

kobe college

2027 FACT SHEET

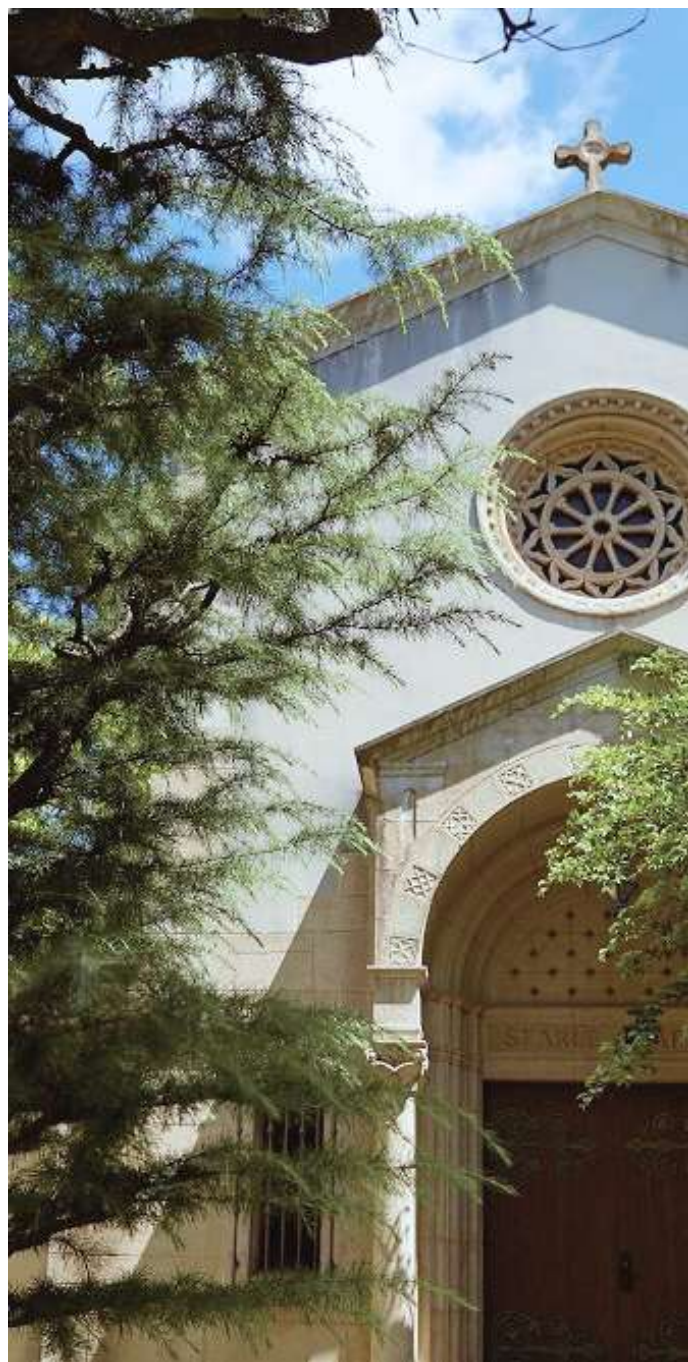


ABOUT KC

Kobe College (KC) was founded in 1875 by two female missionaries from the United States. From the beginning, our education has been based on Christian values, international understanding, and whole-person development. We value individuality and aim to nurture women who are independent, well-rounded, and intellectual.

Kobe College fosters academic excellence, specialized knowledge, broad perspectives, sound judgment, and strong language skills. Guided by our motto, "Love Thy God and Thy Neighbor," the College has consistently prepared women to recognize their roles in society and contribute widely in diverse fields.

The founding principles, supportive academic environment, and liberal arts education remain core to Kobe College's proud tradition today.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Duration	One Semester / One year (2 semesters)
Level of Study	Undergraduate
Language Requirements	We accept exchange students regardless of if they have prior learning experiences with Japanese. However, we highly recommend students have language proficiency equivalent to N2 of JLPT if intending to take courses conducted in Japanese.
Nomination Deadline	Spring Semester: November 1, 2026 Fall Semester: April 1, 2027 Please send us all student nominations prior to submitting application materials. To nominate a student, the Student Exchange Coordinator at our partner must send an email to our office at kokusai@kobe-c.ac.jp. There is no required nomination form—coordinators may use their own format or include nominee details in the body text.
Application and Documents Deadline	Spring Semester: November 10, 2026 Fall Semester: April 10, 2027

SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS

School of International Studies	Department of English
	Department of Global Studies
School of Letters	Department of Intercultural Studies
School of Music	Department of Music
School of Psychology	Department of Psychology
School of Life and Environmental Sciences	Department of Life and Environmental Sciences

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

VISA	Exchange students must apply for a “Student VISA” prior to arriving in Japan. The “Certificate of Eligibility (COE)” required for VISA applications, will be issued by the Immigration Bureau and sent to you by Kobe College. For more information: https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/
National Health Insurance	All foreign exchange students are required to apply for National Health Insurance upon arrival in Japan. Details regarding the process will be provided by the IPC. We strongly recommend that international students also apply for travel insurance in their home country, to cover expected and/or unexpected expenses during their stay. Cost: approx. 2,000 yen / Month For more information: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/health-insurance/index.html
Personal Accident and Liability Insurance	All foreign exchange students are required to enroll in Personal Accident and Liability Insurance. This insurance covers injuries resulting from accidents related to school activities on and/or off campus, and provides protection against claims resulting from injuries or damage to other people or property in the dormitory. Cost: approx. 3,000 yen / Semester approx. 5,000 yen / Year
Antibody Test, and Vaccination for Measles	All students planning to reside in the Kobe College Dormitory are required to take an antibody test for measles. If as a result, they are tested negative, they are responsible for being vaccinated for measles in their home country, prior to arriving in Japan. Proof of immunization to Measles should be submitted to the Dormitory upon arrival.
Japan Pre-entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)	JPETS is a mandatory health safeguard for foreign nationals from selected high-risk countries—including the Philippines, Nepal, and Vietnam—who plan to study or live in Japan for more than three months. Applicants must undergo a medical exam and chest X-ray (with sputum testing if needed) at a Japanese government-designated “Panel Clinic” in their country of residence. Those without active tuberculosis receive a TB Clearance Certificate, which is required when applying for a Certificate of Eligibility or a Japanese visa. For more information: https://jpets.mhlw.go.jp/





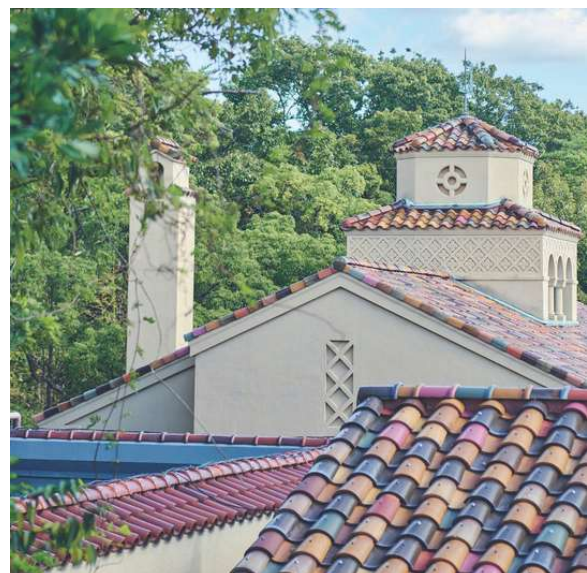
APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1	Kobe College Application Form	Please complete all four pages of the application form, either digitally or by hand. Regarding the “Department you wish to enter”: • Select the Department of Global Studies if you wish to take most of your courses in English. • Select the Department of Intercultural Studies if you are interested in courses related to Japanese culture and language. • If you are interested in another academic field, you may select the department that best aligns with your area of study. Please ensure all information is accurate and the form is signed before submission.
2	Medical Examination Form	Must be fully completed and signed by a licensed physician. Any supplementary documents (such as test results or additional notes) must be translated into either Japanese or English. Translations may be done by the applicant themselves.
3	Copy of Passport (in color)	Please include both the main page with your photo and personal information, as well as the page for official remarks (追記欄).
4	Official Transcript	Transcripts should be in English and must show the student’s academic performance to date.
5	Certificate of Enrollment	The certificate of enrollment must be issued by the applicant’s home university, and be up to date at the time of application.
6	One Letter of Recommendation	Must be written by a faculty member who is familiar with the applicant’s academic work and character. The letter should be written in English or Japanese and signed on official letterhead.
7	Copy of the Certificates of Japanese Language Test and English Language Test (if any)	If available, submit a copy of your Japanese language proficiency test results (e.g. JLPT) and/or English language proficiency test results (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS).
8	One ID Photo	One ID photo as a JPEG/JPG file (minimum size: 354 x 472 pixels). The photo must show the applicant facing forward, without a hat, and with no background. Please send the image as an email attachment. (Including a photo in the application is optional.) The photo will be used for both the applicant’s COE application and for issuing their student ID card.

※ Applications materials may be submitted by either the applicant’s home institution, or by the applicant themselves.
 ※ If for any reason the deadline for submitting applications cannot be met, please contact the IPC.

IMPORTANT DATES

2027 Spring Semester	First Day of Spring Semester: Mid April 2027
	Last Day of Spring Semester: Late July 2027
	Arrival Date: To be announced by the IPC
	Transcript Issue Date: early September 2027
2027 Fall Semester	First Day of Fall Semester: Late September 2027
	Last Day of Fall Semester: Late January 2028
	Arrival Date: To be announced by the IPC
	Transcript Issue Date: early March 2028

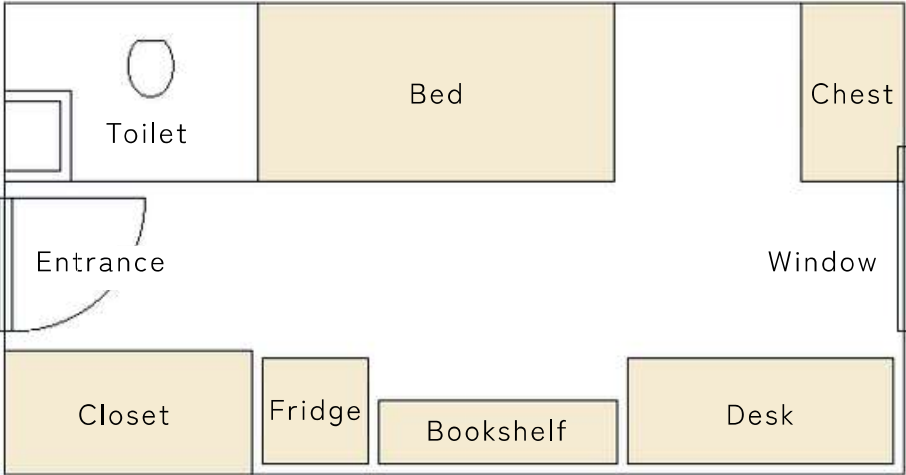


ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Courses for Exchange Students	• Cu226(1)(2) Introduction to Japanese Culture • Japanese Language Classes: Exchange students will be assigned classes according to their language proficiency. Classes include reading, grammar and composition, kanji and vocabulary. • Cu329ab Tutorial for Exchange Student: Exchange students will choose an instructor according to their preferred field of study. This course is not mandatory, and course registration will be subject to approval by said instructor. Students are also welcome to take additional courses of interest. Almost all courses are open to exchange students (some restrictions apply). Please note, courses conducted entirely in English are limited. For students intending to take courses conducted in Japanese, we highly recommend a language proficiency equivalent to N2 of the JLPT.												
Syllabi	Click “Syllabus (Universal Passport)” on the following website: https://www-kobe-c-ac-jp-e.athp.transer.com/about/kokai/												
Class Period	90 minutes / class												
Credit	Students will earn 1 or 2 credits per course												
Grading System	Grades are based on a 100-point scale, <u>with 60 points or above considered a passing grade.</u> Credit is awarded for courses in which a passing grade is earned. With the exception of some courses, grades are shown on a 5-point scale: 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0. The general grade criteria and their approximate equivalents on the 100-point scale are as follows: <table><tr><td>90-100%</td><td>Exceptional</td><td>70-79%</td><td>Good</td><td>0-59%</td><td>Poor</td></tr><tr><td>80-89%</td><td>Excellent</td><td>60-69%</td><td>Satisfactory</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	90-100%	Exceptional	70-79%	Good	0-59%	Poor	80-89%	Excellent	60-69%	Satisfactory		
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Other	If special assistance is required, please consult us in advance.												

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

Building	Mary and Grace Stowe Memorial Dormitory		
Location	On-campus		
Room Type	Single (176 rooms total, each with a private toilet)		
Furnishings	All rooms are furnished with a single-size bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, dresser, washroom, refrigerator, closet, and air conditioner.		
Shared Facilities	Residents are free to use the shared kitchens, lounges, showers, baths, washing machines, and dryers.		
Cost	25,000 yen / Month Scholarships to help cover dormitory fees available. (not guaranteed) Applications for foreign exchange students will be submitted by the IPC.		
Other	• Meals not included. Residents are permitted to cook in the shared kitchens. • Residents are required to pay for their lighting and heating expenses. The cost will vary depending on the amount of electricity residents use. • Wi-fi is available in each room. Residents must bring their own computer. • Residents are required to attend the evening assembly every Wednesday throughout the semester. • Residents must return to the dormitory by 11:00 p.m. (curfew). • Residents will be assigned a shared area to clean, two to three times a week. • <u>Smoking & alcohol are strictly prohibited</u> in the dorms—as well as on campus. • Residents are expected to abide by dormitory regulations and follow the dormitory superintendents' guidance.		



(176 Rooms Total / Each 15.3㎡)

 Furnished

Scan for a
panoramic photo



OTHER INFORMATION

Buddy System

Kobe College students, known as 'buddies,' have volunteered to welcome international students and help them adjust to life in Japan. They hope to become your first Japanese friends.

Buddies can assist with a variety of things, such as airport pick-up, resident registration, daily shopping, or simply just hanging out.

Airport Pickup Service

Exchange students will be picked up at the airport by student buddies or staff members arranged by Kobe College, provided they arrive at Kansai International Airport, Osaka Itami Airport, or Kobe Airport on the designated date and time.

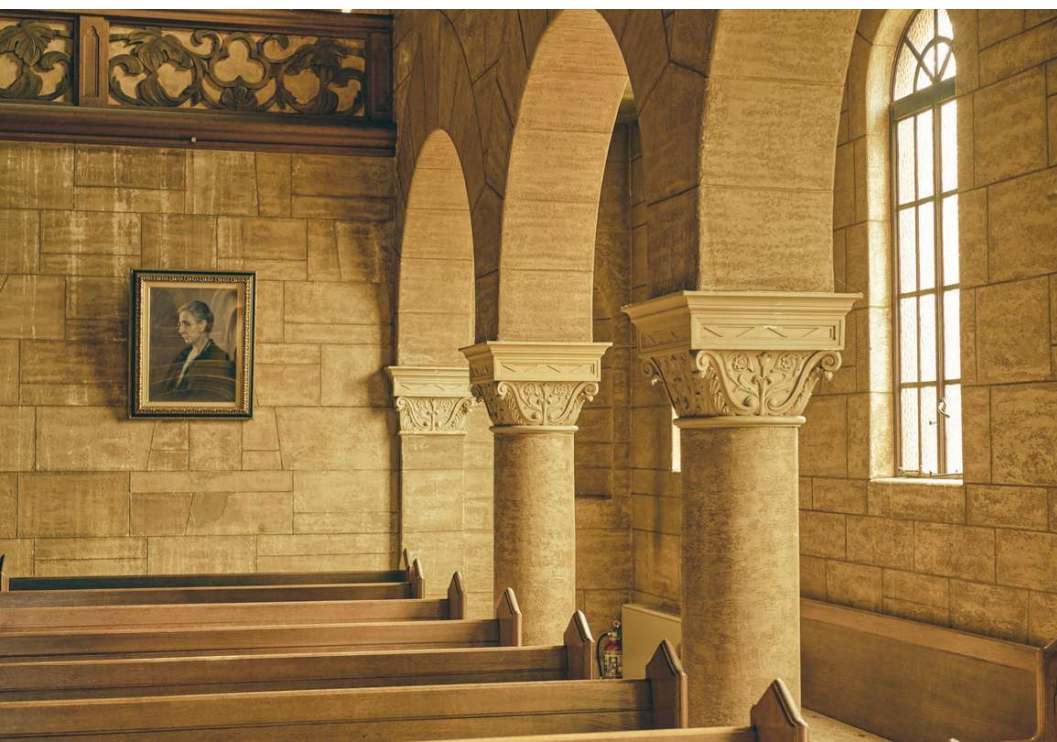
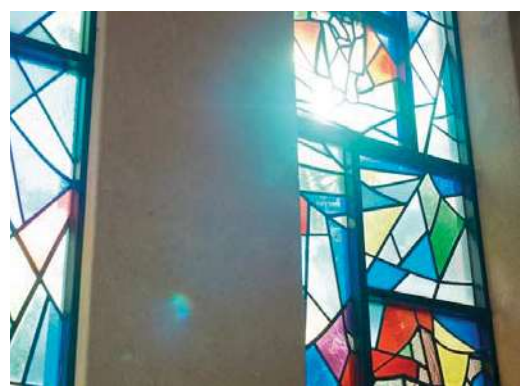
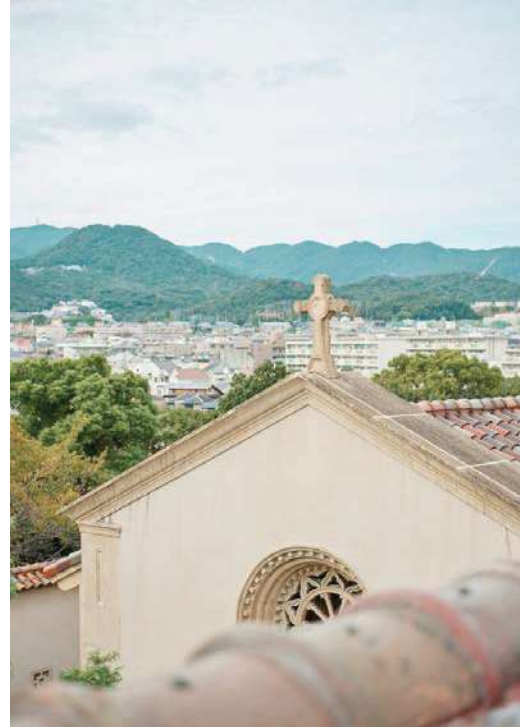
Please note that transportation costs are the student's responsibility.

About the Kobe College Campus

Kobe College is renowned for its beautiful lush green campus. Our campus remains approx. 35% wild greenery. If you include gardens and flower beds, this number increases to 50%!

Additionally, the 12 buildings that make up the Okadayama campus of Kobe College were designated a National Important Cultural Property in 2014.

National Important Cultural Property:
<http://www.kobe-c.ac.jp/foundation/nicp>
Kobe College Facts: <https://www.kobe-c.ac.jp/about/outline/data>





USEFUL LINKS

CAMPUS / ACADEMIC CALENDAR

CLASS TIMETABLE

CAMPUS MAP

ON-CAMPUS DORMITORY

CAFETERIA / SHOPS

CLUBS

OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS:

