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Kyoto University Degree System

**Bachelor’s**
- 4 years

**Master’s**
- 2 years
- 3 years

**Doctoral**
- 3 years

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A New Pathway to Japanese-Related Careers
Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (Kyoto iUP)

Kyoto iUP (launched in 2017) comprises a four-year undergraduate program preceded by a six-month preparatory course. Upon graduation students are awarded a bachelor’s degree in their selected major (all majors are available, except science, medical, and pharmaceutical sciences). Japanese language proficiency is not required at the time of application, as Kyoto iUP students are provided with intensive Japanese courses in the first six months of the program. In the following two years, they take advanced Japanese courses and liberal arts courses (in either English or Japanese). Students then acquire sufficient Japanese proficiency to attend regular undergraduate lectures and seminars mainly or exclusively in Japanese from their third year on. The program is designed to give graduates a wide range of options to move forward into graduate study or into a Japan-related career.

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English-Taught Classes

Kyoto University offers an expanding selection of classes taught in English by Japanese and international faculty members (graph). The classes provide students with a wide variety of English-taught subjects to choose from, and enable them to become familiar with an international academic environment.

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Cultivating the Next Generation of Human Resources

Kyoto University pursues international and interdisciplinary education initiatives to cultivate the next generation of world-class researchers and leaders in diverse fields.

Japan Gateway: Kyoto University Top Global Program (JGP)

Internationally-oriented graduate education

The Top Global Program comprises a range of graduate school programs that focus on six research areas in which Kyoto University has a particularly high degree of international competitiveness. The programs are operated in partnership with leading universities around the world, offering joint guidance for study and dissertation writing, as well as joint and double degree programs.

Currently, thirteen double degree programs (twelve master’s courses and one doctoral course, as of May 2017) and one joint degree program (master’s course, as of Oct. 2017) are available.

Student Exchange with Overseas Universities

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Short-term international programs, including summer programs, are also available.

English-Taught Degree Programs

The following programs are designed to make Kyoto University’s world-class facilities and instruction available to students with no Japanese language ability. They are taught and assessed entirely in English, and admission and support services are also provided in English.

Five-Year Interdisciplinary Programs: “Programs for Leading Graduate Schools”

Interdisciplinary integrated master’s and doctoral programs to cultivate creative and internationally-oriented students capable of playing leading roles in the world’s academic, industrial, and governmental sectors.

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