

Application Guideline

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Kansai University

Winter School 2026

KANSAI UNIVERSITY





“Learning Osaka, the Mercantile Capital of Japan”.

Kansai University

Kansai University (KU), is one of the leading private universities in Japan.

With a history of over 130 years, KU has 14 undergraduate faculties, 13 graduate schools, and 2 professional graduate schools. There are over 30,000 students enrolled at our university, and we have 6 campuses located in Osaka, which is the second largest city in Japan.

Osaka is about a half an hour train ride to the popular tourist destinations of Kyoto, Kobe and Nara.

Winter school program

The theme of this program is “Learning Osaka, the Mercantile Capital of Japan”.

First of all, participants will understand the history and culture of Osaka deeply through learning at Kansai University, which is located in Osaka, and discuss the diversity of ideas and values by comparing their home countries.

Additionally, after learning basic knowledge and information about Osaka through lectures, they will eventually be able to understand the “entrepreneurial spirit of the mercantile city of Osaka” while taking advantage of the characteristics of the mercantile city of Osaka, including observation of the history, actual situation and current situation of companies with roots in Osaka, lectures from business people, and so forth.

Furthermore, this program focuses on “seeing, listening, and experiencing”, including visiting various historical and cultural facilities beyond lectures in the classroom.

Course Descriptions

This is a two-week program. Total class time for the main course is 45 hours, including time spent on assignments, tutoring and homework. The “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience” course is optional.



Main Course

Introduction to Osaka

In contrast to Tokyo, Mecca of Japan’s bureaucrats and politicians, Osaka has traditionally been a city of business, filled with an air of lively freedom, basically generated by its merchants and their bustling business-transactions. In this class, we will be looking at how Osaka’s suburban areas developed, with a focus on the World Exposition held in 1970, which spurred the change in the areas. Also the class deals briefly with people’s lives in Osaka, while referring mainly to its entertainment, which makes Osaka different from other major cities in Japan.

Japanese Business Culture

This is a series of presentations designed to engage the participants in an examination, analysis, and discussion on various aspects of Japanese business culture including:

- Business Considerations in Japanese Culture
- Defining Business Culture
- The Imagery and Vocabulary of Japanese Business Culture
- The Structure of Japanese Business Culture
- Perceptions of Japanese Business Culture:Internal View
- Perceptions of Japanese Business Culture:External View
- Japanese Business Culture:Help or Hindrance?
- Summary and Discussion



Entrepreneurship

In this class, we will be looking at entrepreneurship in Osaka by offering examples of companies established by well-known entrepreneurs, who started or developed their businesses with their innovative ideas. The companies include Panasonic, Nisshin, Hankyu Railways, and Sharp (or Omron). Each involves unique ideas of its founder, offering us lots of clues to understanding corporate culture in Osaka or Japan.



Excursion

There are several field trips (works) related to Mercantile Capital of Japan.

(Examples: Expo’70 Commemorative Park, Cup Noodle Museum, The Osaka Museum of Housing and Living)

※Facilities are subject to change.

Course Descriptions

→ Optional Course

Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience

Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience is available for an additional fee (JPY 15,000). Applicants are required to indicate their interest in the course on the application form. This course is intended for beginner-level students (those with less than 300 hours of Japanese study). Due to class size limitations, restrictions may apply to students at intermediate or higher levels. (Priority will be given to beginners.)

This course is an introductory Japanese language course designed for students who have never studied Japanese before or who have a very basic understanding, such as knowledge of greetings, hiragana and katakana. Students will learn essential expressions and phrases needed to “survive” during a short stay in Japan.

Additionally, students can experience Japanese culture through activities such as food sample making, which originated in Osaka. (Contents are subject to change). By the end of the course, students will be able to use basic Japanese conversational expressions and phrases in daily life and gain an understanding of some aspects of traditional Japanese culture.



Program Overview

Eligible Participants

Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at an accredited college, university, or research institution outside Japan as of Winter School 2026. All lectures (except for “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”) are conducted in English. A certain level of English proficiency is required to follow the lectures and participate in various activities. For non-native English speakers, a CEFR level of B2 or higher (equivalent to IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 72) is recommended. This program will not be offered if the total number of applicants is less than ten students.

Program Summary

Program Period		Wednesday 14, January ~ Thursday 29, January	
Course		Main Course “Introduction to Osaka” “Japanese Business Culture” “Entrepreneurship”	Optional Course “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”
Fee		JPY 300,000	JPY 15,000
Minimum Number of Participants		10 students	4 students
Maximum Number of Participants		40 students (first-come first-served basis)	
Accommodation	Style	Student Dormitory Apartment	Homestay
	Meals	Not included ※Breakfast and Dinner are available at your own expense.	Breakfast and Dinner included
	Check-in / out <small>*Schedule for check-in/ out is unchangeable.</small>	Check-in Wednesday 14, January (around 3PM)	Check-out Thursday 29, January (10AM-12PM)
Overseas Travel Accident Insurance		Required	



Basic program fee includes

- Tuition fee • Accommodation (daily commodities and utilities included)
- Course materials • Facility usage fee • Administration fee
- Overseas travel accident insurance (please refer to page 5)



Basic program fee DOES NOT include

- Airfare ticket • Travel expenses in Japan
- Fee (JPY15,000) for the optional course; “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”
- Meals (except for welcome and farewell parties)
- Remittance fee(JPY2,500) and any other transaction fees in your bank

Accommodation

→ Student dormitory

A single room is provided, and it has a bed, bedding, bathroom, toilet, refrigerator, and air conditioner.

Applicants are welcome to use the lounge and shared kitchen in the dormitory.

If the capacity of the student dormitory is exceeded, your room may be arranged in an alternative dormitory or in a student apartment within commuting distance of the university. Alternative dormitories may include shared facilities such as lounges, shower rooms, public baths, toilets, laundry rooms with washing machines, and kitchen pantries. Utilities such as water, electricity, and Wi-Fi are included in the accommodation. Meals are not included. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the premises of 60th student dormitories and apartments.

→ Homestay

Host family homes are located within approximately one hour by public transportation from Senriyama Campus. On the day of check-in, the host family will pick you up at Senriyama campus.

Overseas Travel Accident Insurance

All participants are required to purchase the overseas travel accident insurance specified by Kansai University. This insurance is included in the program fees.

Coverage	Insured Amount
Accidental Death	JPY 10,000,000
Accidental Disability	JPY 10,000,000
Accidental Medical Expenses	JPY 30,000,000
Sickness Medical Expenses	JPY 30,000,000
Rescuer's Expenses	JPY 10,000,000
Personal Liability	JPY 100,000,000

- This insurance does NOT cover pre-existing conditions (including allergies) or damage to personal belongings.
- The insurance is valid only for a specific period—from the check-in to the check-out day. Any period outside the official program schedule is not covered.
- If you require additional coverage beyond what is provided, you will need to purchase it at your own expense.



Course Schedule

※Subject to change

Main courses

Optional courses

	1/14(WED)	1/15(THU)	1/16(FRI)	1/19(MON)	1/20(TUE)	1/21(WED)
1st 9:00-10:30		Orientation	Introduction to Osaka 1	Entrepreneurship (Basic) 1	Business Culture 1	Entrepreneurship (Basic) 3
2nd 10:40-12:10		Campus Tour Welcome Party	Introduction to Osaka 2	Entrepreneurship (Basic) 2	Business Culture 2	Entrepreneurship (Basic) 4
3rd 13:00-14:30	Check-in (Afternoon)	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Student Session	Excursion	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Excursion
4th 14:40-16:10						
5th 16:20-17:50						
	1/22(THU)	1/23(FRI)	1/26(MON)	1/27(TUE)	1/28(WED)	1/29(THU)
1st 9:00-10:30	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Business Culture 3	Entrepreneurship (Advanced 1)		Presentation	Check-out (Morning)
2nd 10:40-12:10	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Business Culture 4	Entrepreneurship (Advanced 2)	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience		
3rd 13:00-14:30		Excursion	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Business Talk (L)	Closing Ceremony Farewell Party	
4th 14:40-16:10				Preparation for presentation		
5th 16:20-17:50						

Evaluation

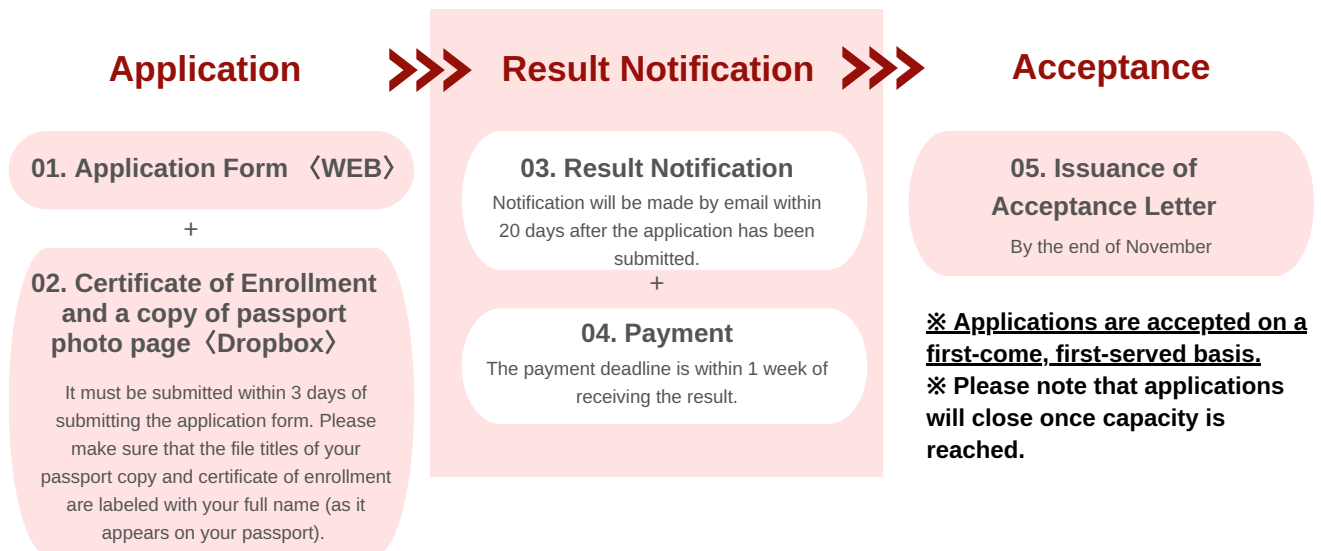
The instructor(s) for each course will evaluate students based on the criteria outlined below. Final evaluations will be expressed using letter grades (S to F), in accordance with Kansai university's grading system.

Score		Grade
100-90	Superior	S
89-80	Excellent	A
79-70	Good	B
69-60	Passable	C
Below 59	Fall	F

- Certificate of Completion will be presented during the closing ceremony.
- Academic transcripts will be sent to you electronically within two weeks following the conclusion of the program.



Application Procedure



01. Application Form <WEB> From September 16 to October 17

Apply from here ▼

https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Kokusai/short_term/program/

※Your application to the program may be shared with your home institution if necessary.



02. Certificate of Enrollment and a copy of passport photo page <Dropbox> Within 3 days of submitting the Application Form

Submit to here: [Dropbox](#)

Please submit an official certificate of enrollment, issued by your home institution, written in English along with your passport copy. This certificate should confirm that you are currently enrolled at the time of your application for winter school 2026. Ideally, it should include the dates of your program's commencement and expected completion.

※Please contact us if you do not receive a response within 20 days after submitting your application form and certificate of enrollment.

※Please make sure that the file titles of your passport copy and certificate of enrollment are labeled with your full name (as it appears on your passport).

※The Dropbox link is provided in the application form.



03. Result Notification

Application documents will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified of the results via email. Successful applicants will also receive information regarding the payment process and other details. If you do not receive a notification within 20 days after submitting your application, please contact us immediately.

→ 04. Payment

Basic program fee per person: JPY 300,000 (for 2 weeks)

※ The following 2 documents should be submitted after making payment.

1. Pledge

2. Proof of Remittance

- Please follow the instructions and transfer the fees stated in the invoice to the designated bank account by the deadline.
- Remittance must be made in Japanese yen.
- International money transfers may take some time to be complete. Please ensure that you make the transfer well in advance to ensure payment is completed by the deadline.
- Applicants are responsible for any remittance fees.
- Kindly note that tuition and other fees are non-refundable once payment has been completed.

→ 05. Issuance of Acceptance Letter **By the end of November**

The acceptance letter will be sent to you via email once we confirm the completion of your payment. If you do not receive the letter by the end of November, despite having completed your payment, please contact us immediately.



VISA

Participants are responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa.

For more information, please refer to the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs or consult the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate General in your area. We recommend seeking their advice before applying for the program.

www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Personal Information

The Winter School at Kansai University adheres to Japanese laws, guidelines, and other norms regarding the use of personal information (such as address, name, telephone number, or other personally identifiable information) provided by applicants. When applying for this program, please refer to the following website for detailed information about the use of personal information:

Japanese only: www.kansai-u.ac.jp/global/footer/privacy.html

Inquiry

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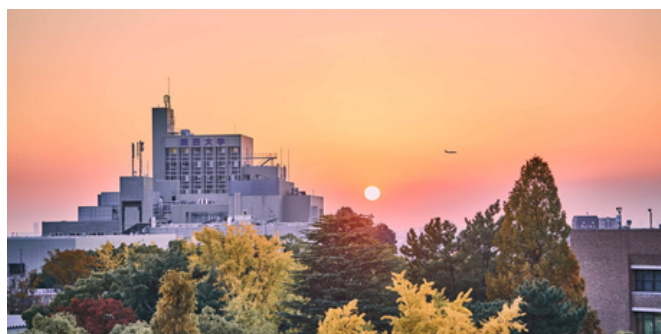
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CAMPUS MAP

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