



Outline of Kanazawa University Semester Program 2016

Kanazawa University Semester Program is designed for students from those institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University (at least in their 3rd year in the undergraduate program or over, including graduate students in the master's program. Note: Students in the doctoral programs are not eligible to this program) and who intend to study at Kanazawa University for one semester (two quarters) or one quarter.

Objectives:

The Kanazawa University Semester Program is a short-term educational program which offers Japanese language classes, a class of Japanese cultural experience, and additional classes in various subjects given in English or Japanese. There are no restrictions as to your major field of study at your home institution. Japanese language classes, held five times a week, and the Japanese Cultural Experience class are compulsory. In addition to the classes for this program, students with high levels of Japanese proficiency are allowed to join classes for general or specialist education alongside Japanese students.

We hope that semester students will deepen their understanding of Japan through this program and engage in cultural exchange with students from other countries and from Kanazawa University. We also hope that the knowledge acquired through this program will help you to be active in the international arena.

Acceptance Period and Duration

The basic length of the program is one semester (two quarters), starting in April or October or one quarter, starting in October. The program accepts for one quarter will be held only in October.

Academic Calendar (tentative):

1. Spring Semester Program: April - September 2016 (enrolled term)

Guidance, Registrations and Orientation: 1st April - 8th April 2016

Classes start: 10th April 2016

Classes and Program end: Early-August 2016

There are no classes on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays, or during the summer vacation (from Early-August until 30th September).

2. Autumn Semester Program: October 2016 – March 2017 (enrolled term)

Guidance, Registrations and Orientation: Late September 2016

Classes start: 3rd October 2016

Classes and Program end: Mid-February 2017

There are no classes on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays, or during the winter vacation (from Mid-February until 31st March).

3. Autumn Quarter Program: October – Early-December 2016 (enrolled term)

Guidance, Registrations and Orientation: Late September 2016

Classes start: 3rd October 2016

Classes and Program end: Early-December 2016

There are no classes on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays.

Number of Students:

Spring semester: 15 students

Autumn semester and Autumn quarter: 15 students

Course Structure:

The Semester Program is composed of compulsory and elective courses. In order to take these courses and receive credits, students must submit registration forms to the International Student Center after the “class trial weeks” (for the first two weeks, students are able to attend any classes without needing to register for them). Students must take more than 16 credits from the compulsory classes and elective class (Total 16 credits = 12 hours/week.) Students who participate in one quarter starting in October must take more than 8 credits.

<<Spring Semester>>

● Compulsory

| Title of Course (Spring semester 2016) | Credit | Hours/week (1 lesson for 1.5H) |
|---|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Japanese | 10 | 7.5 |
| Presentation | 2 | 1.5 |
| Program for the Study of Japanese Culture and Society (Select more than one class) | | |
| Japanese Art Performance and Music | 2 | 1.5 |
| Traditional Arts & Crafts and their Techniques | 2 | 1.5 |
| Contemporary Art and Design | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Society and Traditional Culture II | 2 | 1.5 |
| Family in Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| Budō - Karatedō I | 2 | 1.5 |
| Budō - Shōrinji-Kenpō | 2 | 1.5 |
| Budō - Jōdō I | 2 | 1.5 |
| Zen and Japanese Culture | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Calendar and Time Culture | 2 | 1.5 |
| Natural and Cultural Diversity of Ishikawa and International Initiatives | 2 | 1.5 |
| Nurse Care to Elderly People in Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Language and Society | 2 | 1.5 |
| Sociology of Food and Eating | 2 | 1.5 |

- Elective (*Course names are subject to change)

| Title of Course (Spring semester 2016) | Credit | Hours/week (1 lesson for 1.5H) |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|
| An Introduction to the Modern Japanese Culture and Society | 2 | 1.5 |
| Anthropology in Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| A History of International Politics (Oriental) | 2 | 1.5 |
| Seminar in International Society Studies (International Security Issues) | 2 | 1.5 |
| Language in Culture and Society | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese History | 2 | 1.5 |
| Introduction to European Life | 2 | 1.5 |
| Population geography of Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| American/British Media Studies E | 2 | 1.5 |
| Other classes will be announced later. | | |

<<Autumn Semester>>

- Compulsory

| Title of Course (Autumn semester 2016) | Credit | Hours/week (1 lesson for 1.5H) |
|---|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Japanese | 10 | 7.5 |
| Report | 2 | 1.5 |
| Program for the Study of Japanese Culture and Society (Select more than one class) | | |
| Japanese Culture through the Way of Tea | 2 | 1.5 |
| Ohi Pottery: Clay and Fire | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Society and Traditional Culture I | 2 | 1.5 |
| Education in Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| Budō - Karatedō I | 2 | 1.5 |
| Budō – Shōrinji-Kenpō | 2 | 1.5 |
| Budō - Jōdō I | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Religions | 2 | 1.5 |
| Zen and Japanese Culture | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Calendar and Time Culture | 2 | 1.5 |
| Natural and Cultural Diversity of Ishikawa and International Initiatives | 2 | 1.5 |
| Communication Business | 2 | 1.5 |
| Nurse Care to Elderly People in Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| Gender and Society | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Language and Society | 2 | 1.5 |

● Elective (*Course names are subject to change)

| Title of Course (Autumn semester 2016) | Credit | Hours/week (1 lesson for 1.5H) |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Global Environment and Its Dynamics | 2 | 1.5 |
| Comparative Politics | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese Politics & Diplomacy | 2 | 1.5 |
| Law and Society in Japan | 2 | 1.5 |
| Japanese History | 2 | 1.5 |
| Seminar in International Society Studies (International Security Issues) | 2 | 1.5 |
| Learning French | 2 | 1.5 |
| British Regional Studies | 2 | 1.5 |
| Other classes will be announced later. | | |

Tuition:

1. Tuition waiver is applicable for students from institutions that have concluded an agreement on mutual tuition waivers with Kanazawa University, up to the number of students specified in the agreement.
2. Other students are obliged to pay tuition of 14,800 yen per credit. Tuition may be revised in the future. Semester Program students must take more than 16 credits during the program (14 credits for compulsory courses, 2 credits for electives), so therefore the total tuition fee will be more than 236,800 yen (@14,800 yen x 16 credits.) Students who participate in one quarter starting in October must take 8 credits or more.

Transcripts, credit transfers and Certificates of Enrollment:

1. Kanazawa University will issue a transcript of the Semester Program.
2. Credit transfer at the students' home institution is based upon this transcript. Approval of credit transfer is done under the authority of the students' home institutions, not of Kanazawa University.
3. Student who enrolled in this program are awarded a Certificate of Enrollment.

Support:

1. The Semester Program is conducted by the Director of the International Student Center, Organization for Global Affairs along with four teachers as academic advisers. They organize the Semester Program and provide special support for Semester Program students.
2. The International Student Section provides assistance for important paperwork such as foreign registration, Japanese National Health Service, class registration etc.
3. One-to-one assistance from private tutors is offered to Semester Program students. Tutors are Japanese students who assist international students with their studies, living arrangements, and inter-personal relationships so that students can focus on their studies and social life. Tutors offer Japanese language support, help with submitting documents, and advice about life in Japan. They meet once or twice a week whenever their schedules line up.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students are obliged to enroll in National Health Insurance (around 1,500yen/month. We will guide Semester students during orientation week.) This insurance covers 70% of medical care and hospitalization costs. (E.g. you pay 3,000 yen for something that costs 10,000 yen.)

Accommodation:

Kanazawa University will arrange accommodation. Students who choose not to stay in accommodation arranged by Kanazawa University have to arrange housing by themselves. The monthly rent for an apartment (one bedroom with kitchenette, toilet and bath, unfurnished) in Kanazawa is from 40,000 to 60,000. Also, approximately 150,000 - 300,000 yen will be required as a deposit and key-money (nonrefundable). Real estate agents provide information on apartments and housing. Normally Japanese apartment contracts are longer than one year and basically unfurnished (except Monthly Apartment)

- ※ A minimum amount of living cost in Kanazawa would be 80,000yen per month. Therefore if you participate in this program you must to prove your living costs while studying in Japan (for half year). Please Submit a Certificate of Bank Deposit Balance. (500,000 yen~)

Immigration to Japan:

There are certain formalities that must be observed by international students intending to pursue studies in Japan. Students should possess a valid passport issued by their home country. They are also required to apply to their nearest Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) for a "student" visa. A college student visa will only be issued after the diplomatic mission is in possession of the applicant's "Certificate of Eligibility".

1. The Student Affairs Division of Kanazawa University shall submit the applications for the "Certificate of Eligibility" to the immigration office at Kanazawa on behalf of the exchange students.
2. The "Certificate of Eligibility" will then be sent to the students.
3. When applying for the "student" visa, students must take their "Certificate of Eligibility" and their passport to the diplomatic mission.

Students should also be sure to bring their "Certificate of Eligibility" with them and show it to the immigration authorities at the airport when they enter Japan.

The students studying for one quarter only (approximately two months) do not need to take this procedure. Please contact us for the details.

If you have any questions, please contact us through applicant's home institution.

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