



KINJO GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

❖ EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM FACT SHEET ❖

Academic Year 2027

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*Subject to change without notice

About Us	
Name of University	Kinjo Gakuin University 金城学院大学
Established in	1949
History & Organization	Private women's university. The organization of Kinjo Gakuin has its roots in a girl's school founded in 1889 by American missionary Mrs. Annie Randolph. It consists of kindergarten, junior high school, high school, university, and graduate school. Based on evangelical Protestant Christianity, Kinjo Gakuin University aims to train women who contribute to world peace and human welfare. The educational slogan is "Be strong, yet be kind." It is also known for being one of the most beautiful campuses of women's universities in the Tokai region.
Location	Located in Nagoya, the third-largest city in Japan. Easy access to downtown Sakae and Nagoya, approx. 15 to 30 minutes by train.
Academic Structure	Undergraduate: 12 departments in 7 Colleges, 4 Graduate schools
Number of students	4,517 including undergraduate/graduate students in AY2026
Contact Information	
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First Semester 2027 (SPRING)	
Nomination deadline	October 20 Google Forms : https://forms.gle/Nb8Hdc7kLj2P4rwV7
Application Deadline	November 1
Arrival Day	late March to early April
Orientation	late March to early April
Class Period	early April to mid-July
Final Exams	mid-July to late July
Announcement of Results	late September *PDF Transcripts will be sent to the home institution after the announcement.
Break	Summer break: early August to mid-September
Second Semester 2027 (FALL)	
Nomination deadline	March 20
Application Deadline	April 1
Arrival Day	early September
Orientation	early September
Class Period	mid-September to mid-January
Final Exams	mid-January to late January
Announcement of Results	late March *PDF Transcripts will be sent to the home institution after the announcement.
Break	Winter break: late Dec to early Jan / Spring break: late Jan to late Mar

Admission Information	
Eligibility	Must be a female student currently enrolled at a partner university that has an exchange/study abroad agreement with KGU, who must have been nominated as an exchange (tuition waived) or study abroad (fee-paying) student by their home institution. Note: A specific study abroad agreement must be in effect between KGU and the home institution for fee-paying applications.
Duration	1 semester or 1 year (2 semesters)
Entry	First semester (Spring) or Second Semester (Fall)
Minimum Japanese language requirements for Exchange Programs	Must possess a Japanese language proficiency level equivalent to JLPT N5 to N4, CEFR A1, or higher. *Applicants must submit documentation that certifies the fulfillment of the above language requirement, OR a letter of recommendation from a Japanese language instructor at their home institution, at the time of application. *Language requirements apply for undergraduate courses (see "About Classes").
GPA requirements	minimum 2.0/4.0 or equivalent (desirable)
Financial Requirements [Submit at the time of application]	-Financial Statement: An English certificate issued by a financial institution proving that the student or their family has sufficient funds for the study period or a scholarship certificate. -Letter of Financial Support: Required if you have a financial sponsor. Please use the designated form. *Budget guidelines(include tuition and fees): Exchange students: (2 semester) 1,600,000 yen or more (1 semester) 700,000 yen or more Study abroad students: (2 semester) 2,300,000 yen or more (1 semester) 1,100,000 yen or more
Visa requirements	Must obtain a "Student" visa at Japanese Consulate/Embassy/the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association before arrival. *Temporary Visitor visa is NOT accepted.
Application documents	See "Application Guidelines 1". To be sent at a later date after nomination acceptance.
Capacity	Please confirm the number of spots available for exchange/study abroad students directly with KGU through the home institution.
Course Information	
Exchange/Study Abroad Program	Students will enrol as non-degree visiting students and choose at least 7 courses per semester.
Credit System	1-2 credits per course. Each course is held once a week for 100 minutes, 14 times per semester.
Language of Instruction	Mainly in Japanese
Bring Your Own Device	Students must bring their own laptops.
Special Courses for International Students	<u>Compulsory: Japanese Language courses</u> 3 levels, online placement test and interview will be held before arrival. -Japanese 2XX (Pre-Intermediate): 5 courses per week (5 credits) -Japanese 3XX (Intermediate): 3 courses per week (3 credits) -Japanese 4XX (Advanced): 2 courses per week (2 credits) <u>Compulsory for Advanced learners (Japanese 4XX): Japanese Studies courses</u> Japanese Study A, Japanese Study B (2 credit each) <u>Compulsory: Japanese Studies courses (Culture)</u> Japanese Study C, Japanese Study D (2 credit each)

Minimum Language Requirements for Undergraduate Courses	To register for undergraduate courses: <u>For Courses Taught Primarily in Japanese</u> You must meet one of the following criteria: -JLPT N2 or higher -Placement in the Japanese 400-level (Advanced) courses <u>For Courses Taught Primarily in English</u> *Only a limited number of courses are offered in English each semester. You must demonstrate English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 4.5, TOEFL iBT 55, or CEFR B1 or higher (A recommendation letter from an English instructor at the home institution.)
Popular Undergraduate Courses for International Students (Reference for AY 2025)	<u>Instructed in Japanese</u> Foreign Language Conversation, Introduction to Modern Culture, Pop Culture Theory, Project J(Airport-Collaborative Business Workshop) etc. <u>Instructed in English</u> Japanese Society and Culture A, Japanese Society and Culture B (2 credits each)
Important Notes	-Course offerings are subject to change from AY 2026 onward due to faculty restructuring and curriculum revisions. -Registration for undergraduate courses requires approval from the relevant department/instructor; otherwise, registration may be denied. -Certain courses may have prerequisites or be unavailable to international students.
Accommodation	
Housing	Exchange/Study abroad students must stay in the designated off-campus women's dormitory, "Dormy Tokugawaen" for the full period.
Dormitory Facilities	<u>Private Rooms (Single Occupancy)</u> Furnishings/Appliances: Includes furniture and appliances, bedding rental, mini-kitchen, toilet, bath, sink, washing machine, refrigerator, air conditioner, and Wi-Fi, etc. <u>Shared Facilities</u> Security: Auto-lock entrance, security cameras, and a resident manager. Dining: Dining hall (Breakfast and dinner; reservation and fee required), dining room (with microwave). Laundry/Other: Laundry room (coin-operated dryer, shared vacuum cleaner/iron available for lending), and mailboxes. *Shared facilities are also used by other residents.
Dormitory Fees	Entrance Fee: 75,000 yen (One-time, non-refundable payment upon entry). Monthly Room Fee: 75,000 yen (Includes Wi-Fi, bedding rental, basic water/electricity charges, and management fees). Water/Electricity Usage & Dining Hall Meal Fees: Actual personal usage costs must be paid separately by the individual resident (Meal fees are pay-as-you-go based on reserved meals). Payment for Dormitory Fees: Paid in a full lump sum during the designated period before each semester begins (Late February for Spring semester / Late August for Fall semester; approx. 450,000 yen). *The Entrance Fee and Monthly Room Fee listed above are subsidized rates provided by KGU.

Tuition and fees, Scholarships	
Tuition and Fees	Exchange students: waived by the agreement with the home institution Study abroad students: Tuition Fee: 300,000 yen per semester Administration Fee (only for the initial semester): 10,000 yen *In addition to the above, some courses may require separate fees for practical training, textbooks, and/or teaching materials.
KGU Scholarships	-Incoming Students Scholarship: 100,000 yen per semester for exchange students, 75,000 yen per semester for study abroad students -Parents Association Scholarship: 10,000 yen per month for the initial semester *Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO, government funded) scholarships are not available for AY 2027.
Living expenses (reference)	
Meals	Lunch at University café: 500-600 yen Lunch Outside: 800-1,500 yen, Dinner outside: 1,000-2,000 yen Average meal fees: approx. 30,000 yen per month
Public Transportation	Current one-way train fares from Morishita Station are: To Omori-Kinjo Gakuin mae Station: 330 yen The approximate commuting time is 30 minutes. To Sakaemachi Station: 250 yen To Nagoya Station: 390-460 yen (as of June 2026)
Personal Expenses	Average: approx. 20,000-30,000 yen per month
Insurances	
National Health Insurance *Mandatory	NHI covers 70 % of the total medical fees. All foreign residents must purchase. Insurance fees: approx. 15,000 yen per year
Overseas Travel Insurance Requirements *Mandatory	All international students must purchase insurance in their home country before arriving in Japan. The insurance must meet the following requirements: -Coverage Period: From departure date to return date. -Medical Expenses: 2,000,000 yen or more. -Personal Liability: 100,000,000 yen or more. Note: If you cannot join an insurance plan that meets the above requirements before arrival, you must join the "University Co-op Insurance" after arriving in Japan. -Coverage: Hospitalization, surgery, and personal liability. -Premium: Approx. 20,000 yen per year (processed after arrival).
Others	
Airport Pick-up Service *Arrival only	KGU provides a free shuttle bus service from Centrair Chubu International Airport to the dormitory, available only on the designated arrival day.
KING: Kinjo International Girls	KING is a student volunteer group to support international students. They also plan and host international events throughout the year.
International Student Buddy	KGU students will support new international students for the first two weeks after arrival to help them adjust to life in Japan.
Language Partners (LP)	The program pairs KGU students with international students to meet regularly and support their Japanese language learning, primarily through conversation.
International Events	Welcome/Farewell parties, one-day bus tours once a semester, Cool Japan Project (experience Japanese culture such as calligraphy, tea ceremony, seasonal

	events), Cool World Project (introduce own culture), and Halloween/Christmas parties, etc.
Student Clubs and Circles	Over 60 student clubs and circles. Open to international students.
Elementary School Visit	Students introduce their home culture and language at local elementary schools once or twice per semester.
Working part-time	Students may work part-time for limited hours after obtaining Work Permission from the Immigration Services Agency and KGU approval.
Non-Smoking Policy	Smoking is strictly prohibited on campus, in the dorm, and along the commute.

❖ 留学生の体験談 Student Testimonials ❖

出身国：フランス	国際交流センターのイベントはとても面白くて楽しかったです。色々なところに行ったり、色々な経験をして、いい思い出を作ったりしました。本当によかったです！日本語の授業は文法も単語も漢字も勉強できてよかったと思います。それに、授業が分かれているので勉強し易いです。話すのと聞くのを学ぶ日、書くのと読むのを学ぶ日と文法の日があったのでよかったとおもいます。話す機会が多くてよかったです。漢字の授業がなくても、漢字も勉強できました。その授業の難しさもちょうどよかったです。
出身国：オーストラリア	It's been a while since I've studied Japanese, but the course and workload was perfect for me. I enjoyed the everyday classes and the opportunities to speak with the Japanese volunteers.
出身国：タイ	私は日本に来る前にとても怖かったです。初めて一人で飛行機を乗って、初めて外国に来ました。しかし、金城学院大学に来たから、たくさんの友達ができ、色々な日本文化を勉強になって、新しい経験をもらって、ここに来て良かったと思います。そして、金城は環境もいいし、先生も優しいし、いい思い出を作りました。一生忘れません。日本語もかなり上達しました。特に、話すことです。また、みんなと出会って、とても楽しかったです。本当にいい留学です。
出身国：韓国	日本事情授業を通じた日常でなかなか接することができなかった日本文化体験や歴史など学ぶことができて良かったです。また、事前に連絡をすれば、他の地域に行って遊べるという自由度も高かったです。ここで日本を直接経験して生きてみただけでも本当に貴重な経験だと思います。私は日本に来る前に自信があまりなくて、日本に来るのも怖かったが、金城に来てから、成長したと感じられました。それに、たくさんいい思い出が作れました。日本語も上達できるようになりました。留学のおかげで、自信を持って、夢の仕事に近づきました。とても楽しくて、面白くて、いい留学でした。
出身国：オーストラリア	Studying at Kinjo has been an incredible experience! The teachers were knowledgeable and kind, the coursework was interesting, and I was able to learn a lot. The Kinjo grounds are also beautiful, and the students are very kind. CIEP Staff were so lovely and helpful. If I had any questions or concerns, they'd quickly clear them up, and were always ready to help me whenever I need it.
出身国：フランス	東京と大阪の間にあつてどこへでも行けるという交通のメリットがあります。また学校内部がきれいで必要なことがあれば CIEP や KING が手伝ってくれて良かったです。金城はいろいろなイベントもあるし、他の人との交流も多いです。本当に面白くていいところです。
出身国：中国	みんなと一緒に旅行するのは本当に楽しかったです。先生たちの行き届いた配慮と思いやり、いつも助けてくれて、支えてくれて、家族のような安心感を与えてくれました。金城学院大学に来て、皆さんと出会えて、本当にラッキーです。

