KANSAI GAIDAI
UNIVERSITY
JAPAN



ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
FACT SHEET
2027 - 2028

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Kansai Gaidai University

Established in 1972, the Asian Studies Program today annually welcomes about 1,000 competitively selected students who represent about 40 countries and regions.

SPECIAL FEATURES

01 Superb Location

Kansai Gaidai is located in the city of Hirakata in Osaka prefecture. Located midway between Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolis, and Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan (both cities accessible by train within 30 minutes), Kansai Gaidai's campus is in the commercial and cultural heart of Japan. It is an excellent starting point to explore Japan.



02 Academic Calendar

The Asian Studies Program follows a typical academic calendar of overseas institutions in the northern hemisphere:

Fall Semester　Spring Semester

9 Sep	10 Oct	11 Nov	12 Dec	1 Jan	2 Feb	3 Mar	4 Apr	5 May	6 Jun	7 Jul	8 Aug
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03 70+ Courses Offered in English

In addition to Japanese language courses, a wide variety of content-based courses from social sciences to business is available in English providing the deeper understanding of Japan and Asia from many different perspectives.

Mandatory		Elective
Japanese Language courses Level 1 to 8	+	Japanese Reading & Writing Level 1 to 8 Content-based courses Studio Art courses

Course Offerings

04 Internship Opportunities (Only for Spring participants)

Real life experience in Japanese business firms and local schools is available in the Asian Studies Program. Exchange students have an opportunity to experience and learn first-hand about the Japanese work environment.



[Host Companies, Schools, and Governmental Offices]

- Keihan Electric Railway Co.,Ltd
- Komatsu Ltd.
- Osaka Excel Hotel Tokyu
- SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- The Royal Hotel, Ltd. (RIHGA Royal Hotel Osaka)
- Hirakata Municipal Isoshima Elementary School
- Hirakata Municipal Kinya Elementary School
- Hirakata Municipal Hirakata Middle School
- Osaka Prefecture Nagao High School
- The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan

The above internship sites are some of many firms who have accommodated our interns. This list is subject to change without notice.

05 Housing (International students have two types of housing arrangements:)

Residence Hall　GLOBAL COMMONS 結 - YUI -

- 651 Rooms
- All single rooms
- Kitchen facilities available



HOMESTAY

- One Student per family
- Two Meals included
- Commuting within an hour
- Eligible for Second Semester (Extension)Students



Housing Information

TUITION & FEES PER SEMESTER

Category	Amount
Tuition	Waived by exchange agreement
Homestay (2 meals/day included)	JPY 320,000*
GLOBAL COMMONS 結 -YUI- International Student Residence (kitchen facility available)	JPY 270,000* Reservation Fee JPY 2,000 (Non-refundable)* Security Deposit JPY 20,000 (Refundable) Maintenance and Management Fee JPY10,000 (Non-refundable)
General Deposit (Refundable)	JPY 10,000
International Student Fee (Mandatory)	JPY 10,000
Liability Insurance & Medical Assistance Fee (Mandatory)	JPY 4,600

*Waived for students from institutions, which have full exchange agreements with Kansai Gaidai.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PERIOD

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination	January 10 - April 30	August 1 - October 15
Application	January 10 – May 15	August 1 – November 1

Students applying as an exchange student must be nominated from exchange coordinators at our affiliated institutions.

SEMESTER DATES

	2027 Fall	2028 Spring
Arrival Dates	August 26-28	February 1-3
Orientation	August 28-September 1	February 3-5
First Day of Classes	September 2	February 7
Last Day of Classes	December 8	May 19
Final Examinations	December 9-15	May 22-26

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Applicants will be contacted through e-mail upon receipt of the nomination message from their home institutions.

Item	Note
Online Application	Must be Completed online
Identification Photograph (Passport type identification photo, full face and neutral background)	Upload 1 jpg. file photo to the application system
Medical Information Form (Download Form from the application system) (Must be completed by a medical professional)	Upload to the application system
Passport Copy	Upload to the application system
Two Recommendation Letters from Professor/ Instructor of University level(Download Form from the application system)	Accepted by E-mail directly from your professor / instructor
Japanese Instructor's Reference Form from Professor/Instructor of University level (Download Form from the application system) - only applicable if studied Japanese before	Accepted by E-mail directly from your professor/ instructor (Counted as one of the required two recommendation letters but the other recommendation letter should be from a different professor)
Official Academic Transcript	Upload to the application system

A new online application system will be launched in January 2027.

More information about the Admission Procedures

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MANGA ART INSTITUTE

This is a Summer 4-week immersive program at Kansai Gaidai University. Designed for aspiring creators worldwide, this English-taught program offers hands-on training from Japan-based professional artists.
Program Highlights:
•Technical Mastery: Learn character design, storyboarding, and traditional inkwork techniques.
•Cultural Insights: Discover the cultural landscape shaping the global success of manga through industry lectures and excursions.
•Final Exhibition: Showcase your original short manga at the end-of-program exhibition.
Discover your unique creative voice and experience the art of manga from the heart of Japan!



FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

The Asian Studies Program welcomes Faculty-Led Program from our partner institutions.
Kansai Gaidai expands study opportunities for overseas students by hosting faculty-led programs. Campus tour, class observations, interactions with local students, and other activities give a sneak peek of Japanese university and its student's daily life, although program content and duration of the program vary at each university. This program offers an excellent starting point for exploration of Japan.



NIHONGO FRIENDS PROGRAM

Nihongo Friends - the heart of friendship and cultural connections! Our initiative is dedicated to bridging cultural gaps and fostering meaningful interactions for you. As a vital platform for international students, "Nihongo Friends" enables you to cultivate lasting relationships with local Japanese students and fellow global peers. Immerse yourself in a diverse range of on-campus activities, blending fun and learning seamlessly. From cultural exchanges to language workshops and exciting group outings, each event is created to enrich cross-cultural understanding and fostering a strong sense of belonging.



ABOUT KANSAI GAIDAI



Nakamiya Campus


Gotenyama Campus
Global Town

- Founded in 1945
- Located in Osaka, Japan
- Enrollment: 12,000 students
- More than 1,100 students study overseas annually
- Over 1,000 international students come to study at KGU annually
- 428 partner institutions in 55 countries/regions
- Two Campuses : Nakamiya Campus/ Gotenyama Campus Global Town

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM STUDENTS

2025 FALL SEMESTER

- 498 students
- From 33 countries and regions
- From 185 universities

2026 SPRING SEMESTER

- 453 students
- From 32 countries and regions
- From 159 universities

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