

**Exchange Program Fact Sheet** Contemporary Japan Program 2021-2022 Address Center for International Education and Cooperation (CIEC) Kwansei Gakuin University 1-155 Uegahara Ichibancho, Nishinomiya City, Hyogo Prefecture, 662-8501 JAPAN Tel: +81 798-51-0952 Fax: +81 798-51-0954 ciec@kwansei.ac.jp Website https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/exchange/ Staff & Contacts **Incoming Exchange Coordinator Outgoing Exchange Coordinator** Ms. Amina Dante outgoing@kwansei.ac.jp **Partnerships Coordinator** Mr. Hiroto Yagi incoming@kwansei.ac.jp ciec-partnership@kwansei.ac.jp **Number of Incoming** Fall 2019: 200 students Spring 2019: 186 students **Exchange students Partner Universities** 180 in 40 countries and regions (As of January 2021) **Exchange Program Program Outline** Contemporary Japan Program (CJP) There are two study tracks available within the CJP. Students can choose one of the following study tracks: - Japanese Language Track, for students who wish to focus on their Japanese language studies - Modern Japan Track, for students who wish mainly to learn about Japan via English-taught courses through a variety of subjects. Eligibility Must be an undergraduate or graduate student nominated by a KGU partner institution. **Language Requirements** Japanese Language Track Modern Japan Track Students must at least be able to fluently read, write, N/A lapanese understand and pronounce the Japanese Hiragana and Katakana phonetic scripts by the time they arrive in Japan. As a number of elective courses are held in English, students whose native language is not English are expected to have an English proficiency equivalent to a TOEFL iBT® score of 71 or higher. Students are not required to submit any certifications for English proficiency. Available Period of Study One Semester or Full Year Start: Fall or Spring Language of Instruction Japanese or English **Application Deadlines** All required hard copies of application documents must arrive at KGU by the following dates: 2021 Fall Semester intake April 15, 2021 2022 Spring Semester intake November 15, 2021 **Application Process** Application information can be found on the following webpage and is updated around two months before each deadline: https://ciec.kwansei.ac.jp/study/exchange/prospective/apply.html **Program Dates** Fall Semester (tentative) Designated Arrival Date Early September 2021 First Day of Classes September 20, 2021 December 24, 2021 – January 5, 2022 Winter Break Last Day of Classes January 13, 2022 Final Examination Period (\*1) January 15 – 28, 2022 Winter Intensive Period for students who enroll at KGU for two semester beginning in the Fall First Day of Classes February 3, 2022 March 16, 2022 Last Day of Classes Spring Semester 2022 (Academic calendar for the 2021 spring will be finalized in Nov. 2021) Designated Arrival Date Mid-March 2022 April 7, 2022 First Day of Classes Last Day of Classes Mid-July 2022

### Scholarship

KGU-Sponsored Scholarships

Exchange students can apply for a scholarship through KGU along with their application to KGU.

(\*1) Final Examinations for courses listed under "Other Elective Courses" may take place during the KGU Regular Class Examination Period.

Applicants will be informed if they will receive the scholarship roughly a week before arriving in Japan. However, there are circumstances in which students may not be informed until after their arrival in Japan.

Third/Fourth/Fifth Week of July

Note: Please be informed that the number of available scholarships has decreased over the last several years, and that applicants should not expect to receive a scholarship. All students must plan for financing their exchange without the help of this scholarship.

Other Scholarships

US-Japan Bridging Foundation (US students only): <a href="http://www.bridgingfoundation.org/">http://www.bridgingfoundation.org/</a>
Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association (Taiwan students only): <a href="https://www.koryu.or.jp">https://www.koryu.or.jp</a>

Final Examination Period (\*1)

Note: Classes may be held on some Japanese national public holidays.

#### Accommodation

KGU, in principle, guarantees accommodation to incoming exchange students who request it, but not all students will be able to be placed in the accommodation of their choice.

**Accommodation Options** 

1. Homestay (400,000 JPY/ semester) Includes 2 meals/day on weekdays, 3 meals/day on weekends and holidays, and utilities

2. Dormitory (240,000 - 400,000 JPY/ semester) Excludes meals and utilities Details about the dormitories available here.

#### Courses Offered

#### **Mandatory Courses**

Mandatory Japanese Language Courses (JLC) for Japanese Language Track Students

- 5 class per week
- √ Taught in Japanese

## JSC Modern Japan Seminar for Modern Japan Track Students

- ✓ 1 class per week
- ✓ Taught in English

# **Elective Courses**

#### **Elective Japanese Language Courses (JLC)**

- ✓ Taught in Japanese
- ✓ Availability depends on Japanese level of student

#### **Elective Japan Studies Courses (JSC)**

- ✓ Taught in English
- ✓ Wide variety from 5 categories: Art & Culture, Linguistics, Politics & International Relations. Society, Business & Economy

#### Other Elective Courses

- ✓ Taught in English
- ✓ For Undergraduate level students only: Courses shared with the School of International Studies (SIS), School of Economics (SE), School of Human Welfare Studies (SHWS)
- ✓ For Graduate level students only: Courses shared with the Institute of Business and Accounting (IBA)

#### **Regular University Courses**

Students who possess an extremely high ability of Japanese can enroll in regular university courses conducted in Japanese if they meet the either one of the following requirements:

1. Pass level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test before arriving in Japan (students who already have N1 are still required to take the RCA test) 2. Obtain a high score on the placement test, and then pass the RCA (Regular Course Aptitude) test held later during orientation

#### **Course List**

#### The course list can be found in the latest CJP Brochure.

**Online Syllabus** 

https://syllabus.kwansei.ac.jp

Use online syllabus tool above to search for course code listed in the latest CJP Brochure (See link below).

Course Load (per week)

Credits at KGU

Exchange students must register and attend more than 10 hours of classes per week.

To fulfill this requirement, registering and attending at least 7 periods every week is necessary.

One Credit Hour (Actual Teaching Hours)
Language Courses
22.5 hours
Lectures & Seminars
11.25 hours

Exchange students cannot register for more than 24 KGU credits per semester.

#### Other Information

Acting as partners the exchange student's first semester, KGU local student volunteers assist the exchange students in their life on and off campus.

Global Student (GS) Network The GS Network is the official student group endorsed by CIEC and provides various supports to exchange students during orientation. They also plan and hold cultural exchange activities for both exchange students and KGU students over the course of the year.

**Transcripts** 

KG Buddies

Two grade transcripts will be sent to the home institution after the last semester of the student's exchange ends. The home institution will give one copy to the student and keep one for their records.

The transcripts will be sent out in the following periods:

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Spring Semester (WIP)	Early September
Fall Semester	Mid-March

Bringing Prescription
Drugs to Japan

There is a form called a "Yakkan Shomeisho" that you need to submit and send to Japan in order to bring prescription drugs and other medical equipment such as prescription contact lenses into Japan. It will then be sent back to you, but can take some time, so please make sure that you look into this several months before you leave for Japan.