

KOBE UNIVERSITY Exchange Program

Result of Completion Questionnaire - Spring 2020



1. Helpful reference prior to departure												
1-1	Daily Life (Food, Clothes, Housing, Health, Public Transportation etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Google Search and YouTube •Variety of websites •infoja@jasso.go.jp •Tourist Guide Books 										
	Procedures (VISA, Residing, National Insurance, Bank etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Home University Study Abroad Team •https://www.mn.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_mn/index.html •infoja@jasso.go.jp •Information of Kobe University 										
	Student Life (Academic Procedure, Course, Research, Scholarship etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Previous student who did the exchange program in 神戸大学 and student life information was enough helpful which is sent by KU International Exchange Division center. •infoja@jasso.go.jp •Kobe university website 										
	Tourist Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Google Search and YouTube (e.g. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=kobe+university+dormitory) •From friends who are studying in Japan. •infoja@jasso.go.jp •"lonely planet : Japan" 										
2. Academics/Courses												
【Regular Subject Courses】												
2-1	What do you think of regular courses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •For courses with Japanese Students (e.g. 戦争と平和 A), it wasn't too difficult as the professor ensured everyone understood the lessons and materials; the topics were very interesting and insightful. For courses with exchange students only (e.g. Japanese Legal Studies), the content of the course was also interesting. •全部日本語での授業に慣れるには少し時間がかかったけど、特に違和感とかは感じていません。 •I took a course about European international relations. I have learnt a lot from the course. It was such an amazing new step for my mind because my major is history. Therefore I have never been interested nowadays topic that related to international relations, solidarity, migrants, refugees and their crises. The lesson did open my eye. From now on, I will try to research history and nowadays international relations are inseparable linked therefore it is important to study both coextensive without overlooking them. 										
Have you achieved the purpose of your study on the exchange program?		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1.Strongly Agree</td> <td>2.Agree</td> <td>3.Not So Agree</td> <td>4.Disagree</td> <td>5.Not Sure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22%</td> <td>67%</td> <td>11%</td> <td>0%</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> </table>	1.Strongly Agree	2.Agree	3.Not So Agree	4.Disagree	5.Not Sure	22%	67%	11%	0%	0%
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2-2	Please explain what your purpose was.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To have a better understanding of EU legal, foreign, and economic policies towards Asian countries such as Japan. •Absolutely, gain a new knowledge and new experience for my life. •日本語能力を上げることと多文化共生に関する知識を勉強することです。 •Understanding Japanese culture, making many friends and pass my courses •To experience and learn about other subjects/topics outside of my faculty •Get an insight in Japanese Health System 										
【Japanese Language Courses at the Center for International Education (CIE)】												
2-3	Did you take language courses at the CIE?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1.Yes</td> <td>2.No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>78%</td> <td>22%</td> </tr> </table>	1.Yes	2.No	78%	22%						
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2-4	What do you think of Japanese Language Courses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I recommend taking all the normal courses (e.g. Elementary courses) alongside the beginners' Kanji, listening & speaking, and reading & writing courses to improve all aspects of one's Japanese skills. •I took the practical course, but I just realized that I had to take grammar class before I took the practical one. •I really enjoyed my Japanese classes (Reading and Writing, Speaking and Listening), the teacher did a great job. •Some professors were more understanding of learning difficulties and took more time to explain in English. 										
Do you think you have improved your Japanese language ability?		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1.Strongly Agree</td> <td>2.Agree</td> <td>3.Not So Agree</td> <td>4.Disagree</td> <td>5.Not Sure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>43%</td> <td>57%</td> <td>0%</td> <td>0%</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> </table>	1.Strongly Agree	2.Agree	3.Not So Agree	4.Disagree	5.Not Sure	43%	57%	0%	0%	0%
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2-5	Please explain how it has improved or what kind of specific ability improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Writing & Reading: I am able to read ~100 kanjis which allows me to help navigate around. Listening & Speaking: I am able to answer basic conversation questions and discuss my plans when I have prepared to do so. •I became able to read some guidance, story, news and speak about some of familiar topics. •My reading and writing are improved greatly. I think I could express myself on the paper about my feelings and opinions. And I could either write or read the letter now. •I am now able to read Hirigana and Katakana and have a very basic grasp of essential phrases. •I became better at listening and speaking in daily conversations which was very helpful. 										

3. Social and Cultural Experience							
3-1	Did you make any cultural or social adjustments when you started to live in Japan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing daily living, food and recreational (e.g. going out) habits. • アルバイトしました。 • Adjusting to cultural shock • If you are not hurry you should stand in the right side of the elevator in Kobe. You should line up to get in bus or train. • Being a bit quieter, no talking in public transport, no blowing the nose, but it was fine to me that way, I had no problem to adapt. 					
3-2	Did you have any good experiences with Japanese friends?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When I go out with my Japanese friends, they are very accomodating and friendly. It is even better when either my friend speaks good English or I speak adequate Japanese so we can understand each other better. • My tutor was incredibly helpful with me settling in Japan and was a good friend for the remainder of my time there. Some other students in my classes made a lot of effort to socialise with international students. 					
3-3	Were you involved in extracurricular activities?	1.Yes 44%	2.No 56%				
	What kind of activities was it?	1.Sport Club 25%	2.Culture club 25%	3.Volunteer 0%	4.Internship 0%	5.Work activities 25%	
	How did you know about it?	1.Kobe University Website 0%	2.SNS(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.) 25%	3.Advertisement(Poster or Flyer) 25%	4.Japanese Students 0%	5.International Students 25%	6.Professors 0%
	Did you feel satisficated with your activities?	1.Fully satisficated 0%	2.Satisficated 50%	3.Not So Satisficated 50%	4.Not Satisficated at all 0%		
	Please explain details of your activity or your experiences through the activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •販売店の店内スタッフをやっていました。接客、レジ、売り場メンテナンス、仕入れ商品など色々な業務を経験しました。 •About Japanese cooking, gaming and wearing. 					
3-4	What did you do during your free time, at night and on the weekends? Please explain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go out to eat, drink and Karaoke. Sometimes we went to day trips (e.g. Kyōto, Osaka, Nara). • Stay home - Covid19. I do my research, read the books, try to learn new things and chat with my family and friends. • 周り近いところから旅に行きます。 • I was doing the part time job with night shift on weekends. • On the weekends we would go on to day trips to areas around Kobe and in the evenings we would meet up for drinks and food either in town or in the dorm. • I travelled a lot in Kansai. • Meeting other students, travelling, doing sports or cooking 					
3-5	What do you think of Kobe city?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kōbe Luminaire was spectacular. I was hoping to go to Summer Festivals but I assume they were cancelled. I always felt safe wherever I went in Kōbe and everyone is hospitable. Honestly, I think Kōbe is better than Tōkyo or Ōsaka because it's not too crowded but everything is here. • 安全性は高いのはいうまでもないです。 • I personally felt very safe in Kobe and those who interacted with me appeared very friendly. • Kobe was a nice city to live in. 					

4. Housing/Food

4-1	Where did you live?	1. International Residence 33%	2. Kokui Residence 22%	3. Sumiyoshi International Student House 22%	4. Hakuo Dormitory(Fukae Area) 22%	5. Host family 0%	6. Apartment 0%
	How were you satisfied with the housing you lived?	7. Others 0%					
4-2	How did you get your meals?	1. Cooking by yourself 67%	2. Buying prepared food by yourself 22%	3. Eating out 0%	4. Prepared by your housing/host 0%		
4-3	Did you have any good experiences with your neighborhood and commute?	5. Others 11% (Occasionally cook too.)					
		• I really enjoyed living at the Residence, they have good facilities and I met some friends there.					

5. Cost

5-1	Did you receive any scholarships?	1. Yes 100%	2. No 0%				
	Sponsor:	JASSO(日本学生支援機構) / Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (Foundation of German nation)					
	Amount/month (yen):	Average: 82,222		Max: 100,000	Min: 80,000		
5-2	How much did you spend for the following items for 1 semester? (yen)	Airfare (round trip): Average: 152,500 Max: 420,000 Min: 20,000	Accommodation (per semester, including water, electricity, gas charges): Average: 132,618 Max: 208,500 Min: 33,000	Food (per semester): Average: 145,555 Max: 250,000 Min: 60,000	Transportation while in Japan (per semester): Average: 68,268 Max: 190,000 Min: 17,500	Insurance Fee (per semester): Average: 13,635 Max: 37,500 Min: 5,000	Mobile bill (Wi-Fi) (per semester): Average: 19,666 Max: 40,500 Min: 0
	Total per semester (yen) :	Others: Gym: 45,000 書籍、服、雑貨など: 160,000 Average: 485,310 Max: 628,250 Min: 366,500					
5-3	Please add any comments/advice for prospective student about managing expenses while at KU.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a monthly ticket, do not get a gym membership, and budget for your food wisely. • Reduction of train. • 販売店でのアルバイトをやりました。 • Do not spend too much. • School cafeteria is cheapest and adequate. 					

6. Additional Comments

7-1	Has study abroad changed the direction of your life in any way?	1. Strongly Agree 33%	2. Agree 56%	3. Not So Agree 11%	4. Disagree 0%	5. Not Sure 0%	
	Please explain how it changed your direction of your life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before coming to Japan, I wanted to become a judge. Now, I want to explore a career in Foreign Relations (e.g. becoming a diplomat or working for ministers). • I had gained a quite enough experience and knowledge. • 日本に対する理解が深まるから、まだはっきり決めていないけど、日本の大学院への進学と研究内容についてはより明確になってきました。 • I grew up. • Studying in Japan influenced me to continue studing Japanese language after leaving KU, to look into going to graduate school at KU. • Become more involved in the international community, espically international students at my own university. • Personally: different aspects I take with me and professionally: I will consider some Japanese habits when working as a doctor on my own 					