

Kyoto University Exchange Program for 2026/27 Fact Sheet

As of Jul. 8, 2025

1. General Information:				
Name of Institution	Kyoto University			
Exchange Type	University-wide based on university-wide Student Exchange Agreement			
Exchange Program	KUINEP(Kyoto University International Education Program) and GE (General Exchange Program)			
Website	https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students			
2. Program Outline:				
Program	KUINEP	GE		
		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 is required.			
Available exchange period	One semester or One year			
4. Academic Information:	2026 Fall semester		2027 Spring semester	
Suggested arrival date	late September		late March	
Orientation date	late September		late 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. Mandatory Insurance:				
National Health Insurance	Approx. 20,000 JPY annually. Covers 70 % of the medical costs.			
Co-op Liability Insurance	Approx. 5,000 – 7,000 JPY annually. Covers legal liability for bodily injury or property damage caused to a third party on/off campus.			
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 undergraduate students, which cover Humanities/Social/Natural Sciences and are designed for mainly 1st and 2nd year students.			
Japanese Language Classes	Variety of courses 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 Service	Advisors offer consultation services to international students. https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/facilities/international-student-advising			
Events for Exchange 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. / and etc.. https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/current/campus-life/peer-support/international-exchange-events			
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. https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/current/campus-life/peer-support/international-exchange-events			
Cost of Living	105,000 JPY as of 2023, nationwide average. For details, refer to JASSO’s website. https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/life/cost-of-living/			
7. Application Schedule:	2026 Fall semester		2027 Spring semester	
Application guidelines	available in December 2025		available in June 2026	
Nomination deadline	Jan 16, 2026		Aug 21, 2026	
Application deadline	Feb 13, 2026		Sep 18, 2026	



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Liberal Arts and Sciences courses

- for undergraduate students, in English

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Hands-on cultural experience

IESMD Peer Tutors organize cross-cultural activities to experience Japanese culture, such as calligraphy and Zen gardens.

These events are held on a irregular basis and subject to change every year.



International Networking Meeting

Casual networking event during lunchtime with Kyoto University students.

Partner Universities Square

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