

A Guide to Kyoto University Exchange Programs 2013 - 2014

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KYOTO UNIVERSITY

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Outline of Exchange Programs at Kyoto University

There are two types of exchange programs at Kyoto University.

Website for exchange programs:

<http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/admissions/program/tanki.htm>

1. Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP)

Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) provides undergraduate level lectures in English to our partner university students as well as Kyoto University students. The program is open only to undergraduate students. (Their status at Kyoto University is “Special Auditor”.) Each semester, KUINEP students are required to register 6 KUINEP classes in principle (two credits per class), each of which comprises two hours of lecture per week and continue for 15 weeks. The students also can take one regular class from Faculty courses with the lecturer’s permission or Liberal Arts and General Education Courses instead of/ additional to their 6th KUINEP class. They may even take more than one regular class as long as they take at least 5 KUINEP classes each semester.

2. Kyoto University General Exchange Program

This is the program in which students take ordinary courses taught in Japanese. Students in undergraduate faculties and in graduate schools are affiliated. (Their status at Kyoto University is “Special Auditor”.) For graduate students, there is another option to deepen their own research under the instruction by academic supervisors without taking any courses lectured in classrooms. Japanese proficiency is not required if supervisor can guide the student by any other language. (Their status at Kyoto University is “Special Research Student”) As for undergraduate level of this program, all students are to take regular classes in their faculty which are given in Japanese. Therefore undergraduate students in this Program must have sufficient Japanese language proficiency.

~Japanese Language Study~

In both exchange programs, it is also possible to take Japanese language courses, offered by The International Center, with tuition exemption. For “Special Auditor”, evaluation of those Japanese language classes will be included in the official transcript and one official credit will be conferred for each course for students completed.

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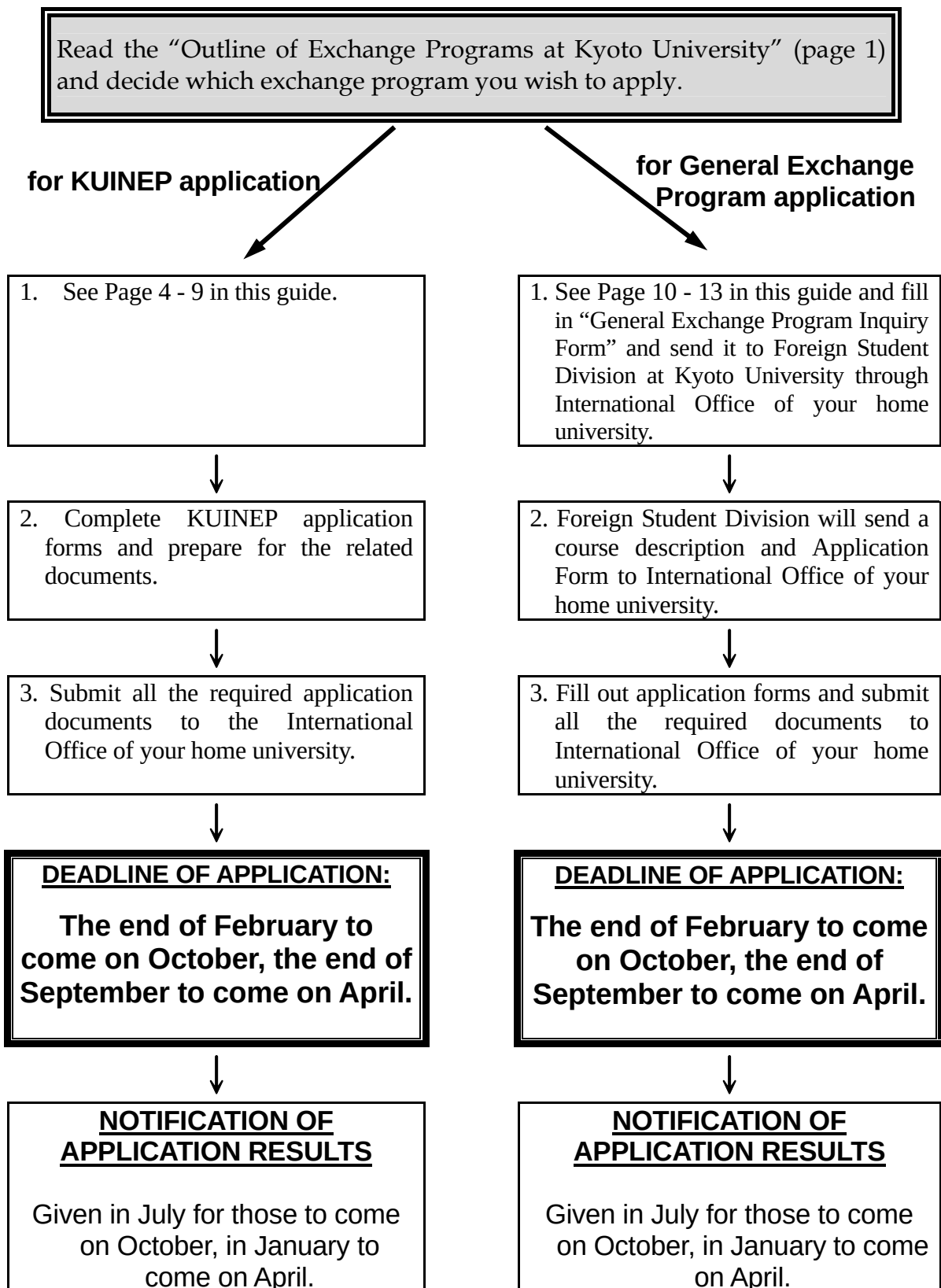
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Flowchart of Application Procedures for Kyoto University Exchange Programs



KUINEP

Kyoto University International Education Program

What is KUINEP?

1-1. 2013-2014 KUINEP Academic Calendar

Fall Semester: October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Spring Semester: April 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014

Note: KUINEP is, in principle, a one-year program. However, single semester enrollment is possible.

1-2. Eligibility

An applicant must

- (1) be enrolled, until completion of KUINEP, as an undergraduate student at a non-Japanese academic institution with which Kyoto University has a student exchange agreement.
- (2) terminate studying at Kyoto University and return to his/her country on the completion of KUINEP.
- (3) have an excellent academic and personal record.
- (4) have a concrete purpose for studying in Japan.

1-3. Language of Instruction

Because all KUINEP lectures are given in English language, KUINEP students must be proficient in English (TOEFL iBT 79 and over level of English proficiency is desirable). Japanese language proficiency is not required.

1-4. Student Status

Each KUINEP student will be affiliated, as a special auditor, to one of the nine faculties at Kyoto University according to their area of interest. As it is not possible to change the faculty after students' arrival in Japan for any reason, please select your proposed faculties up to 2nd choice carefully from the list and fill out the KUINEP Application Form (Form 1-1).

<List of faculties at Kyoto University to which KUINEP students could be affiliated>

Name of Faculty	Website
Faculty of Integrated Human Studies	http://www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/soujin/index_e.php
Faculty of Letters	http://www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Faculty of Education	http://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/index.html
Faculty of Law	http://kyodai.jp/english/e_top.html
Faculty of Economics	http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/
Faculty of Science	http://www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/modules/tinycontent11/index.php
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science	http://www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/index.html
Faculty of Engineering	http://www.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/undergrad
Faculty of Agriculture	http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/

1-5. Tuition

Based on the student exchange agreement, students will be exempted from all academic fees (examination fee, matriculation fee and tuition fee) at Kyoto University.

1-6. Scholarship

A limited number of scholarships are available through Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). JASSO is a government-sponsored non-profit organization dedicated to promoting international student exchange. Recipients will be selected by Kyoto University based on their academic record. Those who start in October and stay for two semesters have priority. Those who 1) will receive any other financial support more than 80,000 yen per month or 2) will not stay in Japan with “College Student Visa Status” are not eligible for it. For Example, those who have Nationality or Permanent Residency of Japan are come under 2).

JASSO Scholarship is a monthly stipend of 80,000 yen

1-7. Entering Japan

There are certain formalities which must be observed by foreign students intending to pursue studies in Japanese universities. Students must possess a valid passport issued by their home country. They are also required to have a “College Student Visa Status” to enter Japan. Kyoto University will apply for the KUINEP students’ “Certificate of Eligibility” to the Kyoto Immigration Bureau for processing. Students, on receiving their “Certificate of Eligibility,” should apply to the nearest Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in their country for a “College Student Visa Status”. Further details will be instructed after the official admission. **Students have Japanese Nationality can also join KUINEP.**

1-8. Comprehensive Health Insurance

The Japanese law specifies that students staying in Japan must join the Japanese National Health Insurance Program, which costs around 2,000 yen per month. Many students additionally enroll in insurance from their countries to be safer since the coverage and the regulations are different. When entering the Kyoto University, to enroll “Student Mutual Benefit” is obligation.

In case of any emergency, we recommend students to bring along sufficient fund.

(There was a case that a student had an operation and needed to settle the huge amount of medical fees temporarily.)

What classes are designed for KUINEP?

2-1. KUINEP English classes

KUINEP students are required to take at least six classes each semester (two credits per class) from the list below. The students also can take one regular class from Faculty courses with the lecturer's permission or Liberal Arts and General Education Courses instead of/ additional to their 6th KUINEP class. They may even take more than one regular class as long as they take at least 5 KUINEP classes each semester.

Students' grades for KUINEP classes are reported at the end of each semester.

2013 Fall Semester (October 2013~March 2014)

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| 1. Development Economics A | (single lecturer) |
| 2. Applied Statistics | (single lecturer) |
| 3. Understanding Education, Human Lives and Cultures
from Philosophical and Sociological Perspectives | (multiple lecturers) |
| 4. Innovation and Industry | (multiple lecturers) |
| 5. Life Science I | (multiple lecturers) |
| 6. Japanese Religious Traditions I | (single lecturer) |
| 7. Global Marketing | (single lecturer) |
| 8. Self-Formation in Adolescence | (single lecturer) |
| 9. Introduction to Classical Japanese Literature | (single lecturer) |
| 10. The World of Open Education | (single lecturer) |
| 11. Agriculture and Foods in Japan | (multiple lecturers) |
| 12. Energy and Resources I | (multiple lecturers) |
| 13. Social Science Research Methods in Education I | (single lecturer) |
| 14. Happiness | (single lecturer) |
| 15. Greek Drama on the Japanese Stage | (single lecturer) |

2014 Spring Semester (April 2014~September 2014)

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| 1. Development Economics B | (single lecturer) |
| 2. Modern Physics | (single lecturer) |
| 3. Exercise and Medical Science for Prevention
of Lifestyle-related Disease | (single lecturer) |
| 4. Social Science Research Methods in Education II | (single lecturer) |
| 5. Building a Sustainable Future : Principles and
Challenges | (multiple lecturers) |
| 6. Japanese Religious Traditions II | (single lecturer) |
| 7. Global Business Strategy | (single lecturer) |
| 8. Entrepreneurship | (single lecturer) |
| 9. Universities and University Students in Today's Japan | (single lecturer) |
| 10. Law and Politics in Japan | (multiple lecturers) |
| 11. Life Science II | (single lecturer) |
| 12. Energy and Resources II | (multiple lecturers) |

See the attached "2013-2014 Course Outline" for detailed description of lectures.

Note : This is the list as of December 2012. The above courses are subject to change.

2-2. Japanese Language Courses

The International Center also offers Courses to study Japanese Language which are divided into three different levels (elementary, intermediate, and advanced). Students will be required to take a placement test at the beginning of each semester to determine their level of Japanese language proficiency. KUINEP students can take maximum of 7 sessions, each of them deserves one official credit, per week each semester. Evaluations for such Courses will be included in official transcript Kyoto University issue at the end of each semester. Students will be evaluated on the basis of attendance, participation in the classes, and the results of examinations.

****Elementary***

Elementary course is intended for students who have a little or no background in Japanese language. This course consists of 6 sessions per week (3-day-a-week class), and lasts 15 weeks. As these classes are interrelated, students must attend all classes. It aims to improve the student's abilities to the equivalent of level N5 (Elementary I) or N4 (Elementary II) proficiency of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. The textbook is “Minna no Nihongo I” and “Minna no Nihongo II” (Elementary I) and “Minna no Nihongo II” and “Minna no Nihongo Intermediate I” (Elementary II). Students may take 1 Kanji session from optional course, if they wish. Other than these courses, some of 1-day-a-week classes are offered as well.

****Intermediate I***

Students whose Japanese is at an intermediate I level (equivalent to level N4 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test) can take Intermediate I Course offered by the center. Students must take at most 6 classes per week according to their level of Japanese. The textbook is “Minna no Nihongo Intermediate I” and others. Students may take 1 Kanji session from optional course, if they wish.

****Intermediate II, III, and Advanced***

Students whose Japanese is at an intermediate II, III, or advanced level can take supplementary Japanese Language Courses offered by the center. Students may take at most 6 classes per week according to their level of Japanese. Students may take 1 Kanji session from optional course, if they wish.

Academic Calendar of 2013-2014 KUINEP

Fall Semester, 2013 (October 2013-March 2014)

Students arrive at Kyoto	October 1 or 2, 2013
Orientation and KUINEP Opening Ceremony	October 3-4, 2013
Classes start	October 7, 2013
Winter Vacation	December 28, 2013-January 5, 2014
KUINEP English Classes end	At the end of January, 2014
Japanese Language Classes end	At the beginning of February 2014

Spring Semester, 2014 (April 2014-September 2014)

Classes start	Early April, 2014
Classes end	Middle of July 2014
Japanese Language Classes end	Around the End of July 2014
Summer Vacation	August 3-September 30, 2014

Class Schedule of 2013-2014 KUINEP

Fall Semester, 2013 (October 2013-March 2014)

DAY/TIME		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:45 ~ 10:15			Life Science I / Japanese Religious Traditions I	Self-Formation in Adolescence	Agriculture and Foods in Japan
II	10:30 ~ 12:00	Development Economics A	Understanding Education, Human Lives and Cultures from Philosophical Perspectives	Global Marketing	Introduction to Classical Japanese Literature/ The World of Open Education	Energy and Resources I
III	13:00 ~ 14:30	Applied Statistics	Innovation and Industry		<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	Social Science Research Methods in Education I
IV	14:45 ~ 16:15	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>		<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	Happiness
V	16:30 ~ 18:00	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>			Greek Drama on the Japanese Stage

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DAY/TIME		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I	8:45 ~ 10:15		Exercise and Medical Science for Prevention of Lifestyle-related Disease	Japanese Religious Traditions II	Universities and University Students in Today's Japan	
II	10:30 ~ 12:00	Development Economics B	Social Science Research Methods in Education II	Global Business Strategy	Law and Politics in Japan	Life Science II/
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IV	14:45 ~ 16:15	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	Entrepreneurship	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	
V	16:30 ~ 18:00	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>	<i>KUINEP Japanese Course</i>		Building a Sustainable Future : Principles and Challenges	

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General Exchange Program

Special Auditor Plan

Special Research Plan

What is Kyoto Univ. General Exchange Program?

Because details on application information vary among faculty/graduate school, applicants for general exchange program **must first submit** “General Exchange Program Inquiry Form” through International Office of their home university to get relevant information, **weeks before application deadline.**

3-1. Academic Calendar

Spring Semester: April 1 to September 30

Fall Semester: October 1 to March 31 in the following year

Note: Some courses start in April and end in September or March while others start in October and end in March. No course starts in October and end in September. Maximum study period is one year.

3-2. Enrollment

Each faculty/graduate school on the next page will screen the applicants for admission.

3-3. Eligibility

An applicant must

- (1) be enrolled, until completion of the exchange program, at a non-Japanese academic institution with which Kyoto University has a student exchange agreement.
- (2) terminate studying at Kyoto University and return to her/his country on the completion of the exchange program.
- (3) have an excellent academic and personal record.
- (4) have a concrete purpose for studying in Japan.

3-4. Language Requirements

Undergraduate:

In order to enroll regular classes with Kyoto Univ. Japanese students, 1st level Japanese Language Proficiency Test or the equivalent is desirable.

Graduate:

Special Auditor : Same as undergraduates since most courses are lectured in Japanese

Special Research Student : Depends on the academic advisor in Kyoto University accepting the applicant

See the chart below for further information.

3-5. Student Status

	Status at Kyoto Univ.	Possible Faculty / Graduate School to be affiliated
Undergraduate level	Special Auditor	Any of 9 faculties listed on the next page
Graduate level* ¹	Special Auditor* ²	Any of 14 graduate schools listed on the next page
	Special Research Student* ³	

*¹ Students in graduate level are to choose their student status at Kyoto University based on their intention concerning university credits.

*² “Special Auditor” of Graduate level enrolls classes at her/his graduate school to pursue university credits for them.

*³ “Special Research Student” of Graduate level does research under her/his academic advisor’s supervision without taking classes/seeking credits. Official credits will not be conferred even if they take courses to study Japanese Language offered by The International Center.

**<List of Faculties / Graduate Schools at Kyoto University
to which General Exchange Program students could be affiliated>**

Name of Faculty (for undergraduate students)	Name of Graduate Schools (for graduate students)
Faculty of Integrated Human Studies	Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies
Faculty of Letters	Graduate School of Letters
Faculty of Education	Graduate School of Education
Faculty of Law	Graduate School of Law
Faculty of Economics	Graduate School of Economics
Faculty of Science	Graduate School of Science Graduate School of Biostudies
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science
Faculty of Engineering	Graduate School of Engineering Graduate School of Informatics Graduate School of Energy Science Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies
Faculty of Agriculture	Graduate School of Agriculture
	Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies

You can browse further information on each faculty/graduate school by our website at
http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/faculties_and_graduate

3-6. Tuition

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In case of any emergency, we recommend students to bring along sufficient fund.

(There was a case that a student had an operation and needed to settle the huge amount of medical fees temporarily.)

Restrictions of choosing courses

We would like to ask applicants to understand matters below in applying for Exchange Program of Kyoto University.

Exchange students who are enrolled in an undergraduate faculty of Kyoto University (including all KUINEP students) can take courses offered by undergraduate faculties including ones they are not enrolled in, but cannot take any courses offered by graduate schools.

Exchange students who are enrolled in a graduate school of Kyoto University as “Special Auditor” can take courses offered by graduate schools including ones they are not enrolled in, but cannot take any courses offered by undergraduate faculties.

Exchange students who are enrolled in a graduate school of Kyoto University as “Special Research Student” under supervision of an academic advisor cannot take any courses.

Exchange students can take courses which start and end within the period he/she enrolls in Kyoto University.

Academic year of Kyoto University starts in April and ends in March.

Spring Semester : April – September, Fall Semester : October – March

Faculties and graduate schools of Kyoto University offer courses which start and end within one semester from October to March or from April to September. However, some courses including almost all courses offered by the Faculty of Letters and the Graduate School of Letters start in April and end in March. Such courses can be taken ONLY by students who stay at Kyoto University for one full year from APRIL to MARCH.

Exchange students can audit any courses conditional upon the permission of instructor(s) of such courses. In such cases, official evaluations or credits will not be given, will not be printed in transcripts.