## Exchange Program Fact Sheet

**Contemporary Japan Program 2018-2019**

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### Number of Incoming Exchange students

Spring 2017: 153
Fall 2017: 171

### Partner Institutions

143 in 33 countries and regions (As of December 2017)

### 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 (5 credits of mandatory Japanese Language Courses each semester)
    - **Modern Japan Track**, for students who wish mainly to learn about Japan via English-taught courses through a variety of subjects. (2 credit mandatory Japan Studies Course, "Modern Japan Seminar" each semester)

  - Note: Tracks cannot be changed after a student has submitted their application to KGU.

#### Eligibility

- Must be an undergraduate or graduate student nominated by a KGU partner institution.

#### Language Requirements

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<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Japanese Language Track</th>
<th>Modern Japan Track</th>
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<td>Japanese</td>
<td>Students must at least be able to fluently read, write, understand and pronounce the Japanese Hiragana and Katakana phonetic scripts by the time they arrive in Japan.</td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>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.</td>
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#### Language of Instruction

Japanese Language Courses are taught in Japanese.
Japan Studies Courses, School of International Studies Courses (undergraduate only), and Institute of Business and Accounting (graduate only) Courses are taught in English.

#### Application Deadlines

All required hard copies of application documents must arrive at KGU by the following dates:

- Starting from Fall Semester 2018: April 15, 2018
- Starting from Spring Semester 2019: November 15, 2018

Note: The application period opens around two months before the deadline.

#### Application Process

Application information can be found on the following webpage and is updated around two months before each deadline: [http://www.kwansei.ac.jp/r/cjpapplication](http://www.kwansei.ac.jp/r/cjpapplication)

#### Available Period of Study

One Semester or Two Semesters
- Start: Fall or Spring.

### Program Dates (tentative)

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<th>Semester 2018</th>
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<tr>
<td>Designated Arrival Date</td>
<td>September 7</td>
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<td>Designated Arrival Date / Orientation / Registration</td>
<td>September 8 – 14</td>
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<td>First Day of Classes</td>
<td>September 20</td>
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<td>Winter Break</td>
<td>December 22 – January 6, 2019</td>
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<td>Classes Resume</td>
<td>January 7</td>
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<td>Program Completion</td>
<td>January 12</td>
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<td>KGU Regular Class Examinations *1</td>
<td>January 15 – 29</td>
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<td>Winter Intensive Period for students who enroll at KGU for two semester beginning in the Fall.</td>
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<td>First Day of Classes</td>
<td>February 8, 2019</td>
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<td>Last Day of Classes</td>
<td>March 13, 2019</td>
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<td>Spring Semester 2019 (Academic calendar for the 2019 spring will be finalized in Nov. 2018)</td>
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<td>Designated Arrival Date</td>
<td>Fourth/Fifth Week of March 2019</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orientation and Course Registration</td>
<td>End of March-Beginning of April</td>
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<td>April 8</td>
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<td>Program Completion</td>
<td>July 13</td>
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<td>KGU Regular Examinations *1</td>
<td>July 15 – Aug 1</td>
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Note: Classes may be held on some Japanese national public holidays.

*1 Exams for courses not listed under Japanese Language Courses or Japan Studies Courses may take place during the period for KGU Regular Class Examinations.
Courses Offered

Japanese Language Courses (JLC)

The mandatory Japanese Language Courses are taught before lunch and are mandatory for students in the Japanese Language Track.

Elective Courses

CJP elective courses are conducted in English and taught in the afternoon. The JSC Modern Japan Seminar course is mandatory for students in the Modern Japan Track. There is also a selection of Japanese language elective courses.

Online CJP Syllabus

http://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/academics_204254.html

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.

School of International Studies (SIS)

Undergraduate students can also take classes conducted in English at the School of International Studies. There are no International Studies courses offered at the graduate level. List of past courses:
http://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/academics_204254.html

Institute of Business and Accounting (IBA)

Graduate/Master students majoring in business or economics can take graduate level courses in English at the Institute of Business and Accounting. Interested students should contact CIEC during the orientation.
List of past courses: http://global.kwansei.ac.jp/academics/academics_204254.html

Required Credits

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<th>Fall / Spring Semester</th>
<th>10-16 credits per semester</th>
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<td>Winter Intensive Period*</td>
<td>2 credits</td>
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*The Winter Intensive Period is only offered to exchange students enrolled from the Fall semester for two semesters.

Note: Students can take more credits if required by their home university, but this is considered a full credit load at KGU.

Accommodation

KGU 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.

1. Homestay (2,200 JPY/day)
   Includes 2 meals/day on weekdays, 3 meals/day on weekends and holidays, and utilities
   Note: KGU may not be able to find a placement for exchange students due to their preferences, dietary needs or health conditions.
   2. Dormitory (35,000 - 52,500 JPY/month)
   Excludes meals and utilities

Scholarship Opportunities

Exchange students can apply for a scholarship (JASSO, HUMAP ...) through KGU along with their application to KGU.
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.
Note: Please be informed that the number of recipients 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):
http://www.bridgingfoundation.org/
Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association (Taiwan students only):
https://www.koryu.or.jp

Other Information

Nihongo Partner

Acting as language partners the exchange student’s first semester, KGU local student volunteers assist the exchange students in their practice of Japanese. Only students who are enrolled in Japanese Language Track and apply in advance are able to be assigned Nihongo Partners.

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

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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<th>Spring Semester (WIP)</th>
<th>Late August</th>
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<td>Fall Semester</td>
<td>Late February</td>
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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.