

Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (KUFS)

Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2025



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

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Nomination

Partner universities: Fill in a nomination form and submit it via Google Form 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)

日 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.

英 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.

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Minumum Course Load	13 subjects per semester	7 subjects per semester
Language of Instruction	Japanese	English
Course List	Timetable(Sample)	Timetable(Sample)

Transcripts

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

✿ Spring Semester: After September 20 Ⓛ Fall Semseter: 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 agreement.



Language Proficiency

日 日本語コース	英 英語コース
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to have studied the Japanese language for 150 hours or more. To be able to read and write Hiragana and Katakana. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 450,000 yen).

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



Off-Campus Accommodations

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 Assistants

We will arrange a "KUFS Student Assistant" to support international students coming to Japan to lead a smooth campus life. International student are matched with KUFS student assistants who will provide support on campus and around the university.



Prayer Room

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 \(Non-Halal Food\)](#)
- [Study Kyoto](#)



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【KUFS】



【YouTube】



【Partner University Website】



【Instagram / Japanese Course】

