Online Summer Program

Asian Studies Program June – July, 2025

What's this program?

The Asian Studies Program is a program for international students, focusing on teaching Japanese language and Asian Studies. We have received over 17,000 students from all over the world in almost 50 years of experience. This coming summer, we will continue to offer the online courses taught by our well-experienced faculty members, that also come with unique opportunities to participate in cross-cultural interactions with local Kansai Gaidai students.

Program Summary

Course Title	Japanese Level 1	Let's Begin Learning Japanese	Business Japanese	Learning Kansai Japanese (Kansai Dialect)
Japanese Level	Introductory	Introductory	Intermediate	Intermediate
No. of Lessons	45 lessons*1	9 lessons	9 lessons	15 lessons
Period* ²	June 9 (Mon) – July 18(Friday) (6 weeks)	June 9 (Mon) – June 27(Friday) (3 weeks)	June 9 (Mon) – June 27(Friday) (3 weeks)	June 9 (Mon) – June 27 (Friday) (3 weeks)
Day and Time Slot Japan Standard Time	From Monday to Friday 9:00 am -10:30 am	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 am -10:30am	Mon, Wed, Fri 10:45am – 12:15pm	From Monday to Friday 9:00 am -10:30 am
Credits	5 credits	Non-credit *2	Non-credit *2	Non-credit *2
Fees	JPY 75,000	JPY 15,000	JPY 15,000	JPY 30,000

The course may not be held if there are not enough applications.

- *1. 45 lesson is composed of 30 lessons (synchronous) and 15 lessons (on-demand)
- *2 An e-certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course.





Course Descriptions

Japanese Level 1 (5 credits)

The first level of Japanese for beginners who have no formal training in the language. This course aims mainly at the development of speaking and listening skills, but also writing in hiragana, katakana and basic kanji. Approximately 300 vocabulary words will be introduced. At the end of the course, successful students will be able to function in Japanese in everyday situations such as making requests, stating reasons, describing things, etc. Also, approximately 40 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 1 through 6 of Genki I, third edition.

Let's Begin Learning Japanese (Non-credit e-certificate)

This course is for anyone who wants to begin learning Japanese! No prior knowledge of Japanese is required. During the three weeks, we will learn basic greetings and how to hold very short conversations on topics such as a self-introduction, hobbies, your daily life, etc. We will focus mainly on speaking in this course, but a brief introduction to the Japanese writing system will be given as well. Let's begin learning Japanese and have fun exploring the language and culture of Japan this summer!

Business Japanese (Non-credit e-certificate)

This course is suitable for students who are interested in the working culture of Japanese companies. In this course students will practice daily business conversations such as greeting, telephoning, making appointments focusing on superior-subordinate/ingroup-outgroup distinctions in the workplace. We will also read short texts about the working culture of Japan and discuss them. The course participants are expected to have an intermediate Japanese language level.

Learning Kansai Japanese (Kansai dialect) (Non-credit e-certificate)

In the Kansai region, where Kansai Gaidai is located, locals speak a different version of Japanese from the so-called hyoujungo, standard Japanese, that students diligently study in classes and textbooks. This dialect is called Kansai-ben, and it contains many differences in accent, grammar, and vocabulary from the standard version. In this course, students will learn words and phrases to survive in the Kansai area by listening to many example conversations. Students will create and perform skits with local students who speak Kansai-ben at the end of the course. This course is suitable for those with an intermediate mastery of Japanese grammar and syntax.

Schedule

Course Notification with Payment announcement : May 12 (Mon)

Payment Period: May 12 (Mon) - May 30 (Fri)

Orientation: June 4 (Wednesday)

Class Begins: June 9 (Mon)

Deadline for Dropping Course: June 13 (Fri)

How to Apply

Application Period: March 3 (Mon) ~ April 30 (Wed)

You can reserve your spot by filling out the following application form no later than April 30, 2025. After the submission, we will contact you shortly with more detailed information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at kgu-in03@kansaigaidai.ac.jp

Web Application



Eligibility

- An applicant who is 18-year-old or above in a college / university. Or university graduate.
- An applicant must have studied Japanese previously for Learning Kansai Japanese and Business Japanese.

Refund Policy

Before the Orientation Day: 100 % refund

Before the Drop-deadline: 50 % refund

After the Drop-deadline: Non-refundable