



**KOBE UNIVERSITY
INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM
INFORMATION SHEET FALL 2026**



INSTITUTION

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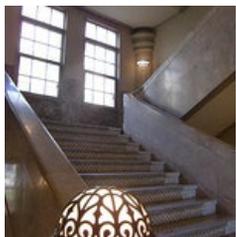
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WEBSITE

<p>Inter-University Exchange Program Website About Exchange Programs List of Inter-University Student Exchange Partners</p> <p>https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html</p> <p>Eligibility</p> <p>https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program/eligibility.html</p>



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

1. NOMINATION for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027

Nomination Deadlines	Fall semester	April 20, 2026
	Spring semester	October 20, 2026
	Partner institutions are kindly requested to complete the nomination form on the website, which will be provided by Kobe University.	

2. APPLICATION for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027

Application Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange Student Personal Information Copy of Academic Transcript in English (Upload) Certificate of Japanese and/or English Language Ability (Optional) 	
Application Deadlines	Fall semester:	May 1, 2026
	Spring semester:	November 1, 2026
Application Schedule	For the application schedule, please click here .	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION: 1

Affiliations	<p>Exchange students must be affiliated with one Faculty (School), Graduate School, or the Global Education Center (GEC) at Kobe University. They should choose the one that best corresponds to their major at their home universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faculties (Schools) (for Undergraduates/ Bachelor/ 1st cycle) - Graduate Schools (for Graduate Students/ Master/ Doctor/ 2nd cycle/ 3rd cycle) - GEC (Global Education Center: Japanese Language Course) <p><Eligibility for enrollment in GEC></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange students who can choose GEC as their affiliation are limited to those from designated partner institutions. Please refer to the 'List of Inter-University Student Exchange Partners'. Exchange students who are majoring Japanese language or Japanese Studies at their home universities Exchange students who wish to prioritize the study Japanese language and culture during their stay at Kobe University. 	
Academic Calendar	Fall semester	October – March
	Spring semester	April - September
Academic Load	<p>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.</p>	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION: 2

Class Types and Schedules	<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>									
Credits	<p>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).</p>									
Level of Study	<p>This should correspond to the academic level of exchange students at their home university.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="415 696 1232 886"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="415 696 801 747">Home University</th> <th data-bbox="801 696 1232 747">Kobe University</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="415 747 801 793">Bachelor/Undergraduate/1st Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="801 747 1232 793">Bachelor/Undergraduate/1st Cycle only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="415 793 801 839">Master/Graduate/2nd Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="801 793 1232 839">Master/Graduate/2nd Cycle only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="415 839 801 886">Doctor/Graduate/3rd Cycle</td> <td data-bbox="801 839 1232 886">Doctor/Graduate/3rd Cycle only</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Home University	Kobe University	Bachelor/Undergraduate/1 st Cycle	Bachelor/Undergraduate/1 st Cycle only	Master/Graduate/2 nd Cycle	Master/Graduate/2 nd Cycle only	Doctor/Graduate/3 rd Cycle	Doctor/Graduate/3 rd Cycle only
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Courses/Classes	<p>Syllabus (for external use) All course offerings are subject to change, and some courses may not be available every semester or quarter.</p>									
Course Registration	<p>Course registration is available only after arrival, and there is no pre-registration process.</p>									
Japanese Language Requirement	<p>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.</p> <p>What is Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 ? ⇒ Click!</p>									
Grading Systems	<p>5-level grading system: S (90-100), A (80-89), B (70-79), C (60-69), F (below 59)</p>									
Transcript of Record	Fall semester	Late March - Early April								
	Spring semester	Late September – Early October								
Requirements for Entry to Japan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 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. <p>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.</p>									

OTHER INFORMATION

Vaccination	<p>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.)</p>	
Insurance	<p>All students are required to enroll in the following four insurances.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>We have 5 residential facilities for international students (excluding Hakuo Dormitory and International House) listed on the linked page, all of which are located off campus. In addition, there is 1 affiliated international dormitory, which is also located off campus.</p>	
Recommended Arrival Date	Fall semester	Late September
	Spring semester	Late March
Orientation	Fall semester	Late September
	Spring semester	Early April
Students Support Services	<p>- 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 you are currently taking medication and will require assistance in arranging continuous treatment in Japan, please inform us by submitting the ‘Medical Support Consultation Form’ as soon as possible after receiving your Acceptance Letter. This form will be enclosed when we send the Pre-Arrival Information (around July for Fall exchange, and around January for Spring exchange).</p> <p>- Medical Checkups Kobe University carries out annual medical checkups in early October and early April. 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.</p> <p>- Advisory and Counseling Services for International Students</p> <p>- Medical Support (physical and mental health consultations)</p> <p>- Support for students with disabilities</p> <p>You can also find this information on the following website: https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campus-life/support/about/</p>	