

1. Outline of Exchange Programs

Kyoto University offers two different types of student exchange programs, KUINEP and GE program, under the university-wide student exchange agreement. Students are expected to choose which program they belong to with advice from their home institution.

KUINEP: Kyoto University International Education Program (Only for undergraduates)

GE program: General Exchange program (**GEA** or **GESR**)

Program	Category	Level	Activity	Language Requirement
KUINEP	KUINEP	Undergraduate	Coursework	English
GE program	GEA	Undergraduate	Coursework	Japanese
		Master/Doctor	Coursework	Japanese (or English*)
	GESR	Master/Doctor	Research	(depends on supervisor)

Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP)

The Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) is available for undergraduate students and provides undergraduate level lectures in English to our partner university students as well as Kyoto University students. Although KUINEP students in principle can choose from every KUINEP courses regardless their year in Home University, these courses are mainly designed for 1st and 2nd year of the undergraduate students of the Japanese educational standards. Approximately 65% of the courses are targeted at 1st and 2nd year students and the rest are targeted at every student (1st to 4th). KUINEP students are required to take a minimum of seven courses each semester mainly from KUINEP courses offered by the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) taught in English and additionally from courses offered by Faculties with the lecturer's permission. Students are affiliated to the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) as "Special Auditor".

Kyoto University General Exchange Program (GE program)

The Kyoto University General Exchange Program (GE program) is available for undergraduate and graduate students. Students are affiliated to one of undergraduate faculties or graduate schools, and choose all or most of courses from those offered by their own undergraduate faculties or graduate schools ("Special Auditor": GEA) or deepen their own research under the instruction of academic supervisors without taking any courses lectured in classrooms ("Special Research Student": GESR). Undergraduate GEA is required to take a minimum of seven courses each semester while graduate GEA is required to take a minimum of four courses. GESR students do not need Japanese proficiency if the supervisor can guide the student in any other language. GESR is available only for graduate students.

* For graduate GEA students

Some graduate schools provide limited number of courses lectured in English. It is occasionally possible to be a GEA student without having sufficient Japanese language proficiency, if graduate students are able to find enough numbers (at least four per semester) of such courses to match the subject they wish to study at Kyoto University. If they would like to see whether their intended graduate school offers enough courses lectured in English, please access the URL below.

Course Search (Syllabi):

https://www.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/external/open_syllabus/top?display_lang=en

List of English courses available for "the Graduate School of Engineering":

<https://fsv.iimc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/public/mfo5gWKXwyurpYDoXXCZJskArEJ0GrerpCUQwhDFaMn5>

Please note that the Spring semester is the first semester (from April to September) and the Fall semester is the second semester (from October to March) at Kyoto University.

2. Affiliation

Each KUINEP, GEA, and GESR will be affiliated to one of the faculties or graduate schools at Kyoto University based on the major field of study at the home institution.

- It is not allowed to change the program nor the affiliation after the application deadline.
- It is a policy in principle of Kyoto University not to allow exchange students to enroll in the faculty/graduate school without having their background in their home universities.
- A transcript for KUINEP and GEA students will be issued under the name of each faculty/graduate school. (e.g. KUINEP students will receive transcripts issued by the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences.)

KUINEP (Undergraduate) – taught in English

Faculty	Website
Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences	http://www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/

GEA (Undergraduate) – taught in Japanese(*should have JLPT N1 level or equivalent)

Faculty	Website
Integrated Human Studies	http://www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/ug/
Letters	http://www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Education	https://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Law	http://law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Economics	http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Science	http://www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Science	http://www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Engineering	https://www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en
Agriculture	http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/

GEA (Graduate) / GESR – taught in Japanese/English

Graduate School	Website
Letters	http://www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Education	https://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Law	http://law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Economics	http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Science	http://www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Pharmaceutical Science	http://www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Engineering	http://www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en
Agriculture	http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/
Human and Environmental Studies	https://www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/gr/
Energy Science	https://www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Asian and African Area Studies	http://www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Informatics	http://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Biostudies *GESR only	http://www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/
Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability	http://www.gsais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en-top/
Global Environmental Studies	http://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/?ml_lang=ja/en/

Government *GEA only	https://www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sg/?lang=en
Management *GEA only *up to 2 students per semester from each partner	http://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en

3. Academic Calendar

	AY 2025 Spring (1st semester)	AY 2025 Fall (2nd semester)
Semester period	Apr 1 – Sep 30, 2025	Oct 1, 2025 – Mar 31, 2026
Arrival	After Mar 14, 2025 (tba)	(tba)
Dormitory move-in	April 1, 2025 (tba)	(tba)
Online Orientation	Late March	(tba)
Classes	Apr 8 – Jul 23, 2025 (tba)	Early Oct – Late Jan (tba)
Examination	Jul 24 – Aug 4, 2025(tba)	Late Jan – Early Feb (tba)
Summer/Spring break	Aug 5 – Sep 30, 2025(tba)	Early Feb – Mar 31 (tba)

- Courses are designed according to the Japanese academic calendar, i.e. from Apr-Sep (Spring/1st semester) and Oct-Mar (Fall/2nd semester). A few courses are designed for consecutive two semesters from Apr-Mar (Spring/1st & Fall/2nd).
- Students may enroll for up to two consecutive semesters, starting in either Fall or Spring, with approval from their home universities.
- Students may return to their country after their classes and exams end.

4. Eligibility

Exchange applicant should:

- 1) Have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- 2) Be enrolled, until completion of the exchange program, as a regular student at a non-Japanese academic institution with which Kyoto University has a university-wide student exchange agreement
- 3) Return to his/her home university on the completion of the exchange program
- 4) Have an excellent academic and disciplinary standing
- 5) Prove their language proficiency required to attend the exchange program
- 6) Have a concrete purpose of studying at Kyoto University

5. Language Requirement ***IMPORTANT***

	Taking classes in English	Taking classes in Japanese	Focusing on research
KUINEP	TOEFL iBT 79 or IELTS 6.5	-	-
GEA		*JLPT N1	-
GESR	-	-	TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS 6.5 or JLPT N1

- All applicants, **including native English speakers**, who take classes offered in English should submit a valid TOEFL iBT or IELTS scores taken within two years, **OR** the language proficiency statement (Form 5), regardless of whether those institutions are located in an area where English is the first language or the institutions use English as the medium of instruction.
- All applicants, **including native Japanese speakers**, who take classes offered in Japanese should submit a JLPT score with grade "N1" taken within two years **OR** the language proficiency statement (Form 5). ***Undergraduates who would like to apply for GEA need to have achieved JLPT N1 or equivalent at the time of nomination/application.**