

Exchange FACT Sheet 2026/2027

Kobe University



Contact Information

Kobe University
Faculty of Global Human Sciences
Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

Website

*Kindly refer to the websites below by clicking on each link.

[Kobe University Official Website](#)

[Introduction of the Faculty of Global Human Sciences](#)

[Introduction of the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies](#)

[Information for Inbound Exchange Studies \(GSP office, Kobe University\)](#)

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Admissions Information and Procedures

Nomination Deadline for Partner Universities

Spring Semester (April) Enrollment – **October 20th**

Fall Semester (October) Enrollment – **April 10th**

Application Deadline for Students

Spring Semester (April) Enrollment – **November 10th**

Fall Semester (October) Enrollment – **April 30th**

1. Exchange program applicants must be nominated by home university before submitting the application. Please confirm the qualification with your home university.
2. All application materials indicated below (*Required Documents) must be submitted by email to gsp-info@fgh.kobe-u.ac.jp

Schedule for April (Spring Semester 2026) Enrollment

October 20 th , 2025	Nomination deadline from home Universities
November 10 th	Application deadline from students
Late December	Application result / receiving the official acceptance letter “Certificate of Enrollment/入学許可書” and pre-arrival information
<u>*Do NOT buy airline ticket before you get the official acceptance from Kobe University.</u>	
Late February, 2026	Receiving of Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), applying for a student visa in the residence country
(The schedule depends on the processing time of the Immigration Bureau of Japan.)	
Early March	Announcement of your dormitory allocation
Early April	Faculty Orientation, Classes begin

Schedule for October (Fall Semester 2026) Enrollment

April 10 th , 2026	Nomination Deadline from home Universities
April 30 th	Application deadline from students
Late June	Application result / receiving the official acceptance letter “Certificate of Enrollment/入学許可書” and pre-arrival information
<u>*Do NOT buy airline ticket before you get the official acceptance from Kobe University.</u>	
Late August	Receiving of Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), applying for a student visa in the residence country
(The schedule depends on the processing time of the Immigration Bureau of Japan.)	
Early September	Announcement of your dormitory allocation
Late September	Faculty Orientation
Early October	Classes begin

Academic Information (2026-2027)

Academic Calendar

Spring Semester 2026 *April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026

- End of March / Early April: Dormitories open
- Early April (TBA): Orientation for Exchange students
- April 8(TBA): Classes begin
- Early April-April 17(TBA): Class Registration period
- July 30 to August 6(TBA): Exam period

Fall Semester 2026 *October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

- End of September: Dormitories open
- End of September (TBA): Orientation for Exchange students
- October 1(TBA): Classes begin
- End of September -October 16(TBA): Class Registration period
- February 2 to February 9, 2026(TBA): Exam period

**※ Exchange students must not enter Japan more than one month early.
(NOT before March 1st / September 1st)**

Required Documents for Application

1. Exchange Program Application Form **(in Excel Format)**
2. Official Academic Transcript from your home university
3. A photocopy of your Passport page
4. Digital ID Photo **(in JPG/JPEG Format)**
5. Proof of Financial Support **(Must be translated into English)**
6. A photocopy of the Japanese Proficiency Certificate **(if obtained)**
7. Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Certificate for Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)
***Only for nationals of certain countries**
 - Philippines, Nepal, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Myanmar and ChinaFor the requirement, please refer to the section below. (“Application for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)”).

Documents 3,4, 5 and 7 are required when applying for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE). We confirm these documents in advance before CoE application period (after mid-November). **For the detail of the document requirement, please follow to the section below “Application for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)”.**

Application for the “Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)”

Applicants are required to apply for the CoE via Online Application System to obtain the Japanese visa. The URL for this Online Application System will be sent to you by email from Kobe University after **mid-November**. **The deadline for submission will be announced at that time.**
The necessary materials are as below:

1. Copy of Passport ID Page

The Photocopy should be in its original size and with **clear image data**.

2. Digital ID Photo (for CoE Application)

The photo must meet all the specifications indicated on the following website.

[Submission Photo Standards Immigration Services Agency \(moj.go.jp\)](https://www.moj.go.jp/immigration/immigration_services/immigration_services.html)

Please provide a **different photo from the one on your passport**.

3. Proof of Financial Support (Must be translated into English)

Documents proving that you have sufficient financial support to pay for your expenses while studying at Kobe University. **The bank statement must include the account owner's name information.** If you choose:

(1) Self

*The latest bank statement for the applicant’s own account. Closing balance must be more than 600,000 JPY for a 1 semester stay / more than 1,200,000 JPY for a 1 year stay.

(2) Supporter living outside of Japan or Supporter in Japan

*The latest bank statement for the financial supporter’s account. Closing balance must be more than 600,000 JPY for a 1 semester stay / more than 1,200,000 JPY for a 1 year stay.

(3) Scholarship

A copy of an official document proving that the applicant will receive the scholarship/grant.

4. TB Clearance Certificate for Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)

***Only for nationals of certain countries -Philippines, Nepal, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Myanmar and China**

Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS) is a health Certification program introduced by the Japanese government, stated from June 23, 2025. Foreign nationals from certain countries who intend to stay in Japan for a mid-long term must undergo Xray and other necessary tests at a Panel Clinic in their home country before entering Japan.

Applicants are required to obtain the TB Clearance Certificate at a clinic to prove a free of active tuberculosis, and must submit the Certificate when applying for a CoE.

More detailed information: [Ministry for Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan](#)

On behalf of the Immigration Bureau of Japan, we will send the CoE application result as an electronic document to applicants. Exchange students must print it and the "Certificate of Enrollment" (入学許可書) for applying student visa.

You must then visit the Japanese Embassy/Consulate Office in your country of residence to apply for a student visa **before entering Japan.**

Student status and Courses information at Kobe University

Status of exchange students at Kobe University is **"Special Auditing Student 特別聴講学生 (non-degree seeking)"** or **"Special Research Student 特別研究学生 (non-degree seeking)"**

Japanese immigration law requires that international students with Student Visa have to take at least the following hours of courses:

(1) Undergraduate Students

Must take more than 10 hours of lecture which equals to 6 classes per week.

(2) Graduate Students (Master/Doctor)

Must take more than 10 hours of research hours including at least 1 class per week

Courses offered at the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies and the Faculty of Global Human Sciences are mostly taught in Japanese. For courses taught in English, please refer to the timetable where courses are marked with an "E": [Academic Calendar/Course List and Timetable](#)

***2026 Spring Semester timetable will be updated in late March, 2026.**

For the detail of the courses, please refer to the Syllabus information as below:

[Kobe University Syllabus](#)

Kindly understand that syllabus have all faculty's information. Basically, you are only allowed to take specific courses from your belonged Faculty/ Graduate School and Japanese Language Course.

Undergraduate students have to choose courses from the Faculty of Global Human Sciences, Graduate students have to choose courses from Graduate School of Intercultural Studies.

Course Registration and Academic Record Information

There is no pre-registration system for the course registration. The way of course registration will be announced at Faculty Orientation.

Academic Record issued by Kobe University

Student's academic transcript will be sent to the partner university AFTER completion of your exchange period. (At the end of March or September)

Evaluation Standard and Grading Scale

The evaluation standard and method may vary for each course. Please refer to the 成績評価方法 of each course's syllabus in Japanese and "Evaluation Method" in English.

S: 100-90, A: 89-80, B:79-70, C: 69-60, F: 59-

Housing & General Information

Kobe University Affiliated Accommodation

Exchange students are given priority for room allocations in the university dormitories. The room type is single only. Kindly refer to the websites below by clicking on each link.

<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/campus-life/housing/accommodation/>

Housing Application

Fill in the section "4. Accommodation" of the Exchange Program Application Form.

We will do our best to arrange your accommodation accordingly when you are accepted as an exchange student. **Please note that this is not a guarantee of your preferences.**

Notification of Housing Allocation and Application Deadline

Spring Semester (April) Enrollment: Early March

Fall Semester (October) Enrollment: Early September

Application Deadline: Same as the Exchange Program application deadline

Insurance (Mandatory)

All exchange students are required to take out the following insurance policies to cover the financial costs of illness, injury or accidents during their stay in Japan. The detailed information will be provided at the Orientations.

- **National Health Insurance**
- **Kobe University PAS**
- **Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Couples with PAS for International Students (Inbound Futai Gakusou)**
- **Inbound Medical Assistance Service (IMAS)**