

KOBE UNIVERSITY

INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET for FALL 2025



INSTITUTION

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KOBE UNIVERSITY INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM Website

- ◆ **Inter-University Exchange Program**
- ◆ **About Exchange Programs**
- ◆ **List of Inter-University Student Exchange Partners**

https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html

- ◆ **Eligibility**

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ADMISSION INFORMATION

1. NOMINATION for Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Nomination Deadlines	Fall semester:	April 20, 2025
	Spring semester:	October 20, 2025
	Please fill out the nomination sheet, which will be sent by Kobe University to partner institutions, and return it to stdnt-intlexchange@office.kobe-u.ac.jp .	

2. APPLICATION for Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Application Documents	1. Exchange Student Application Form * It will be sent by email from us. 2. Copy of Academic Transcript (English) 3. Certificate of Japanese and/or English Language Ability (Optional)	
Application Deadlines	Fall semester:	May 1, 2025
	Spring semester:	November 1, 2025
	Send to stdnt-intlexchange@office.kobe-u.ac.jp by email attachment.	
Application Schedule	See an application schedule from here .	


ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Affiliations	<p>Exchange students should belong to one of the affiliations at Kobe University. They must choose one Faculty (School)/Graduate School or GEC that best correspond to their major.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Faculties (Schools) (for Undergraduates/ Bachelor/ 1st cycle): Click ◆ Graduate Schools (for Graduate Students/Master/Doctor/2nd cycle/3rd cycle): Click ◆ GEC (Global Education Center: Japanese Language Course): Click <p><Eligibility for enrollment in GEC></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange students who can choose GEC as an affiliation are limited to designated schools. Refer to "List of Inter-University Student Exchange Partners" on this URL; https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/academics/admissions/exchange-programs/#1 2. Exchange students majoring Japanese language or Japanese Studies at their home universities. 3. Exchange students who wish to prioritize studying Japanese language and culture during their stay in Kobe University 	
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester:	October – March
	Spring Semester:	April - September
Academic Load	Kobe University does not have a full-time load. 124 credits or more are necessary to complete an undergraduate program (Bachelor degree) at Kobe University (approx. 30 credits/year). Maximum load per semester depends on each faculty, and there is no minimum load. However, all international students including exchange students must take at least 10 lesson hours (equivalent to 6-7 classes) per week in accordance with immigration law.	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Class Types and Schedules	<p>Classes include lectures, seminars, experiments, exercises, and practical training. We will offer classes according to patterns A) – C) described below. Patterns A) and B) are "quarter classes", and pattern C) takes the "semester class" format. Please see the syllabus for further information about each class.</p> <p>A) 1 class per week for 8 weeks (including examination days) B) 2 classes per week for 8 weeks (including examination days) C) 1 class per week for 16 weeks (including examination days)</p>									
Credits	<p>Grades and credits are acquired at the end of each academic semester. According to Kobe University General Rules for Students, 1 credit is usually awarded for 15 hours of lectures. To receive 1 credit, a total of 45 hours of study are required (this includes self-study hours to prepare for or review classwork).</p>									
Level of Study	<p>This should correspond to exchange students' level at their home university.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 775 1414 931"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="440 775 863 813">Home university</th> <th data-bbox="863 775 1414 813">Kobe university</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 813 863 851">Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="863 813 1414 851">Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle course only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 851 863 889">Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="863 851 1414 889">Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle course only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 889 863 927">Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="863 889 1414 927">Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle course only</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Home university	Kobe university	Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle	Bachelor/ Undergraduate/ 1st Cycle course only	Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle	Master/ Graduate/ 2nd Cycle course only	Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle	Doctoral/ Graduate/ 3rd Cycle course only
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Courses/Classes	<p>Syllabus (for external use) All course lists are subject to change and some courses may not be available every semester/ quarter.</p>									
Japanese Language Courses	<p>The GEC(Global Education Center) offers Japanese language studies to all exchange students regardless of their majors for free of charge. Click</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrated Japanese classes 2. Intensive Japanese course 3. Japanese Language and Japanese Studies class <p>※ Please note that there are some conditions for 2 and 3.</p>									
Course Registration	<p>Course registration is available only after arrival, and there is no pre-registration process.</p>									
Japanese Language Requirement	<p>There is no language requirement, but having Japanese ability equivalent to JLPT N2 or higher is strongly recommended if students intend to take courses conducted in Japanese. Many Faculties(Schools)/Graduate Schools offer courses in Japanese. To see if your preferred Faculty(School)/Graduate School offers courses in English, please check the syllabus.</p> <p>What is the level of JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test) ? Click</p>									
Grading System	<p>5-level grading system: S (90-100), A (80-89), B (70-79), C (60-69), F (below 59)</p>									
Transcript of Record	Fall Semester:	Late March – Early April								
	Spring Semester:	Late September – Early October								

OTHER INFORMATION

Requirements for Entry to Japan	<p>1. CoE (Certificate of Eligibility) CoE is a necessary document to apply for a student VISA. In order to support international students' smooth entrance to Kobe University, we offer prospective students a proxy application service for it. < Necessary documents: The notification will be sent to the students later > - ID photo - A copy of Passport - A copy of proof of financial support</p> <p>2. STUDENT VISA The applicant must apply in person to the Embassy or Consulate-General in their country. Visa cannot be obtained after arriving in Japan. For detailed information about necessary documents and procedures, please refer to the URL of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.</p>	
Vaccination	Kobe University has implemented the Measles and Rubella Registration Policy. Click (Please see page 16, ④. Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases. All newly enrolled Kobe University students must submit the certification of immunization for Measles and Rubella during their medical check-up.	
Insurance	<p>There are 4 kinds of insurance that all students MUST enroll in.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Health Insurance 2. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) 3. Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Couples with PAS for International Students (Inbound "Futai Gakusou") 4. Inbound Medical Assistance Service (IMAS) 	
Accommodation	We have 6 residential facilities which are located off campus for international students. There is 1 Affiliated International Dormitory which is also located off campus.	
Recommended Arrival Date	Fall Semester:	late September
	Spring Semester:	late March
Orientation	Fall Semester:	late September
	Spring Semester:	early April
Students Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisory and Counseling Services for International Students - Medical Support (physical and mental health consultations)  Click - Support for students with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical Checkups Kobe University carries out annual medical checkups in April and October. New students must undergo a checkup in either of these months depending on their enrollment month. Students who do not take the free medical examination at Kobe University must take an equivalent medical checkup at an external hospital, for which it will be necessary to pay a fee for both the checkup and certificate. Then they must present the certificate to the Medical Center for Student Health. - Medical Support Consultation Form For students with chronic conditions or disabilities (physical, developmental, or mental), we will make preparations to provide support where possible if they let us know in advance. If they are taking medication and need help finding continuous treatment in Japan, please let us know using the "Medical Support Consultation Form" before coming to Japan. This form will be enclosed when we send them Pre-Arrival Information. (Fall: around July, Spring: around January) 	
Tutors	Each international student is supported by a tutor with the aim of helping with and improving the effectiveness of their study and research. The tutors are recommended by the academic adviser, and are chosen from students with background knowledge in the international student's field of study. Ask your Faculty/School, Graduate School or GEC for further information.	