

# JAPANESE

## Year Abroad Quick Information Sheet

Academic Year 2023-2024

Year Abroad Co-ordinator – [Ms Junko Hagiwara](#)

<b>HOST INSTITUTION</b>	<b>KOBE UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>	The Faculty of Letters, KOBE UNIVERSITY Phone:+81-78-803-5595 Fax :+81-78-803-5589 E-mail: <a href="mailto:lkyomu@lit.kobe-u.ac.jp">lkyomu@lit.kobe-u.ac.jp</a> Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM to 5:00PM
<b>COURSE NAME AND STRUCTURE</b>	Kobe Oxford Japanese Studies Program made up of three parts: the Japanese Language Programme, the specialised courses offered by the Faculty of Letters, and the extra curriculum activities (KOJSP events).
<b>DURATION</b>	3 TERMS
<b>TERM DATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> of October to first Friday of August</li><li>• Autumn semester: 1<sup>st</sup> of October to end of February</li><li>• Spring semester: 1<sup>st</sup> week of April to first week of August</li></ul>
<b>IMPORTANT DEADLINES (PAPERWORK)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KOJSP (Kobe University) Application: End of March</li><li>• Application for Certificate of Eligibility: End of April</li></ul>
<b>IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES WHILE ABROAD</b>	Exact dates vary from year to year. 1st Semester: 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of October(2 <sup>nd</sup> of October 2023) to Last week of February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester: 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April to 1 <sup>st</sup> week of August.
<b>VISA APPLICATION INFORMATION</b>	Application for Certificate of Eligibility (in order to apply Visa): End of April
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	Students are able to live in Kobe University's hall of residence (named Kokuiryo). <u>Address:</u> 1-1 Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501 JAPAN Tel : +44- 078-803-5595 Students will have received further information regarding this in briefing sessions with the host university.

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<b>CONTACTS IN HOST INSTITUTION</b>	SEE ABOVE
<b>FCO WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.gov.uk">Japan travel advice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
<b>OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS</b>	<b>BRITISH EMBASSY - If you're abroad and you need emergency help from the UK government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.uk">British Consulate General Osaka - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.uk">British Embassy Tokyo - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
<b>ASSESSMENTS WHILE ABROAD</b>	Revision test: at the end of each term Kanji test: every week
<b>FORMS OF CONTACT AVAILABLE</b>	All forms of contact e.g. Whatsapp are available. Students will usually be contacted by email by the YA Co-ordinator. Depending on the mobile contract, English mobile phone can be used without changing sim card (this would normally include charges, so it would be better to get a Japanese sim card).
<b>WHEN TO EXPECT VISITS FROM FACULTY</b>	In August (to attend the completion ceremony)
<b>CULTURAL/SOCIAL ETIQUETTES (THINGS TO BE AWARE OF, WHAT TO AVOID)</b>	There are smaller rules, such as removing shoes when visiting shrines, temples and private homes, but not much different from British rules and etiquette. There are no particularly strict religious rules.
<b>HEALTH/MEDICATION</b>	If you're travelling with prescription or over-the-counter medicine, read this guidance from NaTHNaC on <a href="#">best practice when travelling with medicines</a> . For further information on the legal status of a specific medicine, you'll need to contact the <a href="#">embassy, high commission or consulate</a> of the country or territory you're travelling to. You may also want to check the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare webpages on advice if you bring <a href="#">medicine into Japan</a> , a general <a href="#">Q&amp;A</a> as well as a list of <a href="#">banned items</a> .  If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 119 and ask for an ambulance. You should contact your insurance/medical assistance company promptly if you are referred to a medical facility for treatment.  Medical facilities are good, but the cost of treatment is high. Hospitals and clinics are well equipped and staff highly trained. There are very few British doctors practising in Japan, but some Japanese doctors may speak English. You will be expected to pay the whole cost of any treatment you receive and there have been cases where treatment has been delayed whilst medical facilities check the legitimacy of the insurance. Make sure you have adequate travel

	<p>health insurance that covers pre-existing conditions and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation (PLEASE NOTE: University travel insurance covers medical costs that you may incur while you are away, be it an emergency or if you are ill and need to see a doctor. <b><u>It does not cover pre-existing medical conditions.</u></b> You are advised to speak to your GP for advice and may be required to take out additional medical insurance yourself. Private Health insurance is not covered under the University Health insurance - treatment for existing chronic illness is not covered by the university's insurance and anyone with an underlying health condition should take out additional health insurance.</p> <p>Residents in Japan will be required to enrol in either Employee or National Health Insurance.</p>
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