



Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (KUFS)

Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2025

University Website	http://www.kufs.ac.jp
Partner University Website	http://www.kufs.ac.jp/en/partner/
Youtube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chi8qKs3NdI
Instagram (Japanese Course)	https://www.instagram.com/kufs_ryugakusei.bekka/

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Academic Calendar

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Arrival and Orientation	End of March	End of August
Semester Period	April 1 – September 19	September 20 – March 31
Lecture Period	Middle of April ~ End of July	End of September ~ End of January

Nomination and Application Procedures

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Nomination Period	October 1 – October 30	March 1 – March 31
Application Period	October 1 – November 20	March 1 – April 20

Procedures

STEP1. Nomination

Partner universities: Fill in a nomination form and submit it via Google Form during the above specified nomination period.

STEP2. Online Application

Students: Submit application documents through the online application system during the above specified application period.

Refer to the Partner University Website for required application documents and application procedure.

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The exchange period cannot be extended once the nomination form has been accepted.

Courses (Non-degree)

	Japanese Course	English Course
	Japanese Studies Center for International Students (Bekka)	Faculty of Global Engagement, Department of Global Studies
	Based on the Bekka curriculum, students will take classes of Japanese language and Japanese culture. Elective classes can be chosen from the Bekka timetable.	Students will take classes from about 30 selected classes of the Department of Global Studies. Japanese language class is not available for this course.
Minimum Course Load	13 subjects per semester	6 subjects per semester
Language of Instruction	Japanese	English
Course List	Timetable (Tentative)	Timetable (Tentative)
Transcripts	KUFS will send transcripts to the partner universities via email after the end of the following dates. Spring Semester: After September 20th / Fall Semester: After March 20th. The course cannot be changed once the application is accepted.	

Entry Requirements

GPA	GPA of 2.5 or higher is preferred on a 4.0 scale
Language Proficiency	<p>*Other requirements except below are as per the agreement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Japanese Course<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required to have studied the Japanese language for 150 hours or more.• To be able to read and write <i>Hiragana</i> and <i>Katakana</i>.2. English Course<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To have the English language proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT score of 62 or IELTS score of 5.0 for students in non-English-speaking countries and regions.

Requirements and COE

Unless you are a Japanese citizen, all students are required to have a student visa for the duration of their exchange program. KUFUS will send a certificate of Eligibility (COE) and an acceptance letter required for the visa application. These documents will be sent by email.

National Health Insurance

All international students residing in Japan for over 3 months are required to enroll in the Japanese Health Insurance. Those students holding the Student Visa are required to pay approx. 18,000 yen per year.

Accommodations

KUFUS-Owned Residence

KUFUS has four student residence managed by the KUFUS Housing Support. The KUFUS Housing Support will arrange accommodations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rent must be paid per semester (min. 378,000 yen~ max. 450,000 yen).

The first rent payment (for the 1st semester) is due before coming to Japan, and the second rent payment (for the 2nd semester) is due before the second semester begins. The details will be sent to you from the Housing Support after you have completed the application procedures.

Off-Campus Accommodations

Due to the limited availability at the KUFUS residence, some students may need to arrange their own accommodation through the following website. Please contact the accommodation agencies directly.

<https://www.kufs.ac.jp/en/partner/index.html#fees>

Cost of Living

All international students are recommended to have approx. 900,000 yen available per semester and 1,800,000 yen per year to cover their rent, meals, learning materials, and any other personal costs. *It may vary depending on personal lifestyle

Student Assistants

We will arrange a "KUFUS Student Assistant" to support international students coming to Japan to lead a smooth campus life. International student are matched with KUFUS student assistants who will provide support on campus and around the university.

Prayer Room

Prayer room is available to all students. It offers a quiet and peaceful environment for you to take time for personal reflection or to practice your faith.

Other Useful Website

Location	http://www.kufs.ac.jp/en/about/school_location.html
Campus Map	https://www.kufs.ac.jp/en/about/facilities_equipment.html
KUFUS Club Activities	http://www.kufs.ac.jp/universitylife/extracurricularactivities.html
KUFUS Library	https://www.kufs.ac.jp/toshokan/eng/
Canteen and Cafeteria (Non-Halal Food)	https://www.kufs.ac.jp/universitylife/cooperative_store.html
Study Kyoto	https://www.studykyoto.jp/en/