

Application Guideline



Winter School 2025

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 13 undergraduate faculties, 13 graduate schools, and 2 professional graduate schools. There are over 30,000 students enrolled at our university, and we have 5 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 program consists of two-week. Total classtime for the main course is 45 hours in two-week (90 hours in four-week), including time spent for assignment, 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 some field trips (works) in connection with Mercantile Capital of Japan. (Example: 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 can be taken with an additional fee (JPY 10,000). The applicants are required to indicate us in the application form if they opt for the course. This course targets beginner students (less than 300 hours of study). Restrictions may apply to students with intermediate or above level due to class size limitations. (The priority will be given to beginners.)

This course is an introductory Japanese language course for students who have never learned Japanese before, or have a very basic knowledge of Japanese greetings, such as hiragana and katakana. Students are taught fundamental expressions and phrases necessary to “survive” during a short stay in Japan.

Additionally, they can experience Japanese culture through food sample making, which originates 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 understand a part of Japanese traditional culture.



Program Overview

Eligible Participants

The applicant must be an undergraduate or a graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college/university/research institution outside Japan and as of Winter School 2025. All lectures (except “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”) are taught in English. A certain degree of English proficiency is required to understand the lectures and engage in the various activities. B2 level or higher English proficiency in CEFR (IELTS 5.5 and TOEFL [iBT] 72) or equivalent level is recommended for non-native English speakers). This program will not be held if the total number of applicants is less than ten students.

Program Summary

Program Period	Wednesday 15 January ~ Wednesday 29 January, 2025		
Course	Main Course “Introduction to Osaka” “Japanese Business Culture” “Entrepreneurship”	Optional Course “Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience”	
Fee	JPY 250,000	JPY 10,000	
Minimum Number of Participants	10 students	5 students	
Maximum Number of Participants	60 students (first-come first-served basis)		
Accommodation	Style	Student Dormitory Apartment	Homestay
	Meals	Not included <small>※Breakfast and Dinner are available at your own expense.</small>	Breakfast and Dinner included
	Check-in / out <small>*Schedule for check-in/ out is unchangeable.</small>	Check-in Wednesday 15 January (around 3PM)	Check-out Wednesday 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 (JPY10,000) 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 feel free to use a lounge and shared kitchen in the dormitory.

If the capacity of the student dormitory exceeds, it would be possible that your room is arranged in either another dormitory (a lounge, shower rooms, public baths, toilets, washing machines in laundry rooms, items in the pantries are shared) or student apartments within commuting distance of the university. Utilities such as water, electricity, and Wi-Fi are included. Meals are not included. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the premises of the student dormitories and apartments.

→ Homestay

Houses of host families are located within an hour commute by public transportation to Senriyama Campus. The host family will pick you up at Senriyama campus on the day of check-in.

Overseas Travel Accident Insurance

All participants are required purchasing the overseas travel accident insurance specified by Kansai University. It 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 baggage.
- The insurance can cover you only for a certain period of time(starting from check-in day to check-out day.) Earlier or later than the program schedule is exclusive.
- Should you require additional coverage to the above, you need to purchase another one out of your pocket.



Course Schedule

※Subject to change

Main courses

Optional courses

	1/15(WED)	1/16(THU)	1/17(FRI)	1/20(MON)	1/21(TUE)	
1st 9:00-10:30		Orientation		Student Session	Business Culture 3	
2nd 10:40-12:10		Campus Tour Welcome Party	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Entrepreneurship (Basic 1)	Business Culture 4	
3rd 13:00-14:30	Check-in (Afternoon)	Introduction to Osaka1	Business Culture 1	Excursion	Business Talk	
4th 14:40-16:10		Introduction to Osaka2	Business Culture 2		Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	
5th 16:20-17:50		Excursion				
	1/22(WED)	1/23(THU)	1/24(FRI)	1/27(MON)	1/28(TUE)	1/29(WED)
1st 9:00-10:30	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience			Preparation for presentation	Check-out (Morning)
2nd 10:40-12:10	Entrepreneurship (Basic 2)	Entrepreneurship (Basic 3)	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Entrepreneurship (Basic 4)	Presentation	
3rd 13:00-14:30	Excursion	Excursion	Survival Japanese Language with Cultural Experience	Entrepreneurship (Advanced 1)	Presentation	
4th 14:40-16:10				Entrepreneurship (Advanced 2)	Closing Ceremony Farewell Party	
5th 16:20-17:50						

Evaluation

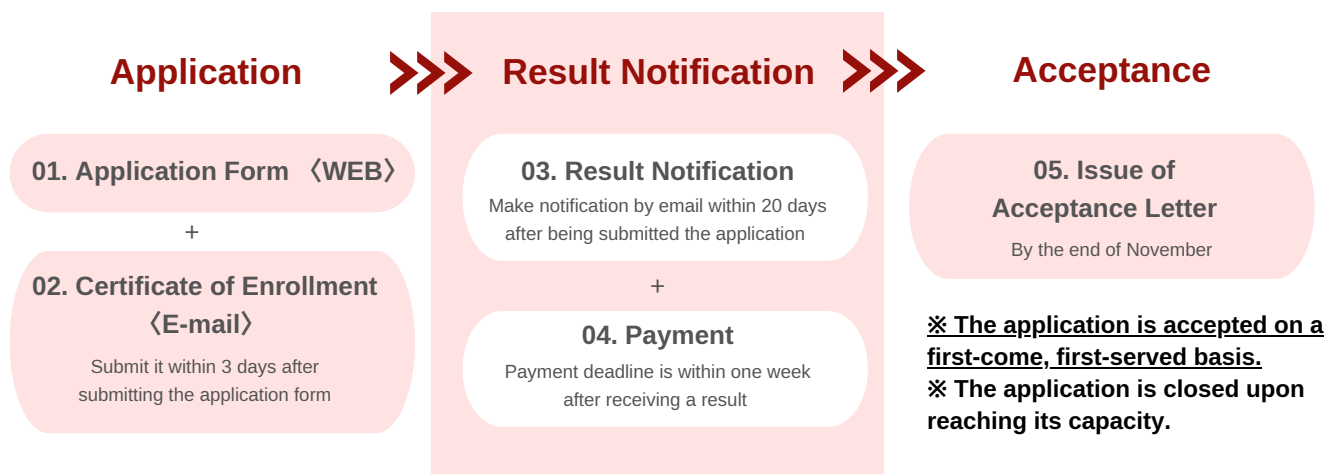
The instructor(s) for each course will evaluate students based on the criteria stipulated below. Letter grades (S-F) based on Kansai University rating criteria will be used to indicate the final evaluation.

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

- Certificates of completion will be presented in a part of closing ceremony.
- Academic transcripts will be sent to you electronically within two weeks after the program.



Application Procedure



→ 01. Application Form <WEB> From September 17 to October 25

Apply from here ▼

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

※There would be a possibility to share with your home institution that you apply for the program as needed.

→ 02. Certificate of Enrollment <E-mail> Within 3 days after submitting the Application Form

Submit to here: short_term@ml.kandai.jp

Please submit the official certificate of enrollment issued by your home institution which can certify that you are enrolled in your university at the time you apply for Winter School 2025. (Preferably, it has dates of your commencement and the expected completion.)

※Please contact us if you do not receive any reply from us although it takes 20 days after submitting your application form and certificate of enrollment.

※Our emails tend to be classified into spam box; thus, please register our email address after applying for the program. We may need to reach out to you in advance of the result notification, so be sure to keep an eye on your spam box regularly as well.

→ 03. Result Notification

Application documents will be screened and then applicants will be notified of the result via email. Payment flow and other information will be informed to the successful applicants as well. If you do not receive any message within 20 days after submitting your application, please contact us immediately.



04. Payment

Basic program fee per person: JPY 250,000 (two-week)

※ Three of the following documents should be submitted after making payment.

1. Copy of passport photo page
2. Pledge
3. Proof of Remittance

- Follow the instruction and transfer the fees written in the invoice to the designated bank account by the deadline.
- Remittance must be made in Japanese yen.
- Money transfer from outside of Japan may take some time to be completed. Be sure to transfer as early as possible so that the payment will be completed by the deadline.
- Applicants are responsible for the remittance fee.
- Please kindly note that we will not refund tuition and other fees once your payment is completed.



05. Issue of Acceptance Letter **By the end of November**

The acceptance letter is sent to you via email after we confirm completion of your payment. If you do not receive the letter at the end of November, in spite of completion of your payment, please contact us immediately.



VISA

Participants are responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa.

Please refer to the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs or consult the nearest Embassy or Consulate General of Japan in your area for more information or receive advice from them before applying for this program.

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

Personal Information

Winter School in Kansai University follows Japanese laws, guidelines, and other norms concerning the use of personal information (address, name, telephone number or personally identifiable information) provided by the applicant. When you apply for this program, be sure to refer to the following website for details regarding the use of personal information:

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

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CAMPUS MAP

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