







#### **INSTITUTION**

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#### **WEBSITE**

Inter-University Exchange Program Website
About Exchange Programs
List of Inter-University Student Exchange Partners

https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study\_in\_kobe/admission/exchange\_program.html



# **Eligibility**

https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study\_in\_kobe/admission/exchange\_program/eligibility.html

### **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

# 1. NOMINATION for Spring 2026 – Fall 2026

Nomination Deadlines	Spring semester	October 20, 2025
	Fall semester	April 20, 2026
	Partner institutions are kindly requested to complete the nomination sheet, which will be provided by Kobe University, and return it to stdnt-intlexchange@office.kobe-u.ac.jp	

# 2. APPLICATION for Spring 2026 – Fall 2026

Application Documents	<ol> <li>Exchange Student Application Form</li> <li>Copy of Academic Transcript (English)</li> <li>Certificate of Japanese and/or English Language Ability (Optional)</li> </ol>	
Application Deadlines	Spring semester:	November 1, 2025
	Fall semester:	May 1, 2026
Application Schedule	For the application schedule, please click <u>here</u> .	

#### **ACADEMIC INFORMATION: 1**

Affiliations	Education Center (GEC) at corresponds to their major at - Faculties (Schools) (for Undergre-Graduate Schools (for Graduate - GEC (Global Education Center: Jeligibility for enrollment in GEC 1. Exchange students who can designated partner institution Please refer to the 'List of Int 2. Exchange students who are universities	3. Exchange students who wish to prioritize the study Japanese language and culture during	
Academic Calendar	Spring semester	April - September	
Fall semester October - March		October - March	
Academic Load	Kobe University does not have a full-time load. 124 credits or more are necessary to complete an undergraduate program (Bachelor degree) at Kobe University (approx. 30 credits/year).  Maximum load per semester depends on each faculty, and there is no minimum load. However, all international students including exchange students must take at least 10 lesson hours (equivalent to 6-7 classes) per week in accordance with immigration law.		

### **ACADEMIC INFORMATION: 2**

Class Types and Schedules  Credits	Classes include lectures, seminars, experiments, exercises, and practical training. We will offer classes according to patterns A) – C) described below. Patterns A) and B) are "quarter classes", and pattern C) takes the "semester class" format. Please see the syllabus for further information about each class.  A) 1 class per week for 8 weeks (including examination days)  B) 2 classes per week for 8 weeks (including examination days)  C) 1 class per week for 16 weeks (including examination days)  Grades and credits are acquired at the end of each academic semester. According to Kobe University General Rules for Students, 1 credit is usually awarded for 15 hours of lectures. To receive 1 credit, a total of 45 hours of study are required (this includes self-study hours to		
	prepare for or review classwork).	on study are required (and includes sen study nouls to	
Level of Study	This should correspond to the academic level of exchange students at their home university.		
	Home University	Kobe University	
	Bachelor/Undergraduate/1st Cycle	Bachelor/Undergraduate/1st Cycle only	
	Master/Graduate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	Master/Graduate/2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle only	
	Doctor/Graduate/3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle	Doctor/Graduate/3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle only	
Courses/Classes	Syllabus (for external use) All course offerings are subject to change, and some courses may not be available every semester or quarter.		
Course Registration	Course registration is available only after arrival, and there is no pre-registration process.		
Japanese Language Requirement	There is no language requirement, but having Japanese proficiency equivalent to JLPT N2 or higher is strongly recommended if students intend to take courses conducted in Japanese. Many Faculties (Schools) or Graduate Schools offer courses in Japanese.  To see if your preferred Faculty (School) and Graduate School offers courses in English, please check our syllabus.		
	What is Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 ? $\Rightarrow$ Click!		
Grading Systems	5-level grading system: S (90-100), A (80-89), B (70-79), C (60-69), F (below 59)		
Transcript of Record	Spring semester La	ate September – Early October	
	Fall semester	ate March - Early April	
Requirements for Entry to Japan	<ol> <li>CoE (Certificate of Eligibility)         This is a required document for applying for a student VISA. To support international students entering Japan smoothly, we offer a proxy application service for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE).     </li> <li>VISA         Applicants must apply for a visa in person at the Embassy or Consulate in their home country. A visa cannot be obtained after arriving in Japan.     </li> <li>For more detailed information about required documents and procedures, please contact the Japanese embassy or refer to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.</li> </ol>		

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Vaccination	Kobe University has implemented the Measles and Rubella Registration Policy.  Measles and Rubella - Control and Prevention  (Please see page 15, "③.Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases". The guidebook states that all newly enrolled Kobe University students must submit certification of immunization for Measles and Rubella during their medical check-up. In fact, all exchange students enrolled are required to submit these documents during their medical check-up, either in April or in October.)		
Insurance	All students are required to enroll in the following four insurances.  1. National Health Insurance 2. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) 3. Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Couples with PAS for International Students (Inbound "Futai Gakusou") 4. Inbound Medical Assistance Service (IMAS)		
Accommodation	We have <u>6 residential facilities</u> for international dormito	ational students, all located off campus. In addition, ory, which is also located off campus.	
Recommended Arrival Date	Spring semester	Late March	
	Fall semester	Late September	
Orientation	Spring semester	Early April	
	Fall semester	Late September	
Students Support Services	<ul> <li>Medical Support Consultation Form         For students with chronic conditions or disabilities (physical, developmental, or mental), we will make preparations to provide support where possible if they let us know in advance. If they are taking medication and need help finding continuous treatment in Japan, please let us know using the "Medical Support Consultation Form" before coming to Japan. This form will be enclosed when we send the Pre-Arrival Information (around January for Spring exchange, and around July for Fall exchange).     </li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Medical Checkups         Kobe University carries out annual medical checkups in early April and early October. New students must take a checkup in either of these months according to their enrollment month. Students who do not take the free checkup at Kobe University must undergo an equivalent medical checkup at an external hospital, and they will need to pay fees for both the examination and the certificate. They must then present the certificate to the Medical Center for Student Health.     </li> </ul>		
	- Advisory and Counseling Services for International Students		
	- Medical Support (physical and mental health consultations)		
	- Support for students with disabilities		
	You can also find this information on the following website: <a href="https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campus-life/support/about/">https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campus-life/support/about/</a>		