

Education



Kyoto University seeks to foster outstanding and humane researchers and specialists who will contribute to the world's human and ecological community with responsibility.

Through its undergraduate curricula, the university aims to equip students with specialized knowledge and skills, and also encourage independent learning based on frank dialogue and equip students with the ability to think and act autonomously in an ever-changing world.

Through its graduate programs, the university provides cutting-edge specialist knowledge and fosters skills developed through its diverse research undertakings. The university seeks to cultivate accomplished researchers capable of playing leading roles in international community.

Kyoto University Degree System

BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S	DOCTORAL
4 years	2 years	3 years
	5 years	DOCTORAL

*Please note: some faculties have different systems. Please see pp. 31-34 for information about specific faculties, graduate schools, etc.

An Invitation to Learning

Liberal Arts and Sciences at Kyoto University



Contemporary education and research have become increasingly divided into narrow fields of specialization. The issues faced by global society, however, are generally the result of multiple interrelated factors pertaining to many different academic fields. Such complex issues cannot be effectively addressed by focusing only on narrow isolated areas.

In addition to advanced specialized knowledge, a broad outlook and a high degree of creativity are also essential. It is from this perspective that Kyoto University has designed its undergraduate education programs to address these challenges.

In parallel with courses in their majors, undergraduate students at Kyoto University also take courses in a wide range of liberal arts and sciences subjects and foreign languages from their first to final year. This enables students to acquire both a depth of specialization and a complimentary broad and balanced set of general knowledge and skills that will greatly enhance their future careers.



ILAS Seminars: Small-Group Classes

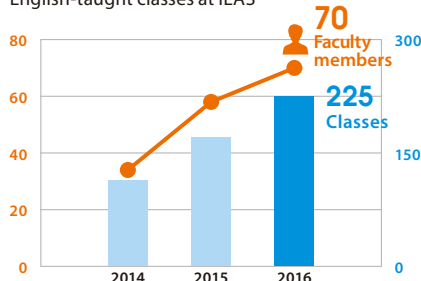


Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) Seminars are small-group classes for first-year undergraduate students in which they learn core advanced research skills from experienced faculty members who are engaged in their own innovative projects. The seminars emphasize discussion and interaction between students and faculty members. With some 300 courses in both Japanese and English, the seminars cover a vast range of topics to appeal to the diverse interests of students.

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.

Number of international faculty members and English-taught classes at ILAS



Japanese Language and Culture Education

Kyoto University offers courses on Japanese language, culture, and society for international students.

www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/introduction/education-center-for-japanese

Dynamic Curricula

ILAS provides the general education courses that are a component of all undergraduate programs. The institute cooperates with different faculties to develop quality courses tailored to address the needs of students, with a view to providing them with flexible curricula options that match their personal interests and career plans.

www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/

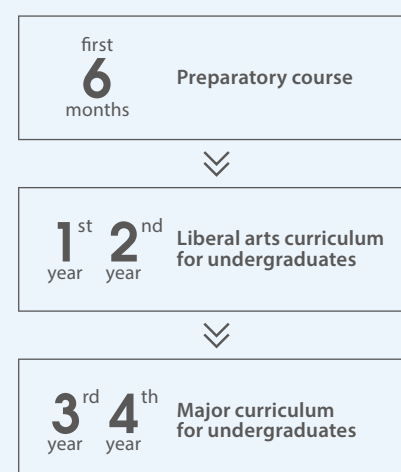
A New Pathway to Japanese-Related Careers

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).

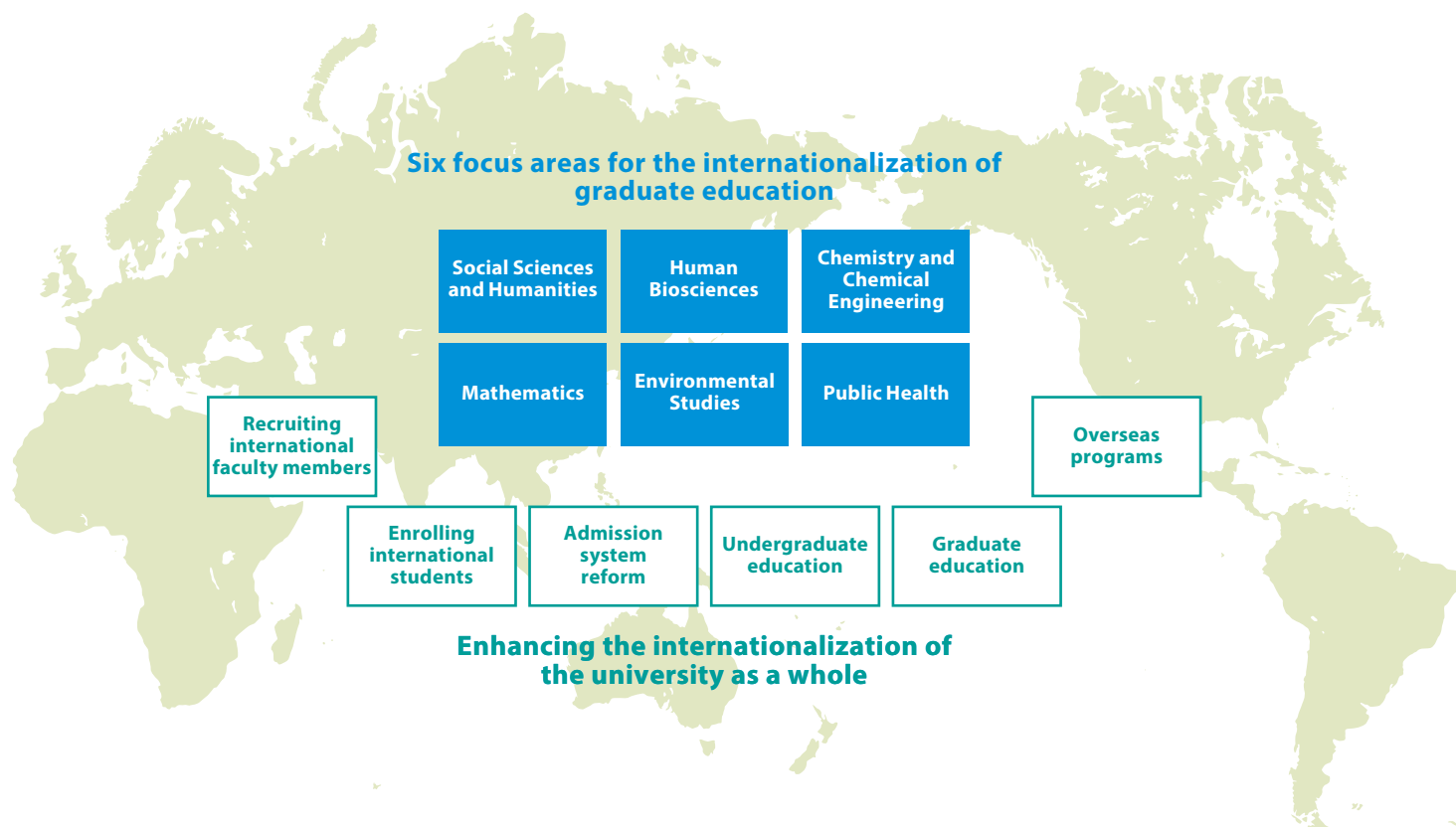
Japanese language proficiency is not required at the time of application, as Kyoto iUP students are provided with intensive Japanese courses in the first six months of the program. In the following two years, they take advanced Japanese courses and liberal arts courses (in either English or Japanese). Students then have 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.

www.iup.kyoto-u.ac.jp/



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.

The university is also engaged in internationalizing various aspects of its graduate education, such as implementing reforms to the admission system, increasing international student mobility, and increasing the number of courses offered in English.

In tandem with the ongoing internationalization of the university as a whole, these efforts aim to cultivate researchers who are active in the international community.

● Japan Gateway Program (JGP)
www.jgp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

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.

D Doctoral (5yrs.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School of Advanced Leadership Studies • Inter-Graduate School Program for Sustainable Development and Survivable Societies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Program of Leaders for Integrated Medical System • Collaborative Graduate Program in Design • Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science |
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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.

B Bachelor's **M** Master's **D** Doctoral **P** Professional

Economics

- International Graduate Programme for East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies **M** **D**
www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kueac/

Engineering

- Undergraduate International Course Program of Civil Engineering **B**
www.s-ge.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/int/en/
- International Course in Management of Civil Infrastructure in the Department of Civil and Earth Resources Engineering **M**
www.ce.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/mci/en/
- International Course in Urban and Regional Development in the Department of Urban Management **M**
www.um.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/urd/en/
- Integrated Engineering Course, Human Security Engineering Field **D** (3yrs./5yrs.)
hse.gcoe.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index.html

Agriculture

- Special Course in Agricultural Sciences
– For the Global Future of Life, Food and the Environment **M** **D**
www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/global30/

Energy Science

- International Energy Science Course **M** **D**
www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/IESC/

Informatics

- International Course in Intelligence Science and Technology **M** **D**
- International Course in Social Informatics **M** **D**
- International Course in Communications and Computer Engineering **M** **D**
www.g30.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en

Biostudies/Medicine

- Global Frontier in Life Science **M** **D**
www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/Global_frontier_in_life_science/index.html

Global Environmental Studies

- International Environmental Management Program **M** **D**
www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/activities/educational-activities/iemp/

Science

- International Course in Primatology and Wildlife Research **M** **D**
www.cicasp.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/

Management

- International Project Management Course in the Department of Business Administration **P**
www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

Student Exchange with Overseas Universities

The Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) and Kyoto University General Exchange Program are open to students from Kyoto University's international partner institutions.

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

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/international/students1/program

