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A great way to live and learn abroad

Kyoto International University's **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM** offers students from the U.S. and Canada a truly unique opportunity—to learn about Japan, its people, culture and language—in a *bilingual* educational environment. The best news is that they can do it all while earning credit for university.*

Kyoto International University is a small, international Christian college founded in 1989 and located just 30 minutes away from three key Japanese cities: Kyoto, Osaka and Nara. For more background information on our university, please visit our website at <http://www.kyotoiu.org>.

Whether they wish to enhance career prospects in Japan or make their portfolios more attractive to graduate schools and scholarships back home, students who spend a trimester or a year at KIU will gain experiences that will help them mature as individuals on the way to living useful, fulfilling lives.

A classroom environment like no other

The staff and administrators at KIU are very keen to provide students with an education that is personal, stimulating and enjoyable. That is why a very distinctive, *bilingual* learning environment awaits the student from overseas. As part of KIU's unique, cross-cultural program, interpreters are provided in classes so both local and international students can interact with each other in the same classroom. Never before have topical discussions taken on such diverse elements, where everyone has the opportunity to bring his or her values, philosophies and ideas to the table and have them examined in a multicultural, bilingual setting.

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Living and Learning in Kyoto



No doubt the subject of studying abroad will bring many questions to mind for a prospective student. Here we try to answer the most pressing.

What kinds of courses are available to the international student?

All courses offered at KIU, with the exception of some Biology courses, are available to the Exchange/Transient student. Students can choose courses from KIU's **Study Abroad Program** or from the regular two-year and four-year undergraduate programs. Undergraduate programs include a four-year Bachelor of Arts and Science degree and a two-year degree of Associate of Liberal Arts. Please see the KIU website at <http://www.kyotoiu.ac.jp> for further information on degree programs.

What makes KIU's Study Abroad Program unique?

Many have found studying abroad to be an enriching experience, but here at KIU, students are given the chance to not only live in a foreign land but to learn about what makes and shapes the society around them. In addition to taking courses on Japanese Language, History, Literature and Trade, students can study about the elements that make up Japan's social fabric, the religious world view of the Japanese, and Japanese Missiology. Please see the back of this pamphlet or visit our website for a partial listing of courses available in this program. Please note that course offerings may vary each term, depending on the needs of the students enrolled, but most courses are offered at least once every two years. Interested students should contact the Registrar to find out which courses are offered during the time of their intended stay.

Can students study abroad without major interruptions to their college education?

North American students will find KIU's academic schedule quite compatible with the schedule of their own university or college. Split into three trimesters and a summer session, KIU's school year makes transferring between universities relatively hassle-free.

KIU offers two study abroad programs of varying lengths. The **Short-Term Study Abroad Program** (one trimester) is the easiest way for students to experience living and learning in Japan—ideal for those wanting a taste of overseas life but who are unsure about living away from home for an extended period of time. And thanks to KIU's trimester system, a student can visit Japan several times in his or her college career, earn transferable credit* at KIU, and still graduate on time back home!

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For those looking to become fluent in a foreign language like Japanese, KIU's **Long-Term Study Abroad Program** (one year) is the only way to go. While students in a total immersion environment will learn a lot in just a few months, nothing compares with the transformation that takes place around the sixth month; students find themselves becoming actual participants in the world around them and are able to communicate in Japanese! Once again, because KIU's academic schedule is compatible with those of colleges abroad, it would be possible for a student to visit Japan for a full year during his or her college career and not only leave a more fluent Japanese speaker but graduate on time back home.

Does KIU provide accommodation for students?

At the present time, KIU does not provide accommodation for its students, but is more than willing to assist overseas students in finding and securing accommodation of their own (for example acting as guarantor, if necessary). Students wishing to apply should check with their college's Study Abroad advisors for more information about funding options. Limited homestay opportunities with Japanese families are also available.

How does a student apply to KIU?

Students can apply for admission to KIU in two easy steps. First, KIU requires prospective students to complete its application form (please see attached or apply online at <http://www.kyotoiu.ac.jp> by clicking on "How to Apply" on the top navigation bar). Step Two is to write a 300-500 word essay stating their reasons and goals for studying in Japan. It's that easy. All applications for enrollment will be processed within *one month* of submission. Exchange/Transient student applications are accepted on a rolling admissions base, so there are no deadlines involved.

Where to go for more information:

Kyoto International University is offering your students a truly distinctive chance to live and learn in Japan. If you or your students have any further questions about our **Study Abroad Program**, please consult our website at <http://www.kyotoiu.ac.jp>, call us at 011-81-774-64-0804 or contact us by email at info@kyotoiu.ac.jp and by mail at:

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When I came to Japan, I thought it would be pretty difficult to adapt; what with the culture difference and language barrier. However, I came to KIU as a student, and all my concerns seemed to melt away. The students of many nationalities were really friendly, the administrative staff helpful and nothing was too much trouble and the lecturers knowledgeable and experienced.

I soon found that I was among a group of fantastic people who all shared a common goal, to educate and to be educated in the best way possible. Lectures here are not too much different to England, where students' opinions are encouraged and their individuality given a chance to flourish naturally.

Fun Facts about the Kansai Region *

- The Kansai region is seat of Japanese civilization: Nara, the first capital; Kyoto, the ancestral imperial home; Osaka, Shogun capital before Tokyo. Now, it is the home of some world-famous companies: Nintendo, Sharp, and Matsushita (Panasonic).
- As for food, Kansai is not only the birthplace of Yohei Hanaya, the original sushi chef, but a staple food for college living. In 1958, in a shack in north Osaka, Ando Momofuku invented the instant ramen noodle (first flavor: chicken). With 880 brands of instant noodle world-wide, there is now a Museum for the Instant Noodle in Ikeda City, Osaka!
- Although Universal Studios does have a theme park in Osaka, Kyoto has its own studio theme park at Toei Film Company's "Eiga-mura." Once called the "Hollywood of Japan," it is best known as the location for many of Japan's samurai movies.

Fun Facts about Japan *

- The "Land of the Rising Sun" could also be called the "Land of the Vending Machines." With one vending machine per an estimated 23 people Japan has one of the highest vending machine densities in the world.
- The fastest Rollercoaster in the world is the "Dodonpa" at Fujiyoku Highland Park in Fujiyosida. It reached a top speed of 172 kph (107 mph), beating the previous record of 148 kph (92 mph) set by another Japanese rollercoaster, the "Steel Dragon".

* For source references for "Fun Facts," please contact us.

Kyoto International University's Japanese Studies Program

The following is a partial listing of courses available from Kyoto International University's Japanese Studies Program.



Japanese Business/Economics

This course will survey important issues and developments in the Japanese economy along with the business environment and political pressures affecting these areas. Topics such as economic growth, the role of financial markets, the structure of labor markets and social change, and the great importance of international trade and finance will be examined. Current topics will also be presented for discussion.

Japanese History

Outstanding individuals and key historical events that have shaped Japan's unique culture will be presented. Numerous terms and concepts fundamentally important to gaining an understanding of Japan's role in global history will also be explained.

Japanese Language

The focus of these language courses will be on helping the student gain greater skill at using various aspects of the Japanese language key to academic understanding. Some prior knowledge of Japanese is helpful going into the class and would ensure measurable success.

Japanese Literature

In addition to enjoying classic pieces, students will examine works from different historical and literary eras for an overview of the thematic scope found in Japanese literature. While most of these pieces will come from

translated works, the student may be encouraged to try to read a few of them in their original language to gain a heightened sense of the "flavor" of the works.

Japanese Missiology

Beginning with the first incursion of missionaries from Europe and moving through the three basic periods of Japan's openness to the West, students will examine various approaches taken to introduce the claims of the Christian faith within the Japanese culture, as well as other topics related to this theme of study.

Japanese Relations

While much of this course will help introduce students to the various distinctive aspects of the Japanese world, students will also be encouraged to consider how to apply this knowledge to their own world views.

Japanese Religion

In addition to examining the historical development of the different religions represented in Japan, this course will also look briefly at the religious world view of the Japanese, the main object of worship, and the influence of religion on Japanese art. Students are asked to give a short presentation on one of the many 'New Religions' in Japan and a short, self-study lesson will deal with the differences between true Buddhism and what is practiced in Japan under the name of Buddhism.

Japanese Society

Millennia old, the various essential aspects of Japan's social fabric will be closely looked at and discussed. Students will also be introduced to key terms and concepts that hold the Japanese world apart from other social groupings.

Japanese Trade

This course will focus on the important issues and developments in Japanese Trade, political pressures affecting it and the interaction of various political and economic groups that form the environment of Japanese trade. A variety of topics will also be presented for discussion that will expose the student to the historic scope of this area of study.

Cross Cultural Communication

Japanese culture and American culture will be studied in this course, in a bi- or multi-cultural classroom setting and making full use of small groups and direct observation.

Directed Studies

While considerable effort has been made by KIU to give students as broad a base as possible from which to appreciate and understand the world of Japan, each student brings unique perspectives and interests of his or her own which may be delved into more deeply as part of a directed study on life in Japan. Careful planning and a co-operative agreement on the outline of material to be studied will help students successfully complete this section of academic study.

The instructional staff at KIU is willing and prepared to assist students doing research on Japan in the following subject areas: Business, Politics and Missiology.



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