

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	Kyoto University
B. Country	Japan
C. Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: End of September to early February Spring Semester: End of March to early August
D. Exchange Duration	One semester or full year
E. GPA Requirement	Minimum GPA of at least 3.0/4.0 scale (equivalent to NUS GPA 3.75/5.0)
F. Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>Japanese language proficiency is not required for the Kyoto International Education Program (KUINEP) which enables exchange students to study in English. However, it is recommended that students have basic Japanese language knowledge.</p> <p>A minimum of JLPT N1 or equivalent is required for students on the General Exchange (GE) Program which allows students to take courses taught in Japanese from the Kyoto University Faculty to which they are affiliated.</p>
G. Course Load	<p>Minimum number of courses per semester: 7</p> <p>Average credit per course: 2 credits</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students may take up to 4 Japanese language courses (8 credits) for credit.
H. Accommodation	<p>Both on- and off-campus International Houses and other dormitories are available for exchange students.</p> <p>Room allocation is not guaranteed and subject to availability.</p> <p>https://kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/housing/facilities/</p>
I. Visa	<p>Exchange students will require a 'Student' visa.</p> <p>Students will need a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) issued by the Japanese Ministry of Justice to apply for your Student Visa. Kyoto University will submit the application for the COE on your behalf and send it to you via email when issued. Upon receiving the COE, students should apply for the Student Visa at a Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in your country of residence.</p>
J. Insurance	All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For

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	<p>more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>It is compulsory for exchange students in Japan to join the National Health Insurance program. The insurance fee is around 2,000 JPY each month and you will only need to pay 30% of the medical costs when seeing doctors.</p> <p>When entering Kyoto University, students must also join the University CO-OP Personal Liability Insurance for Students (Gakubai), which requires an annual payment of around 2,000 JPY. To enrol in Gakubai, students must first join the CO-OP by paying a 4,000 JPY membership fee, which is fully refundable upon deregistration.</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel in Japan. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to access the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
<p>K. Useful Links</p>	<p>Student Exchange Information: https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students</p> <p>Course Information and Restrictions: KUINEP: https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students/kamoku GE Program: https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students/change-prog</p> <p>Cost of Living: https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/life/cost-of-living/ (JASSO website)</p> <p>Information on Visa/Housing/Daily Life: https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/visa-housing-daily-life</p>