

# International Programs

## Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (Kyoto iUP)

The Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (Kyoto iUP) has been designed to minimize the language and financial hurdles that often prevent talented international students from pursuing study, and ultimately careers, in Japan. It is a 4.5-year international scholarship program comprising a six-month preparatory course followed by four years of undergraduate study. A key feature of the program is that no Japanese language proficiency is required at the outset, as the program provides an intensive Japanese language component. Admission and tuition fees are exempted, and students receive a monthly scholarship of up to JPY 120,000 for the 4.5 years of the program.



In the first two years of the main program (following the six-month preparatory course), students take liberal arts courses and fundamental courses in their respective majors, which are taught in English and/or Japanese. The final two years of the program focus on specific subjects in the students' majors, which are taught mainly or exclusively in Japanese. The international iUP students attend the same classes as regular Japanese undergraduate students, which imbues the classes with a rich multicultural component. Upon graduation, students are awarded a bachelor's degree in their chosen major. Companies and organizations in the private sector provide various forms of support for the program, including support for student scholarships.



### Kyoto iUP Curriculum



Kyoto iUP students attend the same major curriculum classes as Japanese undergraduate students.

## Student Voices



**Aung Khant Nyar Kyaw**

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**Country of Origin:** Myanmar

Kyoto iUP caught my attention because it has so many benefits for the students. First of all, the fact that Kyoto iUP provides full financial support for the students was the most important aspect for me. As a student from a developing country, with not so strong financial support, I prioritized programs that include a full scholarship. Another important factor was the sense of community iUP provides. The program has allowed me to become friends with people from different parts of the world and learn about their cultures and backgrounds. Of course, there are difficulties that come along with studying in a new country, and in a new language. However, the program staff, as well as the professors, have been really supportive and helpful.



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One thing I really love about iUP is how it starts with a tight-knit international community of incredible, ambitious people. Because of its design, which begins with a preparatory course, and dormitory life, we could become close like family—which has been indispensable to me in my study abroad. Transitioning to regular classes, afterwards, brought me into a contrasting environment of Japanese friends, with whom I could exchange different ideas, notions and culture. The gradual transition from international-based to regular classes allows you to experience so many different things, expand your connections, and broaden your horizons. There are not many programs that let one experience both the best of regular Japanese and international education, and I think that's what makes iUP so special.

# Double and Joint Degree Programs

Kyoto University offers double and joint degree programs in diverse fields that provide students with advanced value-added study opportunities that cannot be provided by a single university.



## Graduate School of Letters

Transcending national and cultural borders to open the door to a transcultural research journey.

**Joint master's degree:** Heidelberg University

**Double doctoral degree:** École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)



## Graduate School of Economics

Global markets, local creativity—cultivating world-class researchers in the field of economics and business.

**Double doctoral degree:** University of Glasgow

**Joint master's degree:** University of Glasgow, University of Barcelona



## Graduate School of Medicine

Training data scientists who will lead the future healthcare, disease prevention, and therapy development through multi-dimensional analysis of the big data related to human life.

**Joint doctoral degree:** McGill University



## Graduate School of Medicine School of Public Health

Providing students with advanced knowledge and skills to conduct global research in the field of public health.

**Double master's degrees (professional):** National Taiwan University, Chulalongkorn University, Mahidol University



## Graduate School of Engineering

Addressing global and regional environmental issues in a multi-cultural and multi-linguistic environment.

**Double master's degree:** Tsinghua University



## Graduate School of Agriculture

Agricultural sciences for the global future of life, food, and the environment.

**Double master's degrees:** IPB University (Bogor Agricultural University), Gadjah Mada University, Institut Teknologi Bandung, National Taiwan University, Kasetsart University, Mahidol University



## Graduate School of Energy Science

Global challenges for secured energy, carbon neutrality, sustainability, and affordability.

**Double master's degrees:** University of Malaya, Chulalongkorn University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

**Double doctoral degree:** Zhejiang University, University of Bordeaux



## Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

Establishing a new field of global environmental sustainability studies that combines the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.

**Double master's degrees:** Mahidol University, IPB University (Bogor Agricultural University), Tsinghua University



## Graduate School of Management

Adding a new dimension to business management studies to cultivate global business leaders.

**Double master's degrees (professional):** National Taiwan University, Cornell University, Universität Hamburg



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## Student Mobility

Kyoto University provides a number of short-term student mobility programs (both incoming and outgoing). The following are some selected examples.

### Short-Term Inbound Programs



[www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/summer-spring-program/](http://www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/summer-spring-program/)

#### Kyoto Summer/Spring Program

The Kyoto Summer/Spring Program is an annual short-term program open to both students from international partner institutions and domestic Kyoto University students. The program is held jointly by the Kyoto University Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) and the Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU). Students can select classes taught mainly in English or mainly in Japanese, enabling them to experience Kyoto University's cutting-edge research activities while deepening their understanding of Japanese culture, language, and society. For the past two years, the program has been conducted online and enrollment numbers have increased. A new "living with COVID-19" format is about to be implemented, including the resumption of in-person classes.



#### The Amgen Scholars Program

The Amgen Scholars Program is a short summer program that provides scholarships for undergraduate students from around the world to engage in diverse cutting-edge science research at leading academic institutions, including Kyoto University. The program aims to foster the next generation of innovators by providing increased opportunities for students pursuing careers in science.

### Short-Term Outbound Programs

#### ILAS Seminar (Overseas)



The ILAS Seminar (Overseas) provides students with the opportunity to engage in hands-on training overseas under the close guidance of faculty

members, and to learn about the history, geography, and culture of the destination country or region.

#### Kingfisher Global Leadership Program



The Kingfisher Global Leadership Program is a US study abroad program for graduate and undergraduate students pursuing international careers. The program provides

students with opportunities to participate in lectures and discussions, and to visit international organizations (such as the World Bank, NASA, and the National Institutes of Health), as well as local companies in Washington, DC.