

Kyoto University of Foreign Studies



Studying Japanese and Japanese Culture in Historical City, Kyoto

■ Introduction

① PAX MUNDI PER LINGUAS -World Peace through Languages-

Our university was originally established under the name Kyoto School of Foreign Languages in May of 1947. It was soon after World War II, when a great demand had arisen for an international understanding which would lead to world peace. One of the urgent requirements to accomplish this goal was to develop young Japanese men and women who could not only master foreign languages, but understand cultures, economies and societies of the world. The motto of our university, "PAX MUNDI PER LINGUAS (World Peace through Languages)" has represented the founders' strong wish for achieving world peace. In addition to the Latin motto, the importance of "an indomitable spirit" has also been emphasized and valued as a primary basis for education and research, because that is what the founders believed to be an essential quality for students of foreign languages to possess.



② Number of Partner Universities

35 countries, 158 partner universities

- ③ Number of International Students in past three years
2018: 208 Students, MEXT Scholarship through embassies:3 through university: 1
2017: 198 Students, MEXT Scholarship through embassies:3 through university: 1
2016: 157 Students, MEXT Scholarship through embassies:1 through university: 1

④ The Feature of Kyoto

Kyoto is not only a center of the Japanese culture and tradition but also an international city which accepts a great many travelers, international students and holds international conferences. Having both traditional and modern aspects gleaned from the Japanese culture and maintaining close relations with the rest of the world, this former capital offers you a perfect environment in which to study languages and cultures of the world.

■ Course in Japanese Studies Center for International Students

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students register classes from this course.

① Aim

This is a one-year course designed for international students who wish to study at a Japanese university and for exchange students from our partner universities abroad. This course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency with supplementary study about Japan and Japanese culture.

② Features on the Course

This is a one-year training course in Japanese Studies for international students who are studying Japanese for the first time, or who do not have sufficient Japanese skill and knowledge. More than 100 international students including exchange students from partner universities, study in this course to master basic skills and gain knowledge about Japanese and Japan.

③ Number of Students to be Admitted

50 students (including 10 MEXT Scholarship students through embassies and 1 through university)



④ Application Qualification

Those 18 years old or older with foreign nationality, who have completed 12 or more years of formal education in their countries, and who are qualified to enter a university in the country are eligible.

⑤ Aims

This is a one-year course designed for international students who wish to study at a Japanese university and for exchange students from our partner universities abroad. This course aims at improving the Japanese language skills and deepening the understanding of the country.

⑥ Course Period

September 20 ,2019~In the end of July, 2020
Orientation : in the beginning of September
Completion Ceremony : in the end of July (Academic 2018 was July 21)

⑦ Subjects` outline and feature

1) Required Subjects

Through a placement test and an interview (implement in April and September), student will be placed into one of the nine levels of Comprehensive Japanese. In order to complete the course, the student is required to take 10 credits in Spring semester and 10 credits in Fall semester, altogether 20 credits in one year.
(one-credit subject :100mins × 14weeks × 20subjects)



2) Study Tours and Field Trips
Autumn and Spring Semesters Study Tour
Get to know more about Japanese Culture through field trips to local facilities and field work.

Three Traditional Festivals in Kyoto
(Aoi Matsuri, Gion Matsuri, Jidai Matsuri)
Among these three famous Kyoto festivals, field trips to Gion Matsuri and Jidai Matsuri are part of the course.

3) Completion Research
Evaluation is made on the basis of assignments, weekly tests, section examinations, and report.

4) Communication with Japanese Students
Student Assistants
Japanese Student Assistants guide for your accommodation when moving in .Also, they will support for the registration at ward office and life in Japan.

Club Activities
Please see the detailed information about KUFS club activities on the following website.
<http://www.kufs.ac.jp/universitylife/extracurricularactivities.html>



Navigating an Independent Non-stop Journey to Autonomy (NINJA)
NINJIA offers many events and opportunities for International students to communicate with KUFS students.
<https://www.kufs.ac.jp/rcmme/ninja.html>

KUFS provides other events for International students and Japanese students as well.

5)Others
Elective Subjects
The student is required to take more than 10 credits throughout the year (more than four subjects, five credits for each semester). Due to the students` future plan for career, it is advised to take consult with class instructors before completing the registration.
(one-credit/two-credit subject : 100mins × 14weeks)

Subjects of the faculties
Besides the subjects of the Course in Japanese Studies Center for International Students, students can also take subjects(Related to Japanese and Japanese culture) of the faculties to complete the credits for Elective Subjects.



⑧ Annual Schedule

September

Beginning: Moving in the KUFS Accommodation

Orientation

Placement test

End: Fall semester classes begin

October

Autumn field trip

Visit Jidai-matsuri Festival

November

Gaidai Festival

December

Winter vacation begins

January

Winter vacation ends

Fall semester classes end

February

Examinations of the faculties

April

Orientation

Placement test

Spring semester classes begin

May

Spring field trip

July

Visit Gion matsuri Festival

End: Spring semester classes end

Completion ceremony

Departure

August

Beginning: Examinations of the faculties

Departure (Only students who have examination of the faculties)



⑨ Instruction and Counseling

Academic counseling is provided for all students by four full time teachers who coordinate the compulsory Japanese courses.

⑩ Requirements for Completion

A certificate of completion will be awarded to all full-time students who successfully complete more than 30 credits in a year (20 credits of required subjects and 10 credits or more of elective subjects).

■ Accommodation Arrangement by KUFS

Kyoto University of Foreign Studies arranges every student a dormitory or an apartment room. Due to the limited number of rooms, KUFS will decide which room you will be into. All of them are fully furnished single rooms and are organized by KUFS. Please note that there is no Homestay arrangement via KUFS.

Rent payment can be paid with your credit card.

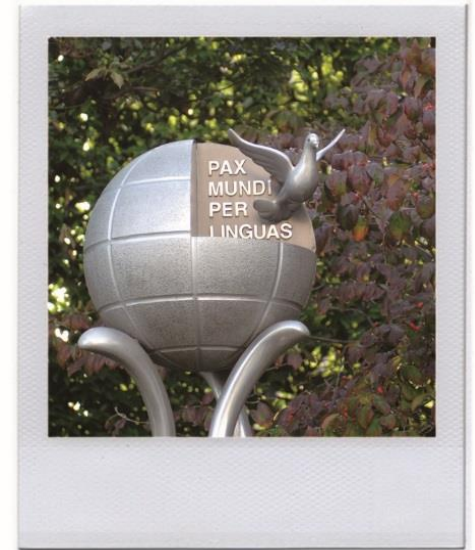
The first rent payment (for 1st term) is due before you come to Japan. The due date for 2nd term will need to be paid before the second term begins.



■ Follow-up to Completion Students

Full time teachers and staffs who are in charge of international students take care of the following for graduates.

1. Academic counseling
2. Gathering follow-up information about graduates
3. Career counseling



■ Contact Detail

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