

Kyoto University Exchange Program for 2025/26 Fact Sheet

As of Jun 13, 2024

1. General Information				
Name of Institution	Kyoto University			
Exchange Type	University-wide based on university-wide Student Exchange Agreement			
Exchange Program	KUINEP and GE (GEA and GESR)			
Website	https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students			
2. Program Outline				
Program	KUINEP (Kyoto University International Education Program)	GE (General Exchange Program)		
		GEA		GESR
Level	Undergraduate	Undergraduate	Graduate (Master/Doctor)	
Activity	Coursework	Coursework	Coursework	Research
Language Requirement	English*	Japanese**	Japanese** (or English*)	(depends on supervisor)
3. Admission Requirements				
Minimum GPA	3.0 out of 4.0			
Language requirement	For English*: Minimum TOEFL iBT score of 79, IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required. For Japanese**: Minimum JLPT score with grade N1 or equivalent is required.			
Available exchange period	One semester or One year			
4. Academic Information				
	2025 Fall semester		2026 Spring semester	
Suggested arrival date	End of September		End of March	
Orientation date	End of September		End of March	
Term date	October 1 – March 31		April 1 – September 30	
Classes	October – January		April - July	
Examination	End of January - Early February		End of July - Early August	
Official Transcript	Early April		Early October	
Required course load	Minimum number of courses per semester: 7 for undergraduate and 4 for graduate			
Average credit per course	2 credits			
Workload	One course generally offers 90 minutes of lecture once a week, completes in 15 weeks and issues 2 credits. 1 credit = 45h of workload 1 course = (2h in class + 4h for preparation) × 15 weeks per sem = 90 hours = 2 credits			
Available disciplines	All discipline except Medicine			
5. Insurance				
National Health Insurance	All exchange students must purchase. Approx. 18,000 JPY annually.			
6. Other				
Courses for KUINEP	The Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) offers wide variety of courses in English (approx. 350+) for both Japanese and international students, which cover Humanities/Social/Natural Sciences and are designed for mainly 1st and 2nd year students.			
Japanese Language Classes	Variety of courses (absolute beginner/intermediate/advanced) to learn and improve Japanese proficiency are available for international students. The maximum number to be registered is 4 courses (8 credits) for KUINEP and GEA students. GESR students can take only non-credit classes.			
Advising Lounge 'KI-ZU-NA'	Advisors offer consultation services to international students.			
Events for International Students (*subject to change)	International Networking Meeting: Casual networking event during lunchtime with Kyoto University students. Partner Universities Square: Meet prospective exchange students from Kyoto University, introduce and recommend your university/country to them.			
Housing	Six on/off-campus International Houses , and other dormitories are available. Monthly rent is approx. 12,400 – 44,400 JPY. Room allocation is not guaranteed and subject to availability.			
Cost of Living	93,000 JPY as of 2021, nationwide average. For details, refer to JASSO's website .			
7. Nomination/Application Deadlines for Incoming Exchange Program (Partner =>KU)				
	2025 Fall semester		2026 Spring semester	
Application guidelines	available in December 2024		available in June 2025	
Nomination deadline	Jan 17, 2025		Aug 22, 2025	
Application deadline	Feb 14, 2025		Sep 19, 2025	