

Konan University Summer Intensive Japanese Program

The Summer Intensive Japanese Program is a 6-week intensive Japanese language program offered at Konan University located in Kobe, Japan. The main purpose of this program is to offer international students intensive Japanese language classes while they simultaneously explore life and culture with a Japanese host family. The program is designed to immerse students in a comprehensive Japanese language environment for the purpose of increasing communicative competence and cultural awareness. Program is subject to change due to COVID-19 situations. **Please read carefully "STUDY ABROAD ADVISORY DUE TO COVID-19" section on the last page.**

Program Schedule: June 4 - July 18, 2021

June 4	Friday	Arrival and Registration
June 5	Saturday	General Orientation
June 7	Monday	Pre-entry Test, Course Orientation
June 8	Tuesday	Classes Begin
June 19	Saturday	Field Trip 1
June 26	Saturday	Field Trip 2
July 16	Friday	Last Day of Instruction, Farewell Party
July 17	Saturday	Rest / Packing
July 18	Sunday	Departure

*If mandatory quarantine is being applied upon arrival in Japan, classes will be conducted remotely, either synchronous or asynchronous during these periods. Students will take online classes from the quarantine accommodation. Materials used in the classes will be provided students in advance if the classes will be conducted online.

Applicants: 35 students

Konan University will accept 35 participants in the 2021 Summer Intensive Japanese Program.

*The program may be cancelled if there are fewer than 10 applicants.

Program Fee: ¥300,000

- (i) Program Fee includes tuition fee, and expenses for textbooks, teaching materials, two scheduled field trips, experiential activities, orientation sessions, transportation to and from the airport, hotel accommodation on the first day, transportation of baggage, daily transportation to and from Konan University and homestay accommodations. The expense for homestay accommodations includes two meals a day (breakfast and dinner) on weekdays and three meals a day on weekends, and Liability Insurance that covers liability of damage to property and residual disabilities due to accidents. Please note that quarantine fee is not covered by the program fee. Please refer to (iii) for more details.
- (ii) Details concerning payment of program fee will be sent to participating universities.
- (iii) If mandatory quarantine policy is being applied upon arrival in Japan, students will require to bear the necessary costs (such as an accommodation, meals and extra transportations etc.). Total estimated cost is approximately **130,000 JPY** (for 2 weeks in a single hotel room). Participants of this program must pay necessary costs for mandatory quarantine in advance with the program fee. We will refund you in case mandatory quarantine is not required, or the balance will be refunded if quarantine period is to be shortened at the time of your arrival in Japan.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2021

Students applying for the Summer Intensive Japanese Program must complete the Program Application Form, Questionnaires and necessary documents and submit them to the Study Abroad Center at their home university. A complete set of application forms must be received at Konan University by March 20, 2021.

Important: Applications that are received passed the deadline will not be processed. Please check with your study abroad advisor for the application deadline at your home university.

Payment Deadline: April 20, 2021

A refund of the program fee, minus a 10,000 yen non-refundable cancellation fee and bank fees incurred to refund the program fee will be issued if the student cancels by the deadline of 5 p. m. on April 30, 2021 (Japanese time). If the cancellation request is received after 5 p.m. on the deadline, the student will not be eligible for a refund of the program fee. If your payment is not confirmed by the due date, we will proceed with the cancellation procedures for you/your students' enrollments.

Curriculum:

Applicants are required to complete Questionnaire A to help instructors evaluate their Japanese language ability. Students will be placed according to language level in a maximum of 3 classes. For program schedule information, see the Weekly Schedule.

http://www.konan-u.ac.jp/kiiec/file/2021_Konan_Summer_JPL_Course.xls

(i)	Level: Beginner's to Intermediate level
(ii)	Prerequisites: Successful completion of approximately 150 or more hours of Japanese language instruction.
	NOTE: This is a demanding program that is most suitable for students who have both achieved considerable success in their previous Japanese language studies and have a high degree of motivation to continue those studies.
(iii)	Total instructional hours: 120 hours * Japanese language instruction: 105 hours * Supervised experiential learning: 5 hours * Lectures on Japan: 10 hours
(iv)	Instructional Focus: Japanese language development (grammar, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, conversational skills), study tours to World Heritage sites, supervised experiential learning, and lectures on Japan
(v)	Textbook: <i>A Workbook for Self-study Japanese Grammar</i> (Tuttle Publishing, 2020) and Compiled teaching materials

Field Trips: (Subject to change due to the situation regarding COVID-19)

- (1) Osaka located in the center of Kansai area in Japan
Osaka Info: <http://www.osaka-info.jp/en/>
- (2) Kyoto, a rich repository of fascinating tasteful streets and beautiful nature
Kyoto Info: <http://www.kyoto.travel/>

Experiential Activities:

Students will study Japanese language through experiencing Japanese traditional and cultural activities such as *Wadaiko* (Japanese traditional drums), *Sado* (Japanese ceremonial tea-making), *Shodo* (Japanese calligraphy with a brush pen), etc.

Lectures on Japan:

In the class of Japanese Flower Arrangement, following a lecture on the history and meaning of Ikebana, students will arrange flowers after a hands-on demonstration of the art of flower arrangement. In other classes, students will explore the Japanese variant of earth-friendly living and look at the modern equivalents of Edo innovation and discuss the prospects for the wider applicability of sustainable living as practiced in Japan. Guest speakers will tell their own stories about living as a member of an ethnic minority in Japanese society, following a mini-lecture.

Arrival:

Students are requested to arrive at Kansai International Airport (KIX) between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021 (Japanese time). The detail information of arrival will be provided after the official acceptance is announced.

Please note that Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan states that all students must have international medical and travel insurance which covers your medical expenses including COVID-19 treatments for the duration of the program.

Orientation Session:

There will be a general orientation session at Konan University on Saturday, June 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help students prepare for living with their Japanese host family. Students will meet their host families after orientation to begin their 6-week homestay experience in Japan. Please note that if mandatory quarantine is required upon arrival in Japan, orientation session will be conducted remotely. We will inform more details at a later date. Students will meet their host families after quarantine.

Homestay:

- (i) Participants of the Summer Intensive Japanese Program live with host families throughout their stay in Japan. Studying the Japanese language in an immersive environment helps to motivate and rapidly improve students' Japanese language ability. This experience also exposes students to Japanese daily life and customs, ensuring a much deeper understanding of Japanese culture than otherwise possible. Host families will provide students with two meals a day (breakfast and dinner) on weekdays and three meals a day on weekends.
- (ii) You will be asked to provide information that will help KIEC in matching students with host families. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee you will be matched with a host family that meets all your preferences. We also unable to guarantee that you will be the only homestay students staying with your host family. Please be sure to fill out all questionnaires carefully, and provide KIEC with any additional information that you think might help in selecting a compatible host family for you.
- (iii) Homestay may be cancelled depending on the COVID-19 situation. Students may stay at dormitories. We will make an announcement at a later date.

Student Interaction & Activities

Student life at Konan University is enriched by student activities for an array of exchange opportunities between international students and Konan University students. KIEC organizes programs and encourages on-campus student exchange. These activities give students opportunities to practice language skills, heighten cultural awareness, and global perspectives.

●Tomodachi Program

The Tomodachi Program matches 1 or 2 Konan students volunteer to assist international students who have been accepted to the Summer Intensive Japanese program. Friends from Konan will contact you by email to introduce themselves and provide pre-departure support. You will meet your Konan friends after your arrival at Konan.

●Global Zone *Porte*

All students are welcome to join any of the activities held daily at Global Zone *Porte*. A meeting place for internationally-minded students, Global Zone *Porte* is comprised of 3 areas; the Ajisai Room, the KONAN Language LOFT, and the Global Learning Commons. It is centrally located on campus and considered by many to be the hub of international events and activities for students. Students participating in the Summer Intensive Japanese Program are invited to volunteer as student tutors at the KONAN Language LOFT, the university's self-access learning center, to help Konan students improve their communication skills in English by facilitating interaction and encouraging active participation in games and activities. It's a great opportunity to develop cross-cultural understanding and global competence while making friends at Konan University.

STUDY ABROAD ADVISORY DUE TO COVID-19

In response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which continues to impact countries worldwide, the Japanese national government has adopted strict border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As of 9 January 2021, foreign nationals from countries listed on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan are restricted from entering Japan.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html

Konan University is required to follow national government policies and regulations issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. **Based on the most current information and the situation at the University, Konan University will carefully determine whether or not it is possible to host international students. Notifications will be sent to our partner universities by the middle of February at the latest. We recommend you not to purchase flight tickets until further notice.** If the situation worsens and it is difficult to ensure the health and safety of international students, Konan University may decide to cancel programs before they begin, or during the programs, in which case, international students may be instructed to return to their home country.

To participate in the Summer Intensive Japanese Program at Konan University, students must have international medical and travel insurance which covers your medical expenses including COVID-19 treatments for the duration of the program. Students are required to carry a copy of their insurance. It is also strongly recommend that students bring any necessary medication. If the mandatory quarantine is required upon arrival in Japan, participants of this program will take classes online from the quarantine accommodation after arriving in Japan. After the quarantine periods have safely ended, students will move to homestay (if it is allowed) to continue their study for the rest of their stay. Students are responsible to pay all expenses for mandatory quarantine, medical insurances, and other costs at your own expense.

There are various risks involved in studying abroad during unstable situations. Konan University is deeply grateful that students consider Konan University as their study abroad destination; however, please carefully consider the information detailed above before applying to the program.

Konan University does not accept responsibility for the risks associated with study abroad, such as becoming infected with the COVID-19 or failure to earn course credits due to program cancellation.



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***Online consultation on Zoom is available!**

Please feel free to email us your available time.