Kobe City University of Foreign Studies

Japanese Language Program

FALL 2015

SPRING 2016

Fall Semester:
September 10th, 2015 - December 21st, 2015

Spring Semester:
April 1st, 2016 - August 1st, 2016
Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (KCUFS) welcomes international students who want to study Japanese intensively in our Japanese Language Program for one semester / one academic year. In addition, international students can take regular university courses offered to KCUFS undergraduates.

## Japanese Language Classes

All classes are basically offered in Japanese. All students are required to take a placement test after coming to Japan and are then divided into groups based on Japanese proficiency. Small class sizes are designed to promote improvement in the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in Japanese. Each 90-minute class will meet eight times per week.

The courses in our JLP program are targeted to upper elementary and intermediate level students.

### Upper Elementary Course (Targets & Requirements)

This course is targeted at students who have acquired elementary-level grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 150 learning hours. It is appropriate for those who have finished studying with elementary textbooks such as *Minna-no Nihongo Shokyu I* and *Genki I*.

### Intermediate Course (Targets & Requirements)

This course is targeted at students who have acquired basic elementary grammar and vocabulary through more than approximately 300 learning hours at least. It is appropriate for those who have finished studying with elementary textbooks such as *Minna-no Nihongo Shokyu II*, *Genki II* and *Yokoso!*

*For both courses above, applicants need to have English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 61 or IELTS 5.5 or CEFR B2 above.*

- In addition to the courses above, other classes, such as Kanji Class and Japanese Affairs, are offered.
- There are field trips about four times per semester.

### Regular University Courses

KCUFS has five departments: English Studies, Russian Studies, Chinese Studies, Spanish Studies and International Relations. Students can take regular undergraduate course classes in the five departments and study with Japanese students. The courses cover Languages, Linguistics, Literature, Culture, History, Law, Commerce, Economy, Education, and Psychology.
# JLP Academic Calendar

The schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website for updates.

Students can study for one or two semester(s), starting either in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016.

**FALL 2015**
- September 10
- September 10
- September 14 - October 2
- December 21

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In January, some extra lectures in Japanese language and culture will be offered for free. Regular course classes will finish in the middle of February in the fall semester.

**Spring 2016**
- April 1
- April 1
- April 1 – 17
- August 1

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Regular course classes will finish at the beginning of August in the spring semester.

The schedule for Fall 2016 will be changed to the middle of September – the beginning of February.

### JLP Album

**Fall Semester**
- Opening Ceremony
- September 10
- October 10
- November 11
- December 12
- Winter Vacation
- Winter Session
- Spring Vacation

**Spring Semester**
- Opening Ceremony
- April 4
- May 5
- June 6
- July 7
- Summer Vacation
- Closing Ceremony

- Making Chopsticks
- Visiting the historic city of Kyoto
- Zazen and Meditation

The schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website for updates.
**Student Life**

### Club Activities

#### KCUFS Clubs
There are many club activities at KCUFS. Joining a club is a great opportunity to communicate with KCUFS students, as well as have fun!

**Sports:** Karate / Japanese Archery / Kendo / Aikido / Tennis / Soccer / Baseball / Swimming / Dance / Basketball / Badminton / Volleyball / Rugby / Wandervogel / Lacrosse / etc...

**Culture, Language, Music & Volunteering:** Tea Ceremony / Fine Arts / Acting / Spanish Language Study / ESS / Choir / Russian Language / Folk Song / Flamenco / Movies etc...

### Student Support

#### Mentor & Japanese Conversation Partners
Mentors support international students in daily/academic life when they need help, for instance with course registration, bank or post office procedures, and shopping. Japanese conversation partners offer international students opportunities to practice Japanese outside of class.

#### JLP Student Support Circle “LINK”
There are about 50 students member in the circle. They will help JLP students lead a fruitful study abroad life at KCUFS.

#### “CHAT” in Foreign Languages
Free English “CHAT” sessions with native English speakers (Assistant Language Teachers from the JET program) are held at KCUFS. “CHAT” sessions in international students’ mother tongues such as English, Spanish and German have also been held thanks to international student volunteers.

#### Passes for Social Education/Historical/Cultural Facilities
International students can enter many social education/historical/cultural facilities in Kobe City and Hyogo Prefecture for free or at a discounted price with passes offered for free. For example, you can enter an aquarium, sake brewery museums, a Japanese-style garden, etc. with the passes.
### Accommodation

#### Apartment
It is a 6-minute bus ride from KCUFS’s nearest bus stop.

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※ A three-month commutation ticket from the apartment’s nearest bus stop to KCUFS’s costs 20,520 yen.

#### Kobe International Student Center
It’s a 15-minute walk from KCUFS’s campus.

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#### Home-stay
- **Monthly Payment:** 70,000 yen
  - (80,000 yen from November to March to cover heating costs)
  - It includes: Meals, Utilities, and Internet access.
  - (Meals: Breakfast & Dinner on Weekdays / Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner on Weekends)

- **Daily Payment:** 2,300 yen per day
  - (2,600 yen per day in winter to cover heating costs)
  - When international students do not stay for a whole month, they can pay 2,300 yen per day (2,600 yen per day in winter).
  - For instance, if a student leaves on August 4th, the monthly payment will be 9,200 yen. This way of payment is allowed for the first and the last month of international students’ stay.

### Information

- **Eligible Students:** Students enrolled in overseas undergraduate/graduate courses
- **Tuition Fee:** 267,900 yen / semester
  - (The tuition is subject to change depending on a tax increase etc.)
  - Some exchange students from partner universities can be exempted from tuition.
- **Scholarships:** There is a possibility that some students from partner universities can be entitled to apply for a scholarship. Please inquire for more details through KCUFS’s international office.
- **Application Deadline:**
  - April 24, 2015 in Japan Standard Time for Fall 2015
    - Screening and notification will be completed by May 31.
    - Screening and notification will be completed by January 15.
Inquiries

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Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (KCUFS)

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies is devoted to studies of foreign languages and cultures. KCUFS offers five undergraduate-degree programs: English Studies, Russian Studies, Chinese Studies, Spanish Studies, and International Relations. The students study foreign languages and cultures as well as other liberal arts. They learn to express their opinions effectively in several foreign languages, and also acquire the practical skills needed in modern society, in addition to broadening their perspectives on global issues. Furthermore, KCUFS has a graduate program in which students can continue their areas of research. As a municipal university corporation, KCUFS strives to contribute to the academic and cultural development of the local area, and its doors are open to all students who seek to grow and learn for themselves.

For more information, see the Web pages at http://www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp/english/index.html

Kobe City

Kobe is one of the largest cities in Japan with a population of about 1,540,000. With a diverse population of foreign residents and cultures established by foreign communities, Kobe is well known throughout Japan as an international city. Surrounded by beautiful nature with the mountains on one side and the ocean on the other, Kobe is also easily accessible to famous cities such as Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara. You can easily make a day trip from Kobe to these historic sites. Below are some beautiful sights in Kobe.

For more information, see the Web pages at http://feel-kobe.jp/_en/