

WINTER SCHOOL 2024

15th JANUARY
(MON)



26th JANUARY
(FRI)

Theme

“Learning Osaka, the Mercantile Capital of Japan”.



KANSAI UNIVERSITY

Kansai University (KU), is one of the leading private universities in Japan. With a history of over 130 years, KU has 13 undergraduate faculties, 13 graduate schools, and 2 professional graduate schools. There are over 30,000 students enrolled at our university, and we have 5 campuses located in Osaka, the second largest city in Japan. Osaka is about half an hour train ride to the popular tourist destinations of Kyoto, Kobe and Nara.



WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The theme of this program is “Learning Osaka, the Mercantile Capital of Japan”.

First of all, participants will understand the history and culture of Osaka deeply throughout learning at Kansai University which is located in Osaka, and discuss about the diversity of ideas and values by comparing their home countries. Additionally, after learning basic knowledge and information about Osaka through lectures, they will eventually be able to understand the “entrepreneurial spirit of the mercantile city of Osaka” while taking advantage of the characteristics of the mercantile city of Osaka, including observation of the history, actual situation and current situation of companies with roots in Osaka, lectures from business people, and so forth.

Furthermore, this program focuses on “seeing, listening, and experiencing”, including visiting various historical and cultural facilities beyond lectures in classroom.



Course Descriptions

This program is consist of two-week. Total classtime for mediated course is 45 hours, including time spent for assignment, tutoring and homework. The “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience” course is optional.

Contents of English - mediated course

▶ Introduction to Osaka

In contrast to Tokyo, Mecca of Japan’s bureaucrats and politicians, Osaka has traditionally been a city of business, filled with an air of lively freedom, basically generated by its merchants and their bustling business-transactions. In this class, we will be looking at how Osaka’s suburban areas developed, with a focus on the World Exposition held in 1970, which spurred the change in the areas. Also the class deals briefly with people’s lives in Osaka, while referring mainly to its entertainment, which makes Osaka different from other major cities in Japan

▶ Japanese Business Culture

This is a series of presentations designed to engage the participants in an examination, analysis, and discussion on various aspects of Japanese business culture including:

- Business Considerations in Japanese Culture
- Defining Business Culture
- The Imagery and Vocabulary of Japanese Business Culture
- The Structure of Japanese Business Culture
- Perceptions of Japanese Business Culture: Internal View
- Perceptions of Japanese Business Culture: External View
- Japanese Business Culture: Help or Hindrance?
- Summary and discussion



▶ Entrepreneurship

In this class, we will be looking at entrepreneurship in Osaka by offering examples of companies established by well-known entrepreneurs, who started or developed their businesses with their innovative ideas. The companies include Panasonic, Nisshin, Hankyu Railways, and Sharp (or Omron).

Each involves unique ideas of its founder, offering us lots of clues to understanding corporate culture in Osaka or Japan.



● Excursion

There are some field trips (works) in connection with Mercantile Capital of Japan.

(Example: Expo'70 Commemorative Park, Cup Noodle Museum, The Osaka Museum of Housing and Living)

Optional Course

▶ Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience

The applicants must choose and indicate us in the application form. This course can be taken with additional fee (JPY 10,000)

Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience course targets beginner students (less than 300 hours of study). Restrictions may apply to intermediate level students or above due to class size limitations (priority will be given to beginners).

This course is an introductory Japanese language course for students who have never learned Japanese before, or have a very basic knowledge of Japanese greetings, such as hiragana and katakana. Students are taught fundamental expressions and phrases necessary to “survive” during a short stay in Japan. Students will also learn Japanese culture through a variety of activities including Japanese cultural studies (e.g. experience making food samples", the contents are subject to change). By the end of the course, students will be able to use basic Japanese conversational expressions and phrases in daily life and understand a part of Japanese culture.

Program Overview

Eligible Applicants

The applicant must be an undergraduate or a graduate student enrolled at an accredited college/university/research institution outside Japan currently and as of Winter School 2024. All lectures (except “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”) are taught in English. A certain degree of English proficiency is required to understand the lectures and engage in the various activities. B2 level or higher English proficiency in CEFR (IELTS 5.5 and TOEFL [iBT] 72) or equivalent level is recommended for non-native English speakers). This program will not be held if the number of applicants is less than ten.

Program Summary

Program Period		Monday 15 January ~ Friday 26 January, 2024	
Course		Main Course “Introduction to Osaka” “Japanese Business Culture” “Entrepreneurship”	Optional Course “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”
Fee		JPY 250,000	JPY 10,000
Minimum Number of Participants		10 students	4 students
Maximum Number of Participants		60 students (first-come basis)	
Accommodation	Style	Student Apartment	Homestay
	Meals	Exclusive	Includes Breakfast and Dinner
	Check-in / out	Check-in Monday 15 January (Afternoon)	Check-out Friday 26 January (Morning)
Overseas Travel Accident Insurance		Required	

Overseas Travel Accident Insurance

All participants are required purchasing the overseas travel accident insurance specified by Kansai University. It is included in the program fees.

Coverage	Insured Amount
Accidental Death	JPY 10,000,000
Accidental Disability	JPY 10,000,000
Accidental Medical Expenses	JPY 30,000,000
Sickness Medical Expenses	JPY 30,000,000
Rescuer's Expenses	JPY 10,000,000
Personal Liability	JPY 100,000,000

- This insurance does NOT cover pre-existing conditions (including allergies) or damage to baggage.
- The insurance can cover you only for a certain period of time(starting from check-in day to check-out day.) Earlier or later than the program schedule is exclusive.
- Should you require additional coverage to the above, you need to purchase another one out of your pocket.

Program Overview

Accommodation

Student apartment

No additional fee is required(apartment utilities such as water, electricity and Wi-Fi are included. Meals are exclusive). Each room in the student apartment will be equipped with a bathroom, a bed and bedding, TV, a refrigerator, and daily commodities (As for washing machine(s), it is attached in a room or equipped in the premises).
※Smoking is strictly prohibited in the premises.

Apartments are located within commuting distance, but the exception would occur depending on the number of applicants .
※We would arrange a room for you in the student dormitory nearby. Applicants feel free to use the facilities and items below in the shared spaces of the dormitory.
e.g., lounge, shower rooms, bathrooms, washing machines in laundry rooms, items in the pantries.

Homestay

Houses of host families are located within an hour commute by public transportation to Senriyama Campus. The host family will pick you up at Senriyama campus on the day of check-in.

Course Schedule Subject to change.						Main courses		Optional courses	
	1/15(MON)	1/16(TUE)	1/17(WED)	1/18(THU)	1/19(FRI)	1/20(SAT)	1/21(SUN)		
1st 9:00-10:30		Orientation	Student Session		Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience				
2nd 10:40-12:10		Campus Tour Welcome Party	Introduction to Osaka1	Introduction to Osaka1	Business Talk(L)	Business Culture 1	Entrepreneurship 1		
3rd 13:00-14:30		Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Introduction to Osaka2	Introduction to Osaka2	Excursion	Business Culture 2	Entrepreneurship 2		
4th 14:40-16:10	Check-in Orientation	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Excursion	Excursion		Business Culture 3	Entrepreneurship 3		
5th 16:20-17:50						Business Culture 4	Entrepreneurship 4		
	1/22(MON)	1/23(TUE)	1/24(WED)	1/25(THU)	1/26(FRI)	1/27(SAT)	1/28(SUN)		
1st 9:00-10:30	Entrepreneurship1	Business Culture 1	Excursion	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Preparation for presentation	Check-out (Morning)			
2nd 10:40-12:10	Entrepreneurship2	Business Culture 2		Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Presentation				
3rd 13:00-14:30	Entrepreneurship3	Business Culture 3		Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Presentation				
4th 14:40-16:10	Entrepreneurship4	Business Culture 4			Closing Ceremony Farewell Party				
5th 16:20-17:50									

Evaluation

The instructor(s) for each course will evaluate students based on the criteria stipulated below. Letter grades (S~F) based on Kansai University rating criteria will be used to indicate the final evaluation.

Score	Grade	
100~90	S	Superior
89~80	A	Excellent
79~70	B	Good
69~60	C	Passable
Below 59	F	Fall

- Certificates of completion will be presented in a part of closing ceremony.
- Academic transcripts will be sent by post within two weeks after the program.

Application Procedure

Application

01. Application Form <Web>
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02. Certificate of Enrollment <E-mail>
Within 3 days after submitting the Application Form

Result Notification

03. Result Notification
Sent by E-mail within 20 days of application submission
04. Payment
Due one week after notification of result

Acceptance

05. Issue of Acceptance Letter
By the end of November

※ Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

※ Applications close upon reaching its capacity.

01. Application Form <Web>

Starting from

Friday September 1

▶ **Apply from here** https://jmrs.kyomu.kansai-u.ac.jp/wsin/!SIPLS0110?KHN_KEY=20230801105738001

※ We would share with your home institution that you apply for the program.

02. Certificate of Enrollment <e-mail>

▶ **Submit to here**  short_term@ml.kandai.jp

Please submit the official certificate of enrollment issued by your home institution which can certify that you are enrolled in your university at the time you apply for Winter School 2024. (Preferably, it has dates of your commencement and expected completion.)

※ Please contact us if you do not receive any reply from us although it takes 20 days after you submit your application form and certificate of enrollment.

※ **Our emails tend to be classified into spam box; thus, please register our email address after you apply for the program. We need to reach out to you before the result notification, so be sure to keep an eye on your spam box regularly as well.**

03. Result Notification

Application documents will be screened and then applicants will be notified of the result via e-mail. The guidelines for the program fee payment and other instructions will be sent to the successful applicants as well. If you do not receive any notification message after 20 days, please contact us immediately.

04. Payment

The below is what you expect to be charged.

■ Basic program fee per person: JPY 250,000

※ What you will be required to submit is as follows:

- 1 Copy of passport photo page
- 2 Pledge
- 3 Proof of Remittance

Basic program fee includes:

- Tuition fee
- Accommodation (daily commodities and utilities included)
- Course materials
- Facility usage fee
- Administration fee
- Overseas travel accident insurance (please refer to page 3)

Basic program fee DOES NOT include:

- Airfare ticket
- Transportation fees in Japan
- Fee (JPY10,000) for optional course; "Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience"
- Meals (except for welcome and farewell parties)
- Remittance fee (JPY2,500) and any transaction fees in your bank

- Follow the instruction and transfer the required fee in one transaction to the designated bank account by the deadline.
- Remittance must be made in Japanese yen.
- Money transfer from outside of Japan may take some time to be completed. Be sure to transfer as early as possible so that the payment will be completed by the deadline.
- Applicants are responsible for the remittance fee.
- Please kindly note that we will not refund tuition and other fees once payment is completed.

05. Issue of Acceptance Letter

The acceptance letter is sent to you via e-mail after we confirm completion of your payment. If you do not receive the letter until November 30, 2023 in spite of completion of your payment, please contact us immediately.

VISA

Participants are responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa.

Please refer to the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs or consult the nearest Embassy or Consulate General of Japan in your area for more information or receive advice from them before applying for this program.

www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Personal Information

Winter School in Kansai University follows Japanese laws, guidelines, and other norms concerning the use of personal information (address, name, telephone number or personally identifiable information) provided by the applicant. When you apply for this program, be sure to refer to the following website for details regarding the use of personal information:

Japanese only: www.kansai-u.ac.jp/global/footer/privacy.html

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