

Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (KUFS)

Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2026/2027



Since its foundation in 1947, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (KUFS) has provided unique educational programs featuring multilingual and multicultural education in Kyoto, at the heart of Japanese culture. At KUFS, students from around the world forge strong interpersonal connections. Our graduates, from quite varied linguistic and cultural backgrounds, share a true global perspective.

Division of International Affairs

Academic Calendar



Spring Semester

Arrival and Orientation
End of March
Semester Period
April 1 - September 19
Lecture Period
Middle of April - End of July



Fall Semester

Arrival and Orientation
End of August
Semester Period
September 20 - March 31
Lecture Period
End of September - End of January

Nomination and Application Procedures



Spring Semester

Nomination Period
October 1 - October 20
Application Period
October 21 - October 31



Fall Semester

Nomination Period
March 1 - March 20
Application Period
March 21 - March 31

Procedures

1

Nomination

Partner universities: Fill in a nomination form and submit it during the above specified nomination period.



2

Online Application

Students: Submit application documents through the online application system during the above specified application period.

Refer to the [KUFS Website \(Partner University Students\)](#) for required application documents and application procedure.

[NOTE]

The exchange period cannot be extended once the nomination has been accepted.

Courses (Non-degree)



Japanese Course

Japanese Studies Center for International Students (Bekka):

Based on the Bekka curriculum, students will take classes of Japanese language and Japanese culture. Class registration is limited to classes in the Bekka curriculum.



English Course

Faculty of Global Engagement, Department of Global Studies:

Students will take English-taught classes from about 30 selected classes of the Department of Global Studies.

Japanese language class is not available for this course.

	日 Japanese Course	英 English Course
Minimum Course Load	13 subjects per semester	7 classes per semester
Language of Instruction	Japanese	English
Course List	<u>Timetable(Sample).</u>	<u>Timetable(Sample).</u>

Transcripts

KUFS will send transcripts to the partner universities via email after the following dates.



Spring Semester: After September 20



Fall Semester: After March 20

[NOTE]

The course cannot be changed once the nomination has been accepted.



Entry Requirements



GPA

GPA of 2.5 or higher is preferred on a 4.0 scale

*Other requirements except below are as per the student exchange agreement.



Language Proficiency

日 Japanese Course	英 English Course
- Required to have studied the Japanese language for 150 hours or more. - To be able to read and write Hiragana and Katakana.	- Required to have equivalent to TOEFL iBT score of 62 or IELTS score of 5.0. - Native English Speaking students are not required to have the English score.

Visa Application

Non-Japanese nationals who wish to study in Japan are required to have a 'student visa' for the duration of their exchange program.

After the application for the exchange program is officially accepted, KUFs will send an acceptance letter and a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) required for the visa application.

Insurance

National Health Insurance

All international students residing in Japan for over 3 months are required to enroll in the Japanese Health Insurance.

Those students holding the Student Visa are required to pay approx. 18,000 yen per year.



Accommodation



KUFS-Owned Residence

KUFS has three student residence managed by the KUFS Housing Support. The KUFS Housing Support will arrange accommodations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rent must be paid per semester (min. 378,000 yen - max. 420,000 yen).

The details will be sent from the Housing Support after the application procedures have been completed.



Off-Campus Accommodation

Due to the limited availability at the KUFS residence, some students may need to arrange their own accommodation through the following website.

Please contact the accommodation agencies directly.

<https://www.kufs.ac.jp/en/partner/index.html#fees>

Cost of Living

All international students are recommended to have approx. 900,000 yen available per semester and 1,800,000 yen per year to cover their rent, meals, learning materials, and any other personal costs.

Support



Student Staff

KUFS student staff in the Division of International Affairs will support the daily life of international students. They also plan and organize cultural exchange events with Japanese students to help your study abroad experience at KUFS fulfilling and memorable.



NINJA (Navigating an Independent Non-stop Journey to Autonomy)

NINJA is a facility to foster autonomous learners through foreign languages. You can get help with your Japanese outside of class by either consulting with a Japanese advisor or joining the Japanese conversation buddy program with Japanese students. In addition, there are many opportunities to interact with Japanese students through various cultural events.



Prayer Room

A prayer room is available to all students. It offers a quiet and peaceful environment for you to take time for personal reflection or to practice your faith.

Useful Website

- [Location](#)
- [Campus Map](#)
- [KUFS Club Activities](#)
- [KUFS Library](#)
- [Canteen and Cafeteria](#)
- [Study Kyoto](#)



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【KUFS】



【YouTube】



【Partner University Website】



【Instagram / Japanese Course】



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