

Support

Japanese Language Education

The Education Center for Japanese Language and Culture of the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) of Kyoto University offers the following types of courses: Japanese language courses in the Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum (hereinafter referred to as [1]), and Japanese language support courses not included in the regular curriculum (referred to as [2]). Eligible students to take [1] are: degree-seeking international students, Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho [MEXT]) Scholarship Students, exchange students except General Exchange Special Research Students (GESRs), research students who are permitted to attend Japanese courses of [1] by their academic advisor and Kyoto iUP Students. All international students and researchers at Kyoto University can take [2] covering the levels from introductory to advanced course including Business Japanese Course. Japanese language courses take place from April to August in the first (Spring) semester and from October to February in the second (Fall) semester. Course registration opens twice a year in March and September. In order to take Japanese language courses, go through the required registration procedure on the website below. The course syllabi are also available on the same website.

☑ “Japanese Language Courses” by Kyoto University Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences”: <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/8bvf7>

Please note that there is no specialized faculty or program for students who only want to study Japanese language at Kyoto University. In addition, the university does not offer summer intensive courses of Japanese language. Family members of international students are not eligible to take the courses offered by ILAS.

· Off-Campus Japanese learning, please refer to the following websites:

- ☑ Kyoto City International Foundation: <https://www.kcif.or.jp/en>
- ☑ Kyoto Prefectural International Center: <https://www.kpic.or.jp/english>

Tutor System

‘Tutoring’ system is a system that the designated tutor provides support to international students whenever their supervisor deems it necessary. In general, the system is applicable to undergraduate students during their first two years in Japan, and graduate students and certain research students during their first year. Tutors are generally graduate students selected from the graduate school to which the international student belongs. Whether the advice/assistance given by the tutors will focus on research or daily life will depend on the individual needs of the international student. It is recommended, therefore, that students relay their concerns to their academic supervisor to receive the accurate support. Further details are available at the faculty/graduate school offices where the international student belongs.

Consultation for International Students

There are several advisory services for international students at Kyoto University. All are confidential and free of charge. When in trouble, students are advised to ask for help instead of worrying about their problems alone.

At the International Student Advising Room of the Agency for Student Support and Disability Resources, students can seek counseling on their problems and worries they cannot handle by themselves such as various matters about their life in Japan, interpersonal issues, or procedures to receive scholarships.

E-mail: advising@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
u.kyoto-u.jp/intladvising

< To make your first appointment >

Send a reservation request by E-mail to the E-mail address stated above if you wish to consult with an International Student Advising Room counselor. Inquiries by E-mail are accepted at any time, however it may take a few days for them to be processed. Please visit the Advising Room during counselors’ office hours if you wish to consult with a counselor.

Kyoto University Student Lounge “KI-ZU-NA”

Student Lounge ‘KI-ZU-NA’, meaning “bonds” in Japanese, opened in the spring of 2002 as a place for students to create bonds of friendship across borders. ‘KI-ZU-NA’ now welcomes all members of the community -- including staff, faculty, and researchers, as well as students - to spend time together and join or organize cross-cultural activities. The facility features a Reading Room, stocked with language learning materials, and a Salon, available for studying, language exchange, and other activities. ‘KI-ZU-NA’ hosts its own event every month, offering opportunities for participants to experience Japanese culture and get to know their counterparts from other countries.

☑ Kyoto University Student Lounge “KI-ZU-NA”: <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/kizunae>



Living Expenses

Although the cost of living varies depending on factors such as housing expenditure and food budget, the average living expenses for international students in the Kyoto and Osaka area are 93,000 JPY per month (excluding academic fees), according to the "STUDY IN JAPAN Basic Guide 2021-2022," published by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

▣ JASSO "Study in Japan Basic Guide": www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/other/sgtj/

Housing

Kyoto University has accommodation facilities available for international students and researchers. International students at Kyoto University can also stay at other accommodation provided by external parties with which Kyoto University has an agreement (such facilities are also occupied by international and domestic students attending other universities).

Kyoto University International Houses and other accommodation options

Please note that due to the limited number of units available, we are not always able to provide accommodation for every applicant.

Accommodation	Nearest campus	Periods of tenancy	Move-in periods
KyotoU Int'l Houses	Shugakuin	Yoshida	from one months (minimum) to one year (maximum)
	Yoshida		
	Hyakumanben		
	Okazaki		
	Uji		
Ohbaku	Uji	from one month (minimum) to two years (maximum)	April October
Satsuki/Mizuki	Yoshida	Six months or one year (minimum of three months)	
Kyoto Ryugakusei House	Yoshida	Six months or one year (minimum of one month)	

- Eligibility: International students who will enroll at Kyoto University within one year of their arrival in Japan.
- Application period: January and July (three months prior to the desired move-in period)
- Application: Please consult with the prospective advisor or administrative office concerned in advance.
- Rent: Rates vary according to location and room type. For example, a single room for Ohbaku International House is 12,400 yen per month including Water, Bedding and Internet access.

▣ Kyoto University International Houses: <https://kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/housing/facilities/>

Apartments

To find an apartment, international students are advised to go to the Kyoto University CO-OP or real estate agencies after their arrival in Japan. Housing consultation is free of charge; however, commission will be charged by the realtor when signing a contract. Some real estate agencies accept search and application for apartment from overseas in foreign languages. Rents vary according to factors such as location, room size, and facilities. The following is a typical example for ordinary apartments in Kyoto. In general, rooms are not furnished

- Single room with shared kitchen and toilet: 25,000-30,000 yen per month
- Single room with private kitchen, toilet, and bath: Upwards of 45,000 yen per month

Useful Websites for finding apartments

- ▣ Kyoto University Int'l Service Office "Finding accommodation in Japan": <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/kegx3>
- ▣ Kyoto University Co-op (in Japanese): <https://www.s-coop.net/service/life/looking/>