

KANSAI GAIDAI

UNIVERSITY
JAPAN



ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM FACT SHEET

2025 - 2026

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Kansai Gaidai University

Established in 1972, the Asian Studies Program today annually welcomes about 900 competitively selected students who represent about 35 countries and regions.

SPECIAL FEATURES

01 Superb Location

Kansai Gaidai is located in the city of Hirakata in Osaka prefecture. Located midway between Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolis, and Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan (both cities accessible by train within 30 minutes), Kansai Gaidai's campus is in the commercial and cultural heart of Japan. It is an excellent starting point to explore Japan.



02 Academic Calendar

The Asian Studies Program follows a typical academic calendar of overseas institutions in the northern hemisphere:

■ Fall Semester ■ Spring Semester



03 60+ Courses Offered in English

In addition to Japanese language courses, a wide variety of content-based courses from social sciences to business is available in English providing the deeper understanding of Japan and Asia from many different perspectives.

Mandatory	+	Elective
Japanese Language courses Level 1 to 8		Japanese Reading & Writing Level 1 to 8 Content-based courses Studio Art courses

Course Offerings



04 Internship Opportunities (Only for Spring participants)

Real life experience in Japanese business firms and local schools is available in the Asian Studies Program. Exchange students have an opportunity to experience and learn first-hand about the Japanese work environment.

[Host Companies, Schools, and Governmental Offices]

- Keihan Hotels & Resorts
- Komatsu Ltd.
- Kyoto City International Foundation
- SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.
- SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION
- The Royal Hotel, Ltd. (RIHGA Royal Hotel Osaka)
- Osaka Shin-Ai Gakuin Elementary School
- Hirakata Municipal Kori Elementary School
- Hirakata Municipal Hirakata Middle School
- Osaka Prefecture Nagao High School
- The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan

The above internship sites are some of many firms who have accommodated our interns. This list is subject to change without notice.



05 Housing (International students have two types of housing arrangements:)

Residence Hall | **GLOBAL COMMONS 結 - YUI -**

- 651 Rooms
- All single rooms
- Kitchen facilities available



HOMESTAY

- One Student per family
- Two Meals included
- Commuting within an hour
- Eligible for Second Semester (Extension) Students



Housing Information



TUITION & FEES PER SEMESTER

Category	Amount
Tuition	Waived by exchange agreement
Homestay (2 meals/day included)	JPY 320,000*
GLOBAL COMMONS 結-YUI- International Student Residence (kitchen facility available)	JPY 270,000* Reservation Fee JPY 2,000 (Non-refundable)* Security Deposit JPY 30,000 (Refundable)
General Deposit (Refundable)	JPY 10,000
International Student Fee (Mandatory)	JPY 10,000
Liability Insurance & Medical Assistance Fee (Mandatory)	JPY 4,300

*Waived for students from institutions, which have full exchange agreements with Kansai Gaidai.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

❖ NOMINATION & APPLICATION PERIOD

For Fall Semester: January 10 – May 15

For Spring Semester: August 1 – November 1

Students applying as an exchange student must be nominated from exchange coordinators at our affiliated institutions.

❖ SEMESTER DATES

	2025 Fall	2026 Spring
Arrival Dates	August 21-23	January 26-28
Orientation	August 23-26	January 28-30
First Day of Classes	August 28	February 2
Last Day of Classes	December 10	May 22
Final Examinations	December 11-15	May 25-29

❖ REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

User ID and password for GAIDAI-Link will be issued to students upon receipt of the nomination message from their home institutions.

Item	Note
Online Application	Must be Completed on GAIDAI-Link
Identification Photograph (Passport type identification photo, full face and neutral background)	Upload 1 jpg. file photo to BOX*
Medical Information Form (Download Form from GAIDAI-Link) (Must be completed by a medical professional)	Upload to BOX*
Passport Copy	Upload to BOX*
Two Recommendation Letters from Professor/ Instructor of University level (Download Form from GAIDAI-Link)	Accepted by E-mail directly from your professor / instructor
Japanese Instructor's Reference Form from Professor/Instructor of University level (Download Form from GAIDAI-Link) - only applicable if studied Japanese before	Accepted by E-mail directly from your professor/ instructor (Counted as one of the required two recommendation letters but the other recommendation letter should be from a different professor)
Official Academic Transcript	Upload to BOX*

*BOX upload link is available on GAIDAI-Link



NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

HOME VISIT PROGRAM

International students are invited to visit homes of Kansai Gaidai local students or neighborhood on weekends and/or holidays to experience family life in Japan first-hand. The objectives of this program is to provide students with an opportunity to meet with local families to facilitate their immersion in Japan. Activities may include but are not limited to cooking Japanese cuisines, attending local festivals, and engaging in everyday family routines. Both students and families can enrich their lives through cross-cultural interactions.



ONLINE SUMMER PROGRAM

The Online Summer Program is a short, but effective means to begin Japanese language studies and/or learn about Japan and its culture. All courses are taught by experienced faculty members who are willing to share knowledge from their expertise through accelerated instruction.

To help experience interactions with local students, student-driven events are offered during the Program.



NIHONGO FRIENDS PROGRAM

Nihongo Friends - the heart of friendship and cultural connections! Our initiative is dedicated to bridging cultural gaps and fostering meaningful interactions for you. As a vital platform for international students, "Nihongo Friends" enables you to cultivate lasting relationships with local Japanese students and fellow global peers. Immerse yourself in a diverse range of on-campus activities, blending fun and learning seamlessly. From cultural exchanges to language workshops and exciting group outings, each event is created to enrich cross-cultural understanding and fostering a strong sense of belonging.



❖ ABOUT KANSAI GAIDAI



Nakamiya Campus



Gotenyama Campus
Global Town

- Founded in 1945
- Located in Osaka, Japan
- Enrollment: 12,000 students
- More than 1,200 students study overseas annually
- Over 900 international students come to study at KGU annually
- 405 partner institutions in 55 countries/regions
- Two Campuses :
Nakamiya Campus/
Gotenyama Campus Global Town

❖ ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM STUDENTS

2023 FALL SEMESTER

- 448 students
- From 30 countries and regions
- From 175 universities

2024 SPRING SEMESTER

- 438 students
- From 32 countries and regions
- From 173 universities



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