

Information for Exchange Program (For incoming students)

1. Contact Information

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2. Nomination

Exchange partners are suggested to nominate students first before sending application documents. To nominate a student, please email the nomination sheet.

Nominations are accepted from two months prior to the application deadlines.

3. Application

Please e-mail us required documents by the following deadlines. All application documents should be sent by email attachment from exchange program coordinator of partner universities by the following deadlines. No paper documents are necessary anymore.

Application deadlines:

Spring enrollment (April enrollment): November 1st

Fall enrollment (October enrollment): May 1st

4. Required Documents

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html#documents

Documents		Format
1. Exchange Student Application	• Handwritten or scanned application are not accepted.	PDF
	• Please attach a digital photo on the application.	
2. Academic Transcript in English	*The original at the time of application is required to be submitted when students come to Kobe University.	PDF and *Original
3. Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE)	• 3 pages	Excel
	• Please attach a digital photo on the application.	
4. Financial Statement (in Japanese or English)	• Please submit the documents that proves the "Method of support to meet the expenses while in Japan (Section 26 of Application for COE)".	PDF
	Supporting documents may be: 1) Latest bank statement (more than 1,200,000 yen balance for 1 year stay at Kobe University as an exchange student) and a copy of the latest bank passbook or 2) A certificate of employment of your financial supporter and a certificate of his/her annual income.	
5. A copy of passport		PDF
6. Certificate of Japanese Language Level (Optional)		PDF
7. A digital photo of applicant	Send digital photo and not scanned photo. This photo will be used for COE application and a student ID card.	JPEG,PDF

5. Scholarships for Exchange Students

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html#scholarships

*Please note that scholarship opportunities depend on each year. Availability is usually informed in February for JASSO, and in March for Kobe University Fund.

Scholarship Program	Duration	Stipend
JASSO	1 semester or 1 academic year	¥80,000 per month (up to 12 months)
Kobe University Fund	1 semester or 1 academic year	¥250,000 per 1 semester (¥500,000 for 2 semesters max.)
HUMAP	6 months to 1 year	¥80,000 per month (up to 12 months)

*HUMAP is only available for participating universities.

[http://www.hyogo-al.jp/humap/27.4.9kameikou\(english\).pdf](http://www.hyogo-al.jp/humap/27.4.9kameikou(english).pdf)

6. Course Information

At Kobe University, students belong to one of the faculties or graduate schools that they applied for and are admitted to. The decision on acceptance is made by the Faculty /graduate school, and is made based on the application document.

Please note that most classes offered at Kobe University are taught in Japanese. In order to be enrolled in and successfully complete regular courses, students are requested to have advanced-level of Japanese language skill.

• Academic Calendar

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/about_us/academic_calender.html

• Faculty/ Graduate school Information

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/faculties_graduate_schools/index.html

• Syllabus

<https://syllabus.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe-ex-e/campus>

• Japanese Language Courses

Exchange students are given the opportunity to take Japanese language courses offered by the Center for International Education (Former International Student Center).

<https://kym-syllabus.ofc.kobe-u.ac.jp/campusy>

*Please be noted that credits can only be given for the “Japanese Language and Japanese Studies Course” for undergraduate students. It depends on our partner universities as to whether those non-credit given courses can be transferred to the official credits.

• Educational Program on Current Japan Course (KU-EPOCJ)

<http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/intl-prg/epocj/english/>

NEW!

The Kobe University Educational Program on Current Japan is an English-taught course newly established in April 2016. It is open to exchange students at both undergraduate and graduate (Master's) levels. This course focuses on current issues in Japan covering a broad range of disciplines, including social sciences, humanities, and cross-disciplinary areas related to natural sciences as well. Providing opportunities for a broader understanding of Japan from various perspectives, this English-taught program can be combined with students' own special field at each Faculty and Japanese language classes at the Kobe University Center for International Education. Certification will be provided based on credit acquisition.

Course list for Undergraduate

http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/intl-prg/epocj/file/epocj_course_list_for_the_3rd4th_undergraduate-level_2016.pdf

Course list for Graduate

http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/intl-prg/epocj/file/epocj_course_list_for_the_3rd4th_quartersfor-master-level_2016.pdf

• Academic load Requirements

We do not have full-time load. For your information, more than 124 credits are necessary to complete the undergraduate program at Kobe University (Approx. 30 credits/year). Maximum load per semester depends on faculty, and there is no minimum load for exchange students. However, all international students including exchange students must take at least 10 lesson hours per week in order to maintain College Student Visa status.

Transcript issuance:

Spring Semester/Late September

Fall Semester / Late March-April

7. Accommodations

<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/accommodation.html>

Exchange Students are given priority of the room allocation in the university dormitories. Housing application is included in the Exchange Student Application and should be submitted by the application deadline. (November 1st for Spring semester, May 1st for Fall semester)

Exchange Program Website

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/admission/exchange_program.html