Welcome to Kansai University

With a rich history and a network of five campuses across one of Japan’s leading prefectures, Kansai University is home to over 30,000 students. Historically, Osaka was a thriving merchant town and was later named “the Nation’s Kitchen.” It is still famous for its delicious cuisine today. Osaka is also the site of many historical buildings and popular sightseeing spots such as Osaka Castle and the Dotonbori Area.
Features

1. **Curriculum**
   You can study in both English and Japanese.

2. **Academic Advisors**
   An academic advisor will be assigned to each exchange student to support studies and living during their time here.

3. **Special Supervisors**
   For students who wish to study at the Kansai Graduate School, support is available from special supervisors at the university.
   *Specific terms and conditions apply to graduate school.

4. **Various Exchange Events and Activities**
   There are many opportunities to interact with students from Kansai University through events and activities where you can fully experience the Japanese culture.

5. **Housing Support**
   In addition to student dormitories, you can choose a home that best fits your lifestyle and needs, such as a homestay or an apartment.

**Schedule**

### Fall Semester (September to March)
- April 20th: Application Deadline
- Mid September: Arrive in Japan, Orientation
- September 21st: Classes Start
- January 23rd-30th: Exam Period
- End of January: Return Home
- Early March: Exam Results

### Spring Semester (April to September)
- October 20th: Application Deadline
- Late March: Arrive in Japan, Orientation
- April 5th: Classes Start
- July 23rd: Classes Finish
- July 24th-31st: Exams
- End of July: Return Home
- Early September: Exam Results

*Schedule is subject to change depending on the year.

**Academic Calendar**

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<td>December 25th-January 6th: Winter Holiday</td>
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**Curriculum**

**KUGF Course**

- The Global Frontier course consists of 8 Modules in specific fields of study. These courses are taken in English together with Kansai University students.

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<td>Food Science &amp; Biotechnology</td>
<td>International Business &amp; Entrepreneurship</td>
<td>Japan Studies</td>
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**Japanese as a Second Language**

This course supports international students who are learning Japanese. We offer classes for all levels from beginner to advanced. In addition to Japanese, there are subjects related to Japan and Japanese corporate culture along with business Japanese.

**Skill Up for Studying Abroad**

This course is for non-native students of English to improve their language skills.

**Specialized Subjects (undergraduate courses)**

Courses available from 13 different faculties

By taking the undergraduate courses at Kansai University, you will not only develop highly valuable skills in your field of study, but will see further improvement in your Japanese language skills. To enroll in this course, you will need to have the Japanese level specified on the right.

*Students with the specified level of Japanese language ability can take undergraduate courses.*

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<th>Test Name</th>
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<td>JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)</td>
<td>N2 or higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>IJEST (Test of Practical Japanese)</td>
<td>Level C or higher</td>
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<td>CEFR</td>
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**List of Faculties**

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Letters
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Business and Commerce
- Faculty of Sociology
- Faculty of Policy Studies
- Faculty of Foreign Language Studies
- Faculty of Health and Wellness
- Faculty of Information
- Faculty of Social Security Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering Science
- Faculty of Environmental and Urban Engineering
- Faculty of Chemistry, Materials and Metallurgy
Global Buddy Program

Becoming part of the Buddy Exchange Group can help with worries an exchange student may face after coming to Japan. Both Kansai University students and international students join activities that introduce the various cultural aspects of Japan and create a strong support group during your time here. Participating in the Buddy Program will help make your stay more relaxing and fulfilling.

Student Voices

The Student’s Voice

An environment that encourages new interactions

When I was a child, I became interested in studying Japanese through anime. It was only after the decision to come to Japan that I went deeper into my studies. Because Kansai University is so large, you will be able to meet different kinds of students from all over the world. Through the Buddy Program, I also made many friends and participated in cultural events such as creating traditional Japanese carp streamers.

I had a great student life in a beautiful environment, learning so much about Japanese culture and making friends along the way. While you are here as a student, I recommend to meet many people and make as many connections as possible.

Beijing Foreign Studies University GAO YUSHI

Japanese students are also active participants.

The goal of being a buddy is not simply to support exchange students in their daily life and Japanese language studies, but to build a friendship of trust, where each side looks out for the other. Through this program, I made a lot of friends, and we often went out to eat or took trips on our days off together. I am now looking to join an exchange program myself. I study English while hanging out with the international students. In the future, I hope to get more involved with the friends in my group and to strengthen the bonds between us.

Faculty of Policy Studies, Kanta Ito

Activities

Various activities are available to international students. In addition to events that promote student interaction, you can also experience Japanese culture through trips and participation in traditional festivals.

Welcome party is held for international students when they arrive in Japan, and the completion ceremony and farewell party for when students return home. You will have a wonderful time making memories and friends here at Kansai University.

Living Expenses

When you travel to Japan, please make a sufficient financial plan with reference to the below costs. *For reference purposes only.

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dormitory Fee</td>
<td>200,000 yen</td>
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<td>Meal Fee</td>
<td>260,000 yen*1 (on campus or in the vicinity, approx. 400 yen / meal)</td>
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<td>National Health Insurance</td>
<td>13,500 yen</td>
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<td>Transportation Costs (Reference)</td>
<td>Approx. 10,000 yen if you buy a commuter pass</td>
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<td>Transportation Costs (Kansai-mae Station to Minami-senri Station)</td>
<td>13,500 yen</td>
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<td>Costs related to textbooks, etc.</td>
<td>20,000 yen</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>Approx. 500,000 yen</td>
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*1 This is a required fee for entering a dormitory of Kansai University. The fees for each dormitory differ.
*2 This total does not include personal expenses (such as expenses related to extracurricular activities).

DIASS - Division of International Affairs Student Staff -

Student staff called DIASS are working at Division of International Affairs of Kansai University. Their main work is focused on reception, orientation support, campus tours, activity planning and management. DIASS members consist of students who have studied abroad and international students who want to support the lives of exchange students. Multilingual staff who can speak Chinese, Korean and other languages are on duty. If you have any questions during your time as an exchange student, feel free to come by and speak to a member of DIASS.
At the Mi-Room, you will enjoy spending time with people from different cultural backgrounds. At the reception desk, student staff (DIASS) will assist you in renting computers and the use of Mi-Room space. Being able to use the space during the opening hours creates an environment where language skills can be improved and students can interact with different people from Kansai University. There is a dedicated space for various study sessions. The Mi-Room is an open space where anyone can drop in to relax, study and create new connections.

**GTA - Global Teaching Assistants -**

International students have the opportunity to become active teachers (Global Teaching Assistants: GTA) and share their language and culture. Students who choose to live in the dormitories will be assigned to one of the following 3 places. Excluding special cases, Kansai University will determine which dorms students are assigned to live in.

**Dormitory Tsukigaoka**
- Entrance fee: 15,000 yen (One-time fee when entering the dormitory)
- Dormitory fee: 31,500 yen per month
- Deposit: 15,000 yen (One-time fee when entering the dormitory)

**Kansai University International Dormitory**
- Entrance fee: 15,000 yen (One-time fee when entering the dormitory)
- Dormitory fee: 48,000 yen per month
- Deposit: 15,000 yen (One-time fee when entering the dormitory)

**Student House ShareIvy**
- Entrance fee: 15,000 yen (One-time fee when entering the dormitory)
- Dormitory fee: 32,600 yen per month
- Deposit: 15,000 yen (One-time fee when entering the dormitory)

Additional costs for electricity, communication equipment, mattress rental, etc. are required. (Approx. 16,000 yen per month. Amount will vary depending on the contract)

Rent: 36,000 yen / month (twin room)

**Resident Assistant**
At Kansai University, students can live together and experience a shared lifestyle centered on cultural exchange rooted in the local community. Nine students share the space. Because the living space is also used for exchanges, opportunities to learn are naturally incorporated into daily life. Staying in a share house gives you the chances to make lifetime-long friends and create special memories.
Interviews

Name | FAY ANTONIA LEE  
University of South Carolina

Why did you decide to become an exchange student at Kansai University?
Because I major in hospitality, I travelled to various countries to practically apply my learnings. I wanted to attempt to work in a foreign country and one of the options was Japan. Because I wanted to be able to learn to speak Japanese, I chose Kansai University.

What kind of classes did you take?
I took classes for the Japanese language, kendo and Japanese culture. The teacher who taught the Japanese class was particularly helpful. If there was something I didn’t understand, they challenged me to think critically and come to the answers by myself. My favorite class was kendo. While it was physically hard, I was also able to challenge myself mentally during the classes.

What was the most fun memory from your life as an exchange student?
I enjoyed the time I went to Disney Land and Disney Sea with my friends from school. Another great time was when I went to watch a rugby match. In joining the activities from the Division of International Affairs, I was able to do many fun things with friends.

What kind of support did you receive as an exchange student?
The people at Kansai University are all wonderful. If I had a question or was unsure about something, the teachers or the staff would always come to my assistance. Even something as small as recommendations on where to eat, the teachers and the students would both help. In the beginning I was wondering how to best communicate, but we created an interesting mix of both English and Japanese. It is a welcoming environment and there are always events to participate in for cultural exchange.

FAQ

Question 1
Can I become an exchange student even if I can’t speak Japanese?
A. Because you are able to take classes in Japanese or English, even if you can’t speak Japanese, English will suffice.

Question 2
Can I work part-time during my exchange?
A. By applying in advance, you can work for a limited amount of hours.

Question 3
How many courses can I take?
A. There is no upper limit to the number of courses that can be taken.

Question 4
How long are the classes and what time are they held?
A. One class is 90 minutes. The schedule is listed below.

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<td>16:20~17:50</td>
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Question 5
When I arrive in Japan, is there a bus that will pick me up at the airport?
A. Only on the specified day of arrival, pick-up bus service is available for a charged fee.