

## Research Students [Non-Regular Students]

Those wishing to pursue graduate studies or conduct research at Kyoto University may do so as non-degree-seeking Research Students (Kenkyusei). To qualify for this status, applicants must obtain approval from a prospective advisor, then submit an admission form and other required documents to the University. How to obtain the approval ① Select a prospective advisor and check out the application procedures by searching on websites, and then follow the procedures. ② Proceed the AAO process if it's required (it's required in many cases), then follow instructions given by the AAO.

For more details or having inquiries, please contact relevant administrative offices (ref.P.27-28).

**Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from non-Japanese universities may apply to study at KyotoU graduate schools as regular or research students.** The application process for each graduate school differs, and may or may not include a preliminary AAO review (the "AAO process"). For further information, please refer to the following link:

- **“Admissions guide for graduates of overseas universities”**  
<https://u.kyoto-u.jp/graduate-admissions-for-overseas-graduates>

- **Kyoto University “Faculties, Graduate Schools, Research Institutes, and Other Centers”**  
<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/profile/faculty>
- **Kyoto University “Activity Database on Education and Research”:** [http://kyouindb.iimc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/view/index\\_e.html](http://kyouindb.iimc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/view/index_e.html)
- **Kyoto University Research Information Repository (KURENAI):** <http://repository.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dspace/?locale=en>

## Exchange Students [Non-Regular Students]

### Outline of Exchange Programs at Kyoto University

Kyoto University offers two incoming exchange programs — both accepting students from institutions with a university-level exchange agreement — for one semester (6 months) or two (12 months) in Kyoto. Application guides for both programs are sent out to partner institutions in July and December. Applications should be submitted to Kyoto University through the home institution's international office; direct applications from students will not be accepted. The application deadline is February for October enrollment, and September for enrollment in April of the following year.

#### ① Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP)

This program enables undergraduates from partner universities to study in English.

Beginning with spring 2020 enrollment, participants are required to register for at least seven courses per semester, mostly from the Liberal Arts and Sciences. This may include up to two Japanese language classes (credited). They can also take courses offered by undergraduate faculties, including those taught in Japanese, subject to approval from the lecturers in charge.

Each course usually comprises two hours of lecture time per week, and carries two credits.

#### ② Kyoto University General Exchange (GE) Program (GEA · GESR)

In this program, students either take courses, mostly from the Kyoto University Faculties or Graduate Schools to which they are affiliated (as "General Exchange Special Auditors", or GEAs), or conduct research under academic supervisors without attending classroom lectures (as "General Exchange Special Research Students", or GESRs).

Beginning with spring 2020 enrollment, undergraduate GEAs must take at least seven courses per semester. This may include up to two Japanese language classes. The requirement for postgraduate GEAs is four courses, not including Japanese language classes, as in previous semesters.

In the case of GESRs — an enrollment status available only to graduate students — language requirements depend entirely on their supervisors.

### Japanese Language Study

Both KUINEP and General Exchange Program students are eligible to take Japanese-language courses from ILAS' Education Center for Japanese Language and Culture. Some are included in the regular curriculum and credited, while others are not.

GESRs may take non-credited courses only, while KUINEP and GEAs may take both credited and non-credited ones.

Grades for the credited Japanese-language courses taken will be included in the official transcript, with two official credits awarded for each (ref. P.23 "Studying Japanese").

- **Kyoto University “Exchange Students”**  
<https://u.kyoto-u.jp/exchange>
- **Kyoto University “University-level student exchange partners”**  
<https://u.kyoto-u.jp/partners>