

A GUIDE FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Kansai University of International Studies (KUISs) Exchange Program is an exchange program designed to provide undergraduate students from affiliated universities with the opportunity to study for either half of or one full year in Japan at KUISs.

KUISs provides a safe and caring environment in which to carry out your academic studies and broaden your horizons. Participating in our exchange program will help prepare you for the future and will provide you with knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime. In addition, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and make friends with many Japanese and international students from other countries who come to study at KUISs. We sincerely look forward to your participation in this program!



Photo: Bay Area Kobe City, Hyogo

About KUISs

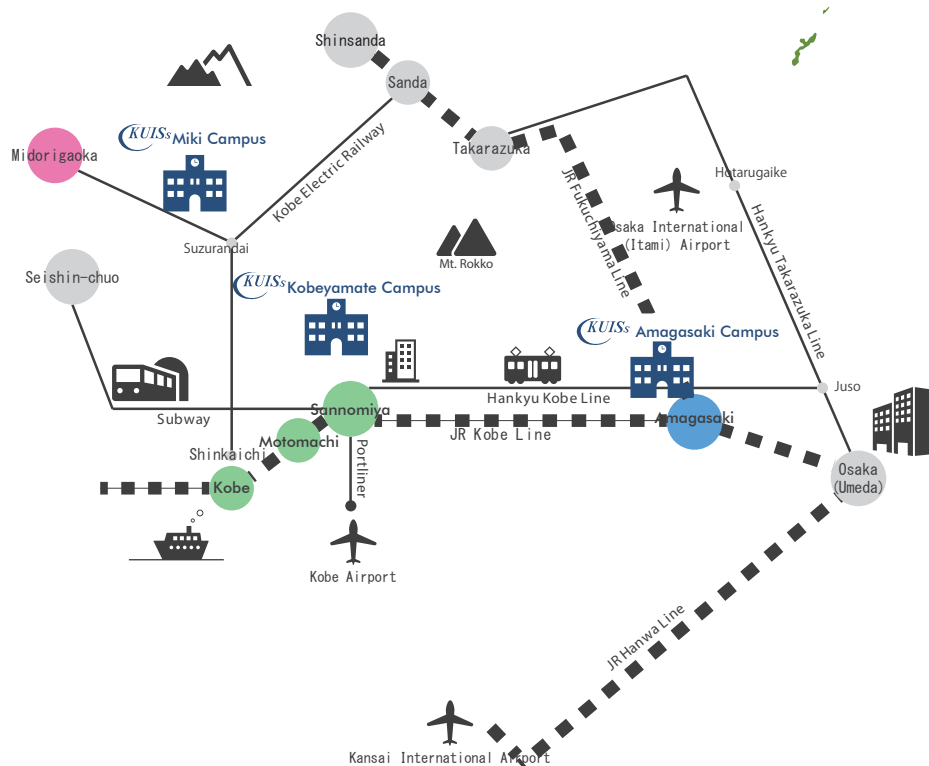
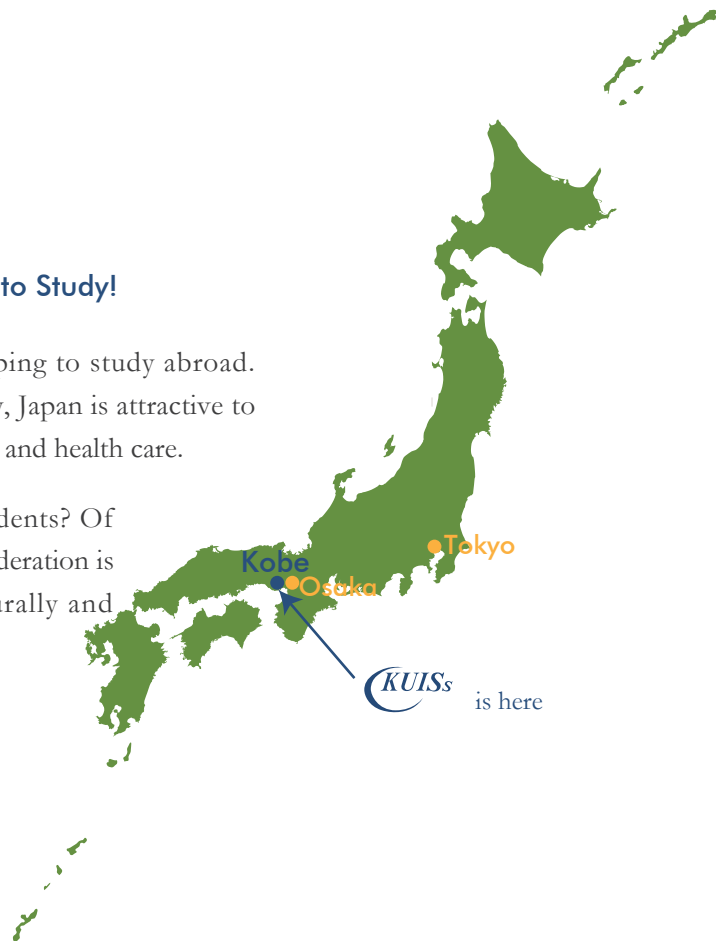
Location

Kobe: An Attractive Destination for International Students to Study!

Japan is a popular destination for many university students hoping to study abroad. Besides being a nation known for its distinctive culture and history, Japan is attractive to prospective students because of its high-level of safety, convenience and health care.

But where is the best place to live in Japan for international students? Of course, this depends on the individual; but the most common consideration is finding a place that has both a low cost of living and is culturally and economically dynamic.

Kobe offers a rich living environment and ample urban functions. There are many attractive factors in Kobe, such as low cost of living, less traffic congestion, uncrowded trains, short commuting time, and a safe and secure environment.



Three Campuses

KUISs has three campuses. Those are Kobeyamate Campus, Amagasaki Campus, and Miki Campus. All those three campuses are located in Hyogo prefecture.

* We accept exchange students at Kobeyamate Campus and Amagasaki Campus.

Kobeyamate Campus

Convenient transportation from the center of Kobe, a metropolis, for commuting to school. Located in a quiet, green and safe area. We nurture the ability to be active globally in the international city of Kobe.

Amagasaki Campus

Amagasaki is a major commercial city located between Osaka and Kobe. It takes about 6 minutes from Amagasaki Station to Osaka Station. The campus is directly connected to JR Amagasaki Station. It is an ideal environment for internships and off-campus study.



Kobe Yamate Campus Building No. 3



Amagasaki Campus Cafeteria

What you can learn at KUIsS

Schools/Departments at KUIsS

School of Global Studies	Department of Global Studies	Global Business	Kobeyamate Campus
		Japanese Culture and Language	
		Tourism (Hospitality Business)	
School of Informatics	Department of Information Design		Kobeyamate Campus
School of Psychology	Department of Psychology	Major in Clinical Psychology	
		Major in Criminal Psychology	
		Major in Disaster Psychology	
		Major in Industrial and Consumer Psychology	
School of Education	Department of Child Education and Social Welfare	Major in Child Education	Amagasaki Campus
		Major in Social Welfare	
School of Management	Department of Management	Major in Business Design	
		Major in Community Management	

Photo: Kobe City, Hyogo



Exchange Students' Voices

An Exchange student from Jiangsu Ocean University to the Department of Child Education and Social Welfare

While studying at KUISs, I was able to meet excellent professors of the university, and the professors gave me opportunities for social activities. For example, we did the "Push Chalympics Activity," in which we pushed bicycles through the shopping district in Hanshin Amagasaki, and we did support activities for homeless people in Nishinari Ward, Osaka. We also went to the "Dream School" many times to play games with truanting children and learned how to give support for them. This semester we also had a field day with the "Dream School" children.

Before coming to Japan, I read the philosophy of "love for humanity" on the website of KUISs and decided to come to this university. When I actually came here, I could always feel the love and compassion between people at the university, and I thought it was a university full of love for humanity. Thank you very much.



An Exchange student from Busan University of Foreign Studies to the Department of Business Administration

I studied abroad at KUISs with the goals of learning marketing expertise, understanding Japanese trends by looking at advertisements and commercials, and analyzing the differences between Japan and my own country.

While studying at KUISs, I actively participated in exchange activities, such as going to high schools to give presentations. KUISs was a university that was committed to fostering human resources capable of building and managing a safe and secure society while understanding diverse values.

After graduating from the university, I would like to apply what I learned at KUISs to become a person who can formulate excellent management strategies, contribute to the growth and survival of companies, and communicate smoothly with foreign consumers. I also want to use the best memories I have with the friends I met at KUISs as a driving force in my heart when hardships and difficulties arise in the future.

I am very glad that I came to Kansai University of International Studies.



Data fo KUISs



Number of Students: 2,620*
(Male: 1,412* / Female: 1,208*)

Number of International Students: 377*

* including undergraduate students, graduate students,
Japanese Language Course students, auditors

As of May 1, 2024



Number of Staff: 249

Teaching Staff: 135**

Non-Teaching Staff: 76

** not including part-time professors or lecturers

As of May 1, 2023



Number of Certified Clubs: 53

Major Athletic Clubs: Badminton, Baseball, Bicycle, Basketball, Dance, Futsal, Golf, Kickboxing, Kimball, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, and more.

Major Academic & Cultural Clubs: Broadcasting, E-sports, Orchestra, Photography, Sign Language, Tea Ceremony, Volunteer, and more.

Among them, the Baseball, Soccer, Tennis and Brass band clubs lead the club activities of KUISs as "strengthening clubs"!

As of Apr. 1, 2024

Famous Tourist Destination Nearby

Himeji-jo: The World Heritage Site in Hyogo Prefecture

Himeji-jo is the finest surviving example of early 17th-century Japanese castle architecture, comprising 83 buildings with highly developed systems of defence and ingenious protection devices dating from the beginning of the Shogun period. It is a masterpiece of construction in wood, combining function with aesthetic appeal, both in its elegant appearance unified by the white plastered earthen walls and in the subtlety of the relationships between the building masses and the multiple roof layers.



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Kobe Harborland

Opened in October 1992, the Kobe Harborland megacomplex has become one of Kobe's major tourist attractions and is home to some of the city's best waterfront sights during a night out.

With shopping and entertainment along a scenic seaside, Kobe Harborland is one of the many unofficial hearts of the city. Its well-connected network of transport options and lovely views draw crowds of locals and tourists to the area year-round.

Kobe Harborland <https://www.japan.travel/en/spot/1041/>

Neighboring Cities to Visit

Osaka Osaka Prefecture, which includes Osaka City (its capital) and 42 other municipalities, has a population of 8.84million and a total land mass of about 1,905 square kilometers. Although Osaka is Japan's second smallest prefecture by size, its population represents 7% of the entire nation, making it the second most populous prefecture after Tokyo. Furthermore, 10% of all non-Japanese residents live in Osaka.

Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau: <https://osaka-info.jp/en/page/osaka-beginners>



Dōtonbori canal, Osaka



Kyoto

Kyoto served as Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. It is one of the country's ten largest cities with a population of 1.5 million people and a modern face.

Over the centuries, Kyoto was destroyed by many wars and fires, but due to its exceptional historic value, the city was dropped from the list of target cities for the atomic bomb and escaped destruction during World War II. Countless temples, shrines and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today.

Kyoto Travel Guide - What to do in Kyoto City - Japan Guide (<https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2158.html>)

Kinkaku-ji Temple (The Golden Pavilion), Kyoto

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KUISS Student Exchange Program Information Sheet

As of May, 2024

INSTITUTION

Name	Kansai University of International Studies
Postal Address	1-3-23 Shioe Amagasaki, Hyogo, 661-0976 JAPAN
Contact Information	Center for Global Education TEL: +81-6-6496-4128 Email: iec@kuins.ac.jp
Website	https://www.kuins.ac.jp/eng/index.html 

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar	Spring Semester: April 1 – August 31 Fall Semester: October 1 – February 28
Numbers of Weeks per Semester	15 weeks
Class Hours	1 st period: 09:00AM - 10:30AM 2 nd period: 10:45AM - 12:15PM Lunch Break 3 rd period: 01:15PM - 02:45PM 4 th period: 03:00PM - 04:30PM 5 th period: 04:45PM - 06:15PM 6 th period: 06:25PM – 07:55PM * Sixth period is scheduled mainly for make-up classes.
Form of Classes	KUISS offers - Face-to-face classes - Online classes(E-Learning) - Combination of face-to-face and online
Credits	One 90-minute class period is treated as 2 hours of study. 1 credit is usually awarded for 45 hours in and out of the classroom. Classes held once a week have 15 times per semester, classes held twice a week 30 times per semester.

Grading System	<table><tr><th>GP</th><th>Grades</th><th>On transcript</th></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>90~100%</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>80~89%</td><td>A</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>70~79%</td><td>B</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>60~69%</td><td>C</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Fail(~60%)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Not included in GPA calculations</td><td>Passing</td><td>E,L</td></tr></table> *Failed classes do not appear on transcripts.	GP	Grades	On transcript	4	90~100%	S	3	80~89%	A	2	70~79%	B	1	60~69%	C	0	Fail(~60%)		Not included in GPA calculations	Passing	E,L
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Class Registration	Class registration is available only after arrival.																					
Transcript	Spring semester transcripts will be issued around late September and Fall semester transcripts around late March. After enrollment period is over, KUISs will mail a transcript directly to students' home university.																					
Class Examples for Exchange Students	Please note this is subject to change. _____ <u>Department of Psychology:</u> Introduction to Psychology, Forensic and Criminal Psychology, Introduction to Clinical Psychology, and Japanese language subjects <u>Department of Child Education and Social Welfare:</u> Introduction to Education, Introduction to Social Work, Child Welfare and Family Services, and Japanese language subjects <u>Department of Management:</u> Marketing, Business Statistics, Business Promotion, Asian Marketing, Management Science, Internet Marketing, and Japanese language subjects																					

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Language Requirement	The Japanese ability equivalent to JLPT N3 or higher is recommended for students applying for the School of Global Studies. Other Schools require JLPT N2 or higher.
Language of Instruction	Japanese
Tuition	Based on the University's student exchange agreements, students will be exempted from tuition at Kansai University of International Studies.

Required Documents	1. Checklist for Application Documents for Exchange Program 2. Application Form for Exchange Program 3. Application Form for Certificate of Eligibility 4. Certificate of Income of a Sponsor/Bank Statement of a Sponsor 5. Copy of Passport 6. Passport-sized Photo Data (W30mm H40mm) 7. Certificate of Health 8. Certificate of Japanese Proficiency (JLPT)* 9. Academic Transcript in Japanese or English 10. Recommendation Letter 11. Certificate of a Scholarship from Home Country (if applicable) *8. Certificate of Japanese Proficiency If the applicants do not have the certificate of an official Japanese language proficiency test, please submit a document issued by home university that proves applicants meet the language requirement.																																
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Visa Application for Entering Japan	Students from abroad must possess a valid passport and “Student” visa. In order to obtain a visa, students must have been issued a Certificate of Eligibility from the Immigration Bureau. Applications for this Certificate will be submitted to Immigration Bureau by KUISSs. Upon receiving this Certificate, students should apply for a visa at a Japanese embassy or consulate in their own countries. Further instructions will be provided upon admission.
Designated Arrival Date	The designated arrival date will be notified in the acceptance package.

ACCOMMODATION

KUISSs offers off-campus housing. Exchange students must live in the housing KUISSs offers. In order to encourage students' interaction, we allocate the housing replacements accordingly based on the campus students belong to, availability, and the period of enrollment. Therefore, please note that students are not allowed to choose or change the accommodation they are assigned. The confirmed housing information will be notified in the acceptance package.

To Kobeyamate Campus



Kobe Municipal Higashi Ochiai Housing

	Kobe Municipal Higashi Ochiai Housing
Access to the Campus	10 minutes walk to the nearest station, 17 minutes by train, and 15 minutes walk
Type	2 bedrooms apartment style, shared with another exchange student *Housemate may not be available.
Room Facility	- Bed, desk & chair, A/C, Closet, - Shared facilities: Bathroom, Shower-room with bathtub, Kitchen, Fridge, Microwave, Vacuum cleaner, Laundry, Wi-fi
Monthly Rent	Approx. 34,000~43,000 JPY including the Internet, water, gas, electricity bill
Monthly Commute Pass Fee	Approx. 8,000 JPY



Kobe Municipal Higashi Ochiai Housing

To Kobeyamate and Amagasaki Campus

	Amagasaki Municipal Nisinagasu Housing	Hyogo Prefectural Sonoda Minami Housing	Hyogo International House
Access to Kobe-yamate Campus	10 minutes on foot to the nearest station, 15 minutes by train, and 15 minutes on foot	3 minutes on foot to the nearest station, 30 minutes by train, and 15 minutes on foot	5 minutes on foot to the nearest station, 5 minutes by train and 15 minutes on foot
Access to Amagasaki Campus	15 minutes on foot	3 minutes on foot to the nearest station, 15 minutes by bus and 5 minutes on foot	5 minutes on foot to the nearest station, 22 minutes by train and 5 minutes on foot
Type	2 bedrooms apartment style, shared with another exchange student *Housemate may not be available.	2 bedrooms apartment style, shared with another exchange student *Female students only *Housemate may not be available.	Single room
Room Facility	- Bed, desk & chair, A/C, Closet - Shared facilities: Bathroom, Shower-room with bathtub, Kitchen, Fridge, Microwave, Vacuum cleaner, Laundry, Wi-fi	- Bed, desk & chair, A/C, Closet, - Shared facilities: Bathroom, Shower-room with bathtub, Kitchen, Fridge, Microwave, Vacuum cleaner, Laundry, Wi-fi	- Bed, desk & chair, A/C, Closet, Wi-fi, Unit-bathroom, Toilet, Fridge, Bookshelf - Shared facilities: Kitchen, Microwave, Landry
Monthly Rent *Subject to change	35,280 JPY including the Internet, water, gas, electricity bill	48,000 JPY including the Internet, water, gas, electricity bill	35,000 JPY plus actual cost of utility
Monthly Commute Pass Fee to Kobe Yamate Campus	Approx. 8,000 JPY	Approx. 4,500 JPY	Approx. 3,000 JPY
Monthly Commute Pass Fee to Amagasaki Campus	Walking distance	Approx. 8,000 JPY	Approx. 8,000 JPY

FOR YOUR STAY

Mandatory Insurance	<u>1. National Health Insurance</u> National Health Insurance (NHI=Kokuho) is the public medical insurance. All foreign nationals residing in Japan for periods of over three months are required to register NHI. NHI costs around 2,000 JPY per month. Once enrolled, subscribers will receive a health insurance card. When going to a hospital or clinic, subscribers only need to pay 30% of the expenses upon presentation of the insurance card at the reception desk prior to treatment. Ex. In the case of medical expenses of 10,000 JPY, those enrolled in the National Health Insurance only have to pay 3,000 JPY. <u>2. Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with “Gakkensai”</u> This comprehensive insurance covers a variety of risks faced not only in school life but also in everyday life. Ex. Actual medical expenses for illness and injury, actual hospitalization and outpatient expenses (one day and up to three months), compensation to the other party in case of accidental injury to others (with out-of-court settlement negotiation service), compensation for damage to others' property, etc. [insurance premium] 8,060 JPY/semester, 11,500 JPY/year *Insurance premium is subject to change.
Student Support Services	<u>Health Service on campus</u> In the event of a sudden illness or injury on campus, Health Service will be available. The Health Office also provides guidance on the prevention of illness and injury. <u>Learning Support Center</u> Learning Support Center offers consultation regarding any concerns or questions students may have about their studies. <u>Student Counseling Center</u> Student Counseling Center offers mental health consultations. <u>Extracurricular Activities (Clubs and Circles)</u> Groups engaged in sports activities and cultural activities are called “clubs” and “circles”. KUISs has many clubs and circles engaged in various activities.
Academic Advisor	KUISs assigns each student an academic advisor. Advisors provide support for exchange students who are new to Japan after their arrival. Advisors support students to choose the classes they may take and help them register.

Work Permit for Part-time Jobs	In order to work part-time in Japan, foreign nationals with the status of residence “Student” must receive permission from the Immigration Bureau. (Permission can be applied at the port of entry as well.) Students need to obtain the permit before engaging in any work. Students with part-time work permission will be able to engage in work activities for up to and not exceeding 28 hours per week. (During term breaks, work for up to and not exceeding 8 hours per day within the confines of the legal 40 hour work week is allowed.) Working at questionable establishments such as bars, clubs, hostess clubs including cleaning and washing dishes duty there will not be permitted. Working overtime or working at questionable establishments may result in cancellation of resident status and/or deportation.
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See KUIs by browsing our collection of videos and photos.

Virtual Campus Tour
(Kobeyamate Campus)



School of Sociology



KUIs Instagram



School of Psychology



KUIs Video



School of Education



School of Global
Studies



School of Management

