

Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP)

1 Objective

The Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP) is a special education program that provides Japanese language courses, as well as courses in English on the state of affairs in Japan, Japanese culture, and other various fields of specialty for international students from the institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University.

We hope that KUEP students will deepen their understanding of Japan through this program, and engage in cultural exchange among students from all over the world and from Kanazawa University. We also hope that the knowledge acquired through this program will help the students to participate in the activities on the international arena.

2 Acceptance Period and Duration

Entering in October: October – March or October – September

Entering in April: April – September or April – March

3 Academic Calendar

(1) KUEP academic year is divided into two semesters as follows:

Autumn semester (Quarter 3, Quarter 4): October 1 – March 31

Spring semester (Quarter 1, Quarter 2): April 1 – September 30

(2) Classes are held during the following periods:

Autumn semester: early-October – mid-February (16 weeks)

(Quarter 3: early-October – late-November (8 weeks), Quarter 4: early-December – mid-February (8 weeks))

Spring semester: early April – early-August (16 weeks)

(Quarter 1: early-April – mid-June (8 weeks), Quarter 2: mid-June – early-August (8 weeks))

(3) There are no classes on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays, and during the winter, spring and summer vacations.

4 Tuition

Tuition shall be waived for students who are from institutions that have concluded an agreement on mutual tuition waiver with Kanazawa University according to the number of students specified in the agreement.

Special Auditors are obliged to pay tuition of JPY 14800 yen per credit. Special Research Students are obliged to pay tuition of JPY 29700 yen per month. Tuition might be revised in the future.

5 Curriculum

Students of KUEP Human and Social Sciences attend regular curriculum classes of Kanazawa University and/or study in their major field(s) at the graduate school. Students of KUEP Science and Engineering Sciences/Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences conduct research based on their individual purpose for studying at Kanazawa University while taking classes on major subjects given in Japanese or English.

Students can also take courses on the Japanese language and on Japanese culture and society that are provided by the School of International Education. Whether or not credits are granted to students depends upon which school they belong to.

For details of regular curriculum classes, refer to the Kanazawa University Web Syllabus:

<https://eduweb.sta.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/portal/Public/Syllabus/SearchMain.aspx>



Japanese Language learning

Students of KUEP can attend the classes of the Integrated Japanese Language Program (IJLP).

IJLP is a Japanese language program for all international students studying at Kanazawa University.

The aim of the IJLP is to improve students' Japanese language ability and help them fit into the university and life in Japan. By learning the language, students can also gain the knowledge necessary to be able to understand Japanese culture and society.

Intergrated Japanese Language Program Course List

| Japanese Language levels | | Comprehensive classes (3-4/w) | Kanji & Vocabulary classes (1/w) | Skill-specific classes (1/w) | | | | Business Japanese (1/w) |
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| | | | | Reading | Writing | Listening | Speaking | |
| Elementary Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions | 1 | Japanese 101 | Kanji & Vocabulary 1 | | | | | |
| | | Japanese 102 | | | | | | |
| Japanese 100 | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Japanese 200 | Kanji & Vocabulary 2 | Reading & Writing: Pre-Intermediate | | Conversation: Pre-Intermediate | | | |
| Intermediate Can understand and communicate in general situations | 3 | Japanese 300 | Kanji & Vocabulary 3 | Japanese Affairs: Introductory | Writing 1 | Intermediate Listening | Conversation 3 | |
| | 4 | Japanese 400 | Kanji & Vocabulary 4 | Intermediate Reading | | Intermediate-high Listening | Conversation 4 | |
| | 5 | Japanese 500 | Kanji & Vocabulary 5 | Intermediate-high Reading | Writing 2 | | Conversation 5 | |
| Advanced Can understand and communicate in academic settings | 6 | Japanese 600 | Kanji & Vocabulary 6 | Academic Japanese | | Academic Listening | Japanese Affairs | Business Japanese 1 |
| | | | | Logical Thinking in Japanese | Academic Writing | | | Business Communication 1 |
| 7 | | Kanji & Vocabulary 7 | Advanced Reading | | | Advanced Listening | Academic Presentation | Business Japanese 2 |
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[Note]

- Students of KUEP are not allowed to register for only Japanese language courses. They also must register for courses in their major field of study.
- Students of KUEP are allowed to register for maximum of 5 courses per week for Japanese language program courses. (up to 5 credits per quarter).
- Students are required to take a placement test. The results of this placement test will determine their class level.
- There is a maximum number of students for each course. If the capacity is exceeded, students may be unable to take the courses.
- Courses are subject to change. Please check the website and syllabus for the latest information.

<http://kuglobal.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/sie/IJLP/>



■ Studies on Japanese Culture and Society

| Courses in Autumn Semester | |
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| Course Title | Credits |
| Japanese History | 2 |
| Japanese Culture through the Way of Tea | 2 |
| Ōhi Pottery: Clay and Fire | 2 |
| Education in Japan | 2 |
| Budō - Karatedō I | 2 |
| Budō - Jōdō I | 2 |
| Zen and Japanese Culture | 2 |
| Calendar and Time in the Japanese History | 2 |
| UNESCO Geo-Parks and Biosphere Reserves | 2 |
| Nursing Care for Elderly People in Japan | 2 |
| Survey and Training Seminar on Japanese Culture and Society | 2 |
| Japanese Society and Traditional Culture I (Quarter 3) | 1 |
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| Total : 12 courses | |

| Courses in Spring Semester | |
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| Course Title | Credits |
| Japanese History | 2 |
| Traditional Arts & Crafts and their Techniques | 2 |
| Contemporary Art and Design | 2 |
| Family in Japan | 2 |
| Budō - Karatedō I | 2 |
| Budō - Karatedō II | 2 |
| Budō - Jōdō I | 2 |
| Budō - Jōdō II | 2 |
| Zen and Japanese Culture | 2 |
| Calendar and Time in the Japanese History | 2 |
| UNESCO Geo-Parks and Biosphere Reserves | 2 |
| The “Omotenashi” Spirit in the Service Industry of Japan | 2 |
| Survey and Training Seminar on Japanese Culture and Society | 2 |
| Japanese Society and Traditional Culture II (Quarter 1) | 1 |
| Japanese Traditional Performing Arts and Music I (Quarter 1) | 1 |
| Japanese Traditional Performing Arts and Music II (Quarter 2) | 1 |
| Architecture and the City in Japan: from the Past to the Future (Quarter 2) | 1 |
| Incense in Japanese Culture (Quarter 2) | 1 |
| Total : 18 courses | |

There is a maximum number of students for each course. If the capacity is exceeded, it will be a lottery system used to decide.

Courses are subject to change. Please check the syllabus for the latest information.

●For details of each course, refer to the following URL:

<https://eduweb.sta.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/portal/Public/Syllabus/SearchMain.aspx>



Kanazawa University Web Syllabus

Search

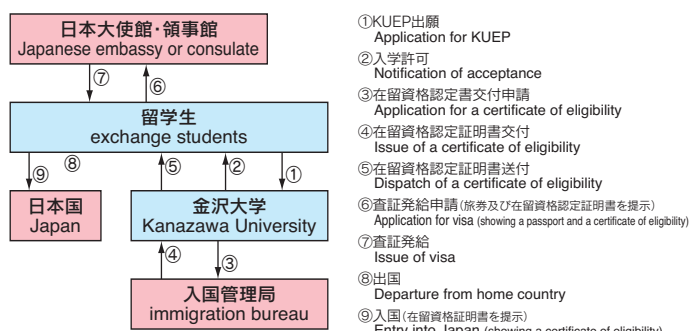
6 Transcript and Credit Transfer

- (1) Kanazawa University will issue a transcript of the KUEP courses.
- (2) Credit transfer at the students' home institutions is based upon this transcript.
- (3) Approval of credit transfer is done under the authority of the students' home institutions, not of Kanazawa University



Immigration Procedures

In order to enter Japan, a passport and the proper type of visa are necessary. KUEP students need to obtain a "college student" visa. Kanazawa University advises them to apply for this visa with a "Certificate of Eligibility", for which Kanazawa University applies to Japanese immigration authorities. Kanazawa University will send the certificate to the students as soon as it is issued. Then students can apply for a "college student" visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate. Students are also required to present the certificate when they enter Japan.



Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship Program

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) supports short-term exchange students to promote student exchange with foreign universities. Participants for KUEP will be paid monthly stipends, if accepted as a JASSO scholarship grantee. It is not permitted to apply to both Kanazawa University and another university in Japan for this scholarship program.

1 Institutions Requirement

Foreign institutions which have concluded an exchange agreement and a Memorandum on student exchanges with Kanazawa University

2 Application Requirements

JASSO applicants must be full-time students (undergraduate or graduate) at one of the partner institutions of Kanazawa University, and must fulfill the following requirements.

- (1) Students who have the nationality of countries or regions that have diplomatic relations with Japan. Students from Taiwan and Palestine are also considered eligible. Students who have Japanese citizenship are NOT eligible.
- (2) Students who are accepted to Kanazawa University under the exchange agreement
- (3) Students with commendable academic performance and personal character
- (4) Students with clear objectives for studying at Kanazawa University and who can be expected to perform well
- (5) Students who need financial assistance to study in Japan
- (6) Students who will return to their home institutions after completion of the exchange program at Kanazawa University to continue their study or get a degree at their home institutions
- (7) Students who qualify for a 'college student' visa
- (8) The monthly amount of the scholarship which students receive from other agencies must be JPY 80000 or less

3 Period of Scholarship

Entering in October: October – February or October – August
 Entering in April: April – August or April – February

4 Contents of Scholarship

Monthly stipend JPY 80000 (estimated)

Kanazawa University will notify the applicants (through their host institutions) of the selection result for the JASSO scholarship.

There is a possibility that students are not selected to receive the scholarship even if they have been accepted to KUEP.

Campus Life

1 Living Expenses

Standard monthly living expenses in Kanazawa can be considered to be from around 80,000 to 100,000 yen. Please be sure to have sufficient funds available to cover your living expenses during the study period. If students intend to participate in the program without scholarship (JPY 80000 per month), they will be required to provide a financial certification which proves that they will be able to support themselves during their period of study in Japan.

2 Tutors

Kanazawa University provides tutors to ensure that both study and daily life goes smoothly for international students. Tutors will provide a range of support to international students to suit their individual needs. Not all international students will be provided tutors.

3 Housing

Kanazawa University provides accommodations for international students. Basically, KUEP student will be allocated to them.

For details, refer to the following URL:

<http://www.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/ie/j/lifeinfo/housing.html> (Japanese)

<http://www.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/ie/e/lifeinfo/housing.html> (English)

※ The Newcomer Support Team (ino@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp) of the International Student Section provides services in housing allocation, obtaining the Certificate of Eligibility, flight information for new overseas students.

4 Dining and Shopping

There are cafeterias on campus where students can eat at a cheaper price than the restaurants off campus. There is also a university bookstore on campus which carries books, textbooks, magazines, stationery and daily commodities.

5 Health Care

The Health Service Center at Kanazawa University provides health care services for students. It carries out medical check-ups for international students.

A doctor on duty at the Health Service Center provides first-aid treatment and counseling as needed.

6 National Health Insurance

International students are obliged to join the National Health Insurance. Carriers of this insurance receive financial support for treatment of injury or illness received at hospitals and clinics. They need to pay only 30% of the total medical cost. A monthly premium of approximately JPY 1500 is required.

7 Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS)

All KUEP students are required to join the Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (JPY 1000 for a year). This insurance helps students deal with physical injuries arising from unexpected accidents during their educational and research activities.

8 Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with PAS for International Students

All KUEP Students are required to join Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with PAS insurance plan. Students have two options for insurance. One plan covers medical expenses, the other does not. The cost for medical expenses not covered plan is JPY 1860 for a year, JPY 1310 for 6 months. Medical expenses covered plan is JPY 11500 for a year, JPY 8060 for 6 months. This insurance covers compensation for damages caused during regular curricular activities, school events, extracurricular activities and commuting to and from any of these.

9 Extracurricular Activities

At present, Kanazawa University has 42 cultural associations and 41 sports clubs. International students are welcome to join a wide range of sports and cultural associations.

Some international students take advantage of associations in which they practice traditional Japanese arts such as the tea ceremony, *koto* (Japanese harp), *shakuhachi* (Japanese bamboo flute), and *utai* (chanting of *nō* texts). Practicing traditional Japanese arts in this way will help students understand Japanese culture better. Other international students become a belt/grade-holder in traditional Japanese martial arts such as *jūdō*, *karatedō* and *kyūdō*.

10 Part-time Jobs

If students wish to do a part-time job to obtain funds to support themselves, they must obtain permission from the immigration office. With permission, students can work up to 28 hours per week.



11 International Exchange Associations

There are several student associations which promote international exchange among students. The aim of these voluntary associations is to promote and maintain friendship between international students and Japanese students. The members of such associations help international students learn Japanese, organize on and off campus activities and plan extracurricular activities.

12 Events for Cultural Exchange

In addition to the activities organized by Kanazawa University, there are cross-cultural events organized by student associations or other international exchange associations in Ishikawa prefecture. These events provide good opportunities for international students to understand Japan. Active participation in them is strongly encouraged.

International Partner Institutions

Students applying for KUEP should be enrolled in one of the institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University.

●For details of International Partner Institutions, refer to the following URL:
<https://sgu.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/international/category/agreement/>



Student Exchange Programs at Kanazawa University

Kanazawa University provides exchange programs for students enrolled in the institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University. These programs are non-degree programs and offer the students an opportunity for study abroad, cross-cultural experience and practical training in Japanese. Students take courses or participate in independent research under the guidance of an academic supervisor.

Outline of these programs are as follows.

Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP)

<Human and Social Sciences>

Students of this program attend regular curriculum classes of Kanazawa University and/or study in their major field(s) at the graduate school. Since classes are given in Japanese and English, high-level proficiency in Japanese or English is required in order to attend classes.

Special Auditor must take one or more courses on major subjects for a semester.

Students of this program can also take courses on the Japanese language and on Japanese culture and society that are provided by the School of International Education and earn credits with these courses.

This program does not provide guidance and advice on graduation and Master's theses for students in their home institution.

< Science and Engineering Sciences/Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences >

Students conduct research based on their individual purpose for studying at Kanazawa University while taking classes on major subjects given in Japanese or English.

Students can also take courses on the Japanese language and on Japanese culture and society that are provided by the School of International Education.

Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program

This program provides international students with an opportunity to improve their proficiency in the Japanese language and to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and society. It consists of upper-intermediate to advanced level Japanese language courses (5 lectures per week), cultural courses taking up not only the present day Japanese society and culture, but also the rich traditional culture of Kanazawa (3 lectures per week), joint research project with the Japanese students (1 lecture per week) and a completion research (1 lecture per week). It is a one year program conducted solely in Japanese which is designed for especially the students majoring in the Japanese language or culture.

Kanazawa University Short-Stay Program (Spring Program, Summer Program, Winter Program)

Every program has two sections, the Japanese language course and the culture course. In the language course, students will learn vocabulary and communication skills that the students will need for everyday life in Japan, as well as for their culture class. The culture class will introduce the basics of Japanese traditional culture as well as everyday culture.

There are activities with some topics and they complement the language and culture classes. The students will learn the vocabulary related to the culture class.

This guidebook is for the Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP).

Access to Kanazawa University

Kanazawa city is located almost in the center of Japan's main island.

* All fares below are approximate amount as of 1 December 2019.

★From main international airports to Kanazawa (JR Kanazawa Station)

From Narita International Airport (Tokyo), NRT

<By Air>

[3-4 hrs., approx. 350km]

A. Narita Airport – Shuttle bus → Haneda Airport(Tokyo) – Flight → Komatsu Airport – Bus → Kanazawa Station

75min.
JPY 3200

60min.
JPY 25500 ※ 1

60min.
JPY 1150

B. Narita Airport – Flight → Komatsu Airport – Bus → Kanazawa Station

60min.
JPY 25500 ※ 2

60min.
JPY 1150

※1 approx. 10 flights a day ※2 one flight a day

<By JR Train>

[4 hrs., JPY18000, approx. 500km]

C. Narita Airport – JR Narita Express → Tokyo Station – JR Hokuriku Shinkansen → Kanazawa Station

From Kansai International Airport (Osaka), KIX

[4 hrs., JPY10000, approx. 330km]

D. Kansai Airport – JR Tokkyu "Haruka" → Shin-Osaka Station – JR Tokkyu "Thunderbird" → Kanazawa Station

★From Kanazawa Station to Kanazawa University Kakuma Campus

<By bus> Please take a bus for Kanazawa University (No.91, 93, 94, 97) at the Kanazawa Station bus terminal and get off at the bus stop "Kanazawa Daigaku Chuo (see p.24-25)". [40 min. JPY370]

<By taxi> [20-30 min. JPY3000-4000]

