to those who wish to use the gym during the program.

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

Application

Program Fees

Total: **400,000 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 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 and injury, for the duration of the program. Any other costs that are not listed in the "Included in program fees" section.

How to apply

Applications can be completed online, and are available from one month prior to the deadline. However, you must apply through the study abroad office at your home university. Once we receive your information from your university, further information regarding application procedures will be provided along with the application form URL. Please check the latest information regarding the application procedure from the URL below.

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


Application
Schedule

Application Deadline

March 20

Admission Results

early-April

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 2018





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