# Information Sheet 2017

## Kobe University

**Graduate of Intercultural Studies**

**Faculty of Intercultural Studies**

## Contact Information

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|---------------------|------------------|
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|                     | Faculty of Intercultural Studies  

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## Exchange Program Application

| Nomination Deadline for Partners | Spring Semester (April) Enrollment: November 1st  
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                  | Fall Semester (October) Enrollment: April 1st  

| Application Deadline for Students | Spring Semester (April) Enrollment: November 30th  
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                   | Fall Semester (October) Enrollment: April 30th  

| Application Information | [http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html](http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html)  

| Required Documents | 1. Application Form for Intercultural Studies Study Abroad Program  
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | 2. Official academic transcript from your university  
|                    | 3. A photocopy of the Japanese proficiency certificate (if obtained)  
|                    | 4. Application for the "Certificate of Eligibility" (COE)  
|                    | 5. Letter of Financial Support  
|                    | 6. A copy of the statement from your sponsor  
|                    |   A) Recent bank statement and copies of recent bankbook OR  
|                    |   B) Certificate of employment of sponsor and a certificate of his/her annual income  
|                    | 7. A photocopy of your passport  
|                    | 8. A digital photo of the applicant  

| Notification of Application Result | Spring Semester (April) Enrollment: Late December  
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                    | Fall Semester (October) Enrollment: Late May  

### Academic Information

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<th>Academic Calendar (Subject to Change)</th>
<th><strong>Spring semester 2017</strong> (April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016)</th>
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<td>Class Registration period: April 7 – 20</td>
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<td>Exam period: August 2 – 9</td>
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**Fall semester 2017** (October 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

| Residence open: September 29           |
| Orientation for Exchange Students: Early October (TBA) |
| Class begin: October 2                 |
| Class Registration period: October 2-16|
| Exam period: February 2 – 9            |

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<tr>
<th>Courses at Graduate School of Intercultural Studies/ Faculty of Intercultural Studies</th>
<th>Language of Instruction: Most classes offered at Graduate School of Intercultural Studies / Faculty of Intercultural Studies are taught in Japanese. For Classes taught in English, please refer the timetable where classes taught in English are marked with an “E”. <a href="http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html">http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/group/Kouryu/for-incoming-students.html</a></th>
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### Housing & General Information

#### Kobe University Affiliated Accommodation

Exchange students are given priority for room allocations in the university dormitories. The room type will be single only; no other room can be selected.


#### Housing Application

Fill in the section "Accommodation" of the Exchange Program Application form.

We will do our best to arrange your accommodation accordingly when you are accepted as an exchange student. However, please note that this does not guarantee the availability of your preferences.

#### Notification of Housing Allocation

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<th>Semester</th>
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#### Housing Application Deadline

Same as the Exchange program Application deadline

#### Visa

After acceptance, Kobe University will apply for the students’ COE (Certificate of Eligibility), needed to apply for a college student visa. It will be issued within 1-2 months after application. (We cannot guarantee 100% successful result of COE assessment, but most cases it has been successful.)

Students will need to apply for College Student Visa at a Japanese Embassy / Consulate in your home country before entrance.

#### Airport Pick up

Not Available

#### Insurance

**National Health Insurance:**

The Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare now requires all College Student Visa holders to become a registered member of the Japan National Health Insurance. All exchange students must enroll. Students will pay monthly premiums (Approximately 2,000 JPY per month).

Upon joining this system, students will be charged only 30% of the incurred medical cost.

**Kobe University PAS (Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursing Education and Research):**

PAS is a nationwide system to indemnify students for the number of days that medical treatment is needed for injury incurred during regular curricular activities and while commuting to or from University. (1,000JPY up to 1 year.) All students are required to participate in this insurance plan.

#### Estimated Living Expenses

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<th>Average Monthly Costs for Kobe University Students</th>
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<tr>
<td>Books and materials</td>
<td>30,000-50,000 yen/year</td>
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<td>University Accommodation</td>
<td>~37,300 yen/ month</td>
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<td>Utility (Electricity, Gas, Water)</td>
<td>15,000 yen /month</td>
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<td>Board &amp; Living expense</td>
<td>30,000 yen /month</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>15,000–20,000 yen /month</td>
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<td>National Health Insurance</td>
<td>2,000 yen /month</td>
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<td>Others / Entertainment</td>
<td>10,000 yen /month</td>
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**Useful Link**

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