



Kobe City University of Foreign Studies

# Japanese Language Program

— 日本語プログラム —

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Kobe City University of Foreign Studies

神戸市外国語大学



# Curriculum

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (KCUFS) welcomes international students who want to study Japanese intensively in our **Japanese Language Program (JLP)** for **one semester / one academic year**. In addition, international students can take **regular university courses** offered to KCUFS undergraduates.

## Japanese Language Classes

All classes are basically offered in Japanese. All students are required to take a placement test after coming to Japan and are then divided into groups based on Japanese proficiency. Instructors are committed to creating a positive and supportive learning environment in which students can realize their full potentials. Classes are designed to promote improvement in the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in Japanese. In addition, other classes, such as Kanji Class and Japanese Affairs, are offered. Each class takes 90 minutes. In principle, students are allowed to take eight classes per week, excepting those whose abilities are either too high or too low for the classes offered.



The courses in our Japanese Language Program are targeted at upper elementary, lower intermediate, and upper intermediate-level students.

### ✿ Upper Elementary Course

For students aiming at the **JLPT N4**

This course is targeted at students who have acquired **lower elementary-level grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 150 learning hours**. It is appropriate for those who have finished studying with lower elementary textbooks such as *Minna-no Nihongo Shokyu I* and *Genki I*.

### ✿ Lower Intermediate Course

For students aiming at the **JLPT N3**

This course is targeted at students who have acquired **upper elementary grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 300 learning hours**. It is appropriate for those who have finished studying with upper elementary textbooks such as *Minna-no Nihongo Shokyu II* and *Genki II*.

### ✿ Upper Intermediate Course

For students aiming at the **JLPT N2**

This course is targeted at students who have acquired **lower intermediate grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 500 learning hours**. It is appropriate for those who have finished studying with lower intermediate textbooks such as *Minna-no Nihongo Chukyu I*.

■ There are field trips a few times per semester.



## Regular University Courses

KCUFS has **five departments: English Studies, Russian Studies, Chinese Studies, Spanish Studies and International Relations**. Students can take regular undergraduate course classes in the five departments and study with Japanese students. The courses cover **Languages, Linguistics, Literature, Culture, History, Law, Commerce, Economy, Education, and Psychology**.

JLP students who are in graduate programs at their home universities are allowed to take graduate course classes at KCUFS.

# JLP Academic Calendar

The schedule is subject to change.  
Please visit our website for updates.

Students can study for one or two semester(s), starting either in Fall 2016 or Spring 2017.

## FALL 2016

September 15  
September 16-23  
September 26  
December 23 - January 5  
February 6

JLP Fall Semester begins (Orientation, Placement Test)  
Individual Counseling, Class Placement  
Classes start  
Winter Vacation  
JLP Fall Semester ends

\* Exams of regular course classes will finish on February 13 in the fall semester.

## Spring 2017

The first week of April  
The first week of August

JLP Spring Semester begins  
JLP Spring Semester ends

\* Details will be announced on our website in August, 2016.

\* Exams of regular course classes will finish in the second week of August in the spring semester.

## JLP Album

9 September

10 October

11 November

12 December

Winter  
Vacation

1 January

2 February  
Spring  
Vacation

### Fall Semester

■ Opening Ceremony



■ Closing Ceremony



3 March

Spring Vacation

4 April

### Spring Semester

■ Opening  
Ceremony



6 June

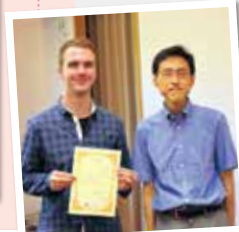


7 July

8 August

Summer Vacation

■ Closing Ceremony



\* The contents of the program are subject to change.



# Student Life

## Club Activities

### KCUFS Clubs

There are many club activities at KCUFS. Joining a club is a great opportunity to communicate with KCUFS students, as well as have fun!

#### Sports:

Karate / Japanese Archery / Kendo / Aikido /  
Tennis / Soccer / Baseball / Swimming /  
Dance / Basketball / Badminton / Volleyball /  
Rugby / Wandervogel / Lacrosse / etc..

#### Culture, Language, Music & Volunteering:

Tea Ceremony / Fine Arts / Acting /  
Spanish Language Study /  
English Speaking Society / Choir /  
Russian Language / Folk Song / Flamenco /  
Movies / etc..



## Student Support

### JLP Partners

JLP partners provide immediate support and friendship to new JLP students and help them successfully adjust to the new culture and environment in Japan. For each new JLP student, a couple of current KCUFS students become his or her partners. JLP partners begin communicating with new JLP students before their arrival in Japan to help them prepare for what's ahead at KCUFS. The partners continue to befriend and support JLP students in daily and campus life and also offer opportunities to practice Japanese outside classes.



### “CHAT” in Foreign Languages

Free English “CHAT” sessions with native English speakers (Assistant Language Teachers from the JET program) are held at KCUFS. “CHAT” sessions in international students’ mother tongues such as English, German, Italian, Korean, Russian and Spanish have also been held thanks to international student volunteers.



## Student Voices



**Robert Swanson** (Eastern Washington University, U.S.A.) 

There is no doubt about it: living in a foreign country is no easy thing. I encountered many challenges that I didn't expect, and the ones I had an idea about were more intimidating than I thought. Yet, thanks to those challenges, I gained so much in terms of experience, education, and just overall fun. Of course, I was by no means alone. KCUFS and all its staff always encouraged me to step outside of my comfort zone and see Japan from new, enriching perspectives by providing many one of a kind opportunities (from participating in Buddhist ceremonies to going to a traditional Japanese inn). The friends I made there were always eager to show me how much fun a college student could have in Japan, and always showed patience in helping me with Japanese - they needed a lot! I am thankful for all that KCUFS has given me, and I encourage anyone who is looking to experience Japan to study there.



**Martina Leonardi** (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) 

When I got this scholarship to study here at KCUFS, I was really excited but a part of me was also quite worried about living in a foreign country with my poor language skills. But after I arrived everything has been really easy. The amazing staff and teacher group were always there to help in case of need, and also the other Japanese students always did their best to guide me in all the new situations I have had to face. Thanks to them I could improve not only my level of Japanese, but also my awareness of this beautiful country, so far away from my homeland. Class



programs focus on acquiring new language skills and understanding cultural aspects of Japan, and on free days the field trips organized by the university gave us the chance to travel a little bit even during the semester. The campus is really little but extremely lively. Everyone can find a club or circle activity which fits them, and the Japanese members will be ready to accept you and mutually learn by this experience. So my advice if you are thinking about studying here is: leave your worries behind and take the chance to have a lifetime experience here at KCUFS.



## Information

- Eligible Students :**
- Students enrolled in overseas undergraduate/graduate courses
  - Students who aim at JLPT N4 – N2 Level
    - \*There is neither a lower elementary level course (corresponding approximately to the JLPT N5 level) nor an advanced level course.
  - Students who have English proficiency of CEFR B1, IELTS 4.5, TOEFL iBT 60 or equivalent.

**Tuition Fee :** 267,900 yen / semester

(The tuition is subject to change depending on a tax increase, etc.)  
Tuition will be exempted for exchange students from partner universities.

**Accommodation :** Accommodation details will be announced in the “Request Form for Accommodation” (one of the application documents).

**Scholarships :** There is a possibility that some students from **partner universities** can be entitled to apply for a scholarship. Please inquire for more details through KCUFS's international office.

**Application Deadline :**

**April 20, 2016 (Japan Standard Time) for Fall 2016**

▶ Screening and notification will be completed by May 31.

**November 30, 2016 (Japan Standard Time) for Spring 2017**

▶ Screening and notification will be completed by January 15.



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## Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (KCUPS)

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies is devoted to the studies of foreign languages and cultures. KCUPS offers five undergraduate-degree programs: English Studies, Russian Studies, Chinese Studies, Spanish Studies, and International Relations. The students study foreign languages and cultures as well as other liberal arts. They learn to express their opinions effectively in several foreign languages, and also acquire the practical skills needed in modern society, in addition to broadening their perspectives on global issues. Furthermore, KCUPS has a graduate program in which students can continue their areas of research. As a municipal university corporation, KCUPS strives to contribute to the academic and cultural development of the local community, and its doors are open to all students who seek to grow and learn for themselves.

For more information, see the Web pages at <http://www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp/english/index.html>

## Kobe City

Kobe is one of the largest cities in Japan with a population of about 1,540,000. With a diverse population of foreign residents and cultures established by foreign communities, Kobe is well known throughout Japan as an international city. Surrounded by beautiful nature with the mountains on one side and the ocean on the other, Kobe is also easily accessible from famous cities such as Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara. You can easily make a day trip from Kobe to these historic sites. Below are some beautiful sights in Kobe.

For more information, see the Web pages at [http://feel-kobe.jp/\\_en/](http://feel-kobe.jp/_en/)

