

Information Sheet 2017-18

Kobe University

Graduate of Intercultural Studies

Faculty of Global Human Sciences

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Exchange Program Application		
Nomination Deadline for Partner Universities	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment:	November 1st
	Fall Semester (October) Enrollment:	April 1st
Application Deadline for Students	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment:	November 30th
	Fall Semester (October) Enrollment:	April 30th
Application Information	http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html	
Required Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Application Form for Study Abroad Program2. Official academic transcript from your university3. A photocopy of the Japanese proficiency certificate (if obtained)4. Application for the "Certificate of Eligibility" (COE)5. Letter of Financial Support6. A copy of the statement from your sponsor<ol style="list-style-type: none">A) Recent bank statement and copies of recent bankbook ORB) Certificate of employment of sponsor and a certificate of his/her annual income7. A photocopy of your passport8. A digital photo of the applicant	
Notification of Application Result	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment:	Late December
	Fall Semester (October) Enrollment:	Late May

Academic Information	
Academic Calendar (Subject to Change)	<p>Spring semester 2017 (April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016) Residence open: April 3 Orientation for Exchange Students: Early April (TBA) Class begin: April 7 Class Registration period: April 7 – 20 Exam period: August 2 – 9</p> <p>Fall semester 2017 (October 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017) Residence open: September 29 Orientation for Exchange Students: Early October (TBA) Class begin: October 2 Class Registration period: October 2-16 Exam period: February 2 – 9</p>
Courses at Graduate School of Intercultural Studies/ Faculty of Intercultural Studies	<p>Language of Instruction: Most classes offered at Graduate School of Intercultural Studies / Faculty of Intercultural Studies are taught in Japanese.</p> <p>For Classes taught in English, please refer to the timetable where classes taught in English are marked with an “E”.</p> <p>http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html</p> <p>Undergraduate exchange students are not allowed to take graduate-level courses. Graduate exchange students can audit the undergraduate level courses with no official registration (non-credit awarded, no record on the transcript).</p>
Syllabus	<p>https://kym-syllabus.ofc.kobe-u.ac.jp/campussy</p> <p>Please click “Graduate” or “Undergraduate” first, then select “Intercultural Studies” or “Global Human Sciences”. <u>Another school’s courses are not always available for exchange students</u> under our agreement.</p>
Course Registration	<p>All classes you would like to take will be registered at Kobe University after your arrival and there is no pre-registration. Information about class registration will be notified at the Graduate School/ Faculty Orientation.</p>
Number of Classes (hours per week) required for Exchange Students	<p>Obligations in regards to Student Visa;</p> <p>Undergraduate Students: Must to take more than 6 classes per week. Graduate Students (Master/Doctor): Must have 10 hrs classes or research per week.</p>
Japanese Language Courses for International Students	<p>If the exchange students were accessed as having not-enough Japanese language skill to take regular classes, they will be given an opportunity to take Japanese language course offered by the International Student Center. There are 3 courses of 5 levels each.</p> <p>http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/supports/index.html#japanese</p>
Academic Record Released	<p>Student’s academic transcript will be send to the partner universities after completing their exchange program.</p> <p>March End: issued in Late March</p> <p>September End: issued in Late September</p>
Evaluation Standard	<p>70% over attendance is requirement for evaluation. This standard and total evaluation for each subject may vary according to subjects.</p>

	Please see "Evaluation method" at each subject syllabus.
Grading Scale	S: 100-90, A: 89-80, B: 79-70, C: 69-60, F: 59-

Housing & General Information							
Kobe University Affiliated Accommodation	Exchange students are given priority for room allocations in the university dormitories. The room type will be single only; no other room can be selected. http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/accommodation.html						
Housing Application	Fill in the section "Accommodation" of the Exchange Program Application form. We will do our best to arrange your accommodation accordingly when you are accepted as an exchange student. However, please note that this does not guarantee the availability of your preferences.						
Notification of Housing Allocation	Spring Semester (April) Enrollment: Early March Fall Semester (October) Enrollment: Early September						
Housing Application Deadline	Same as the Exchange program Application deadline						
Visa	After acceptance, Kobe University will apply for the students' COE (Certificate of Eligibility), needed to apply for a college student visa. It will be issued within 1-2 months after application. (We cannot guarantee 100% successful result of COE assessment, but most cases it has been successful.) Students will need to apply for College Student Visa at a Japanese Embassy / Consulate in your home country before entrance.						
Airport Pick up	Not Available						
Insurance	National Health Insurance: The Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare now requires all College Student Visa holders to become a registered member of the Japan National Health Insurance. All exchange students must enroll. Students will pay monthly premiums (Approximately 2,000 JPY per month). Upon joining this system, students will be charged only 30% of the incurred medical cost. Kobe University PAS (Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research): PAS is a nationwide system to indemnify students for the number of days that medical treatment is needed for injury incurred during regular curricular activities and while commuting to or from University. (1,000JPY up to 1 year.) All students are required to participate in this insurance plan.						
Estimated Living Expenses	Average Monthly Costs for Kobe University Students <table border="1" data-bbox="574 1892 1396 2038"> <tr> <td>Books and materials</td> <td>30,000-50,000 yen/year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>University Accommodation</td> <td>~37,300 yen/ month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utility (Electricity, Gas, Water)</td> <td>15,000 yen /month</td> </tr> </table>	Books and materials	30,000-50,000 yen/year	University Accommodation	~37,300 yen/ month	Utility (Electricity, Gas, Water)	15,000 yen /month
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Board & Living expense	30,000 yen /month
Transportation	15,000~20,000 yen /month
Cell Phone	5,000 yen~ /month
National Health Insurance	2,000 yen /month
Others / Entertainment	10,000 yen /month
TOTAL	100,000 yen~ /month

Useful Link

Kobe University

<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>

Graduate School / Faculty of Intercultural Studies

<http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

Gateway to Study in Japan

<http://www.g-studyinjapan.iasso.go.jp/>

Feel Kobe

http://www.feel-kobe.jp/_en/

Hyogo Tourism Guide

<https://www.hyogo-tourism.jp/english/>