

Kansai Gaidai University

Japan

Fact Sheet

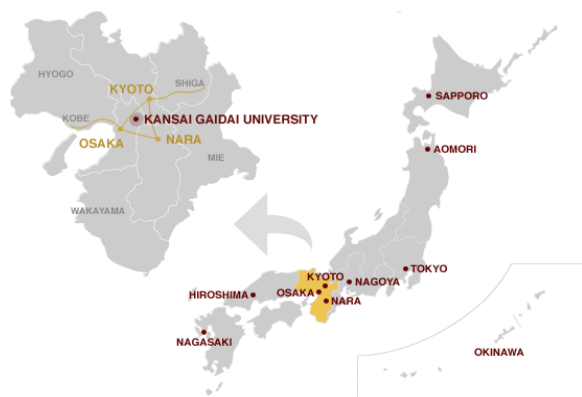
Website

Kansai Gaidai homepage: <http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp>
Webpage for International Exchange students:
http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp/asp/02_international_programs/03.html

Location

Osaka, Japan

Kansai Gaidai's two campuses (Nakamiya and Hotani) are located in Hirakata city (pop.: 405,000) near Osaka city, the second largest business metropolis next to Tokyo. The Center for International Education, the centerpiece for the Asian Studies Program is located at the Nakamiya campus. Hirakata is also close to Kyoto and Nara, both of which are synonymous with "Japan's rich tradition." This Geographic advantage provides students with easy access to the centers of Osaka and Kyoto in little over half an hour by train.



Accommodation costs

Dormitories are called International Seminar Houses and offer an international living environment. With the increasing number of nationalities, living in the dormitory will make it possible to acquire various cultural perspectives from your fellow students. Costs vary from 170,000 yen – 200,000 yen (approx \$1,400-1,600)

For more information see:
http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp/asp/04_campus_life/03.html

Costs

Costs vary considerably according to individual requirements and tastes. Since activities and dining can be rather costly in Japan, all participants are strongly advised to bring adequate funds for their stay at Kansai Gaidai. On average, it is recommended that you budget \$1500-\$1800 per semester for meals, personal expenses etc.

Currency

The Japanese currency is the Yen.

Visas

On receiving an offer letter from Kansai Gaidai, students must apply for a Japanese student visa. Students may need to apply in person.

For more information see:
http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp/asp/05_admission_and_visa/02.html

Disciplines

The Curriculum of the Asian Studies Program is twofold; the rigorous Japanese language studies and courses in the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Business/Economics pertinent to Japan and Asia make it possible for participants to approach a wide array of study areas during their stay in Japan. Since all courses in the Asian Studies Program, aside from those focusing on the Japanese language, are conducted in English, it is possible for students with no previous Japanese training to pursue an in-depth study of Japan and Asia. Students must have completed at least one year of Japanese language study.

Structure of University

Kansai Gaidai is a private, non-profit institution composed of Kansai Gaidai University, (four-year program), Kansai Gaidai College (two-year program), the Graduate School, and the Asian Studies Program. All the academic programs of Kansai Gaidai University are fully accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, which is the sole accrediting agency in Japan.

Average semester work-load

Students in the Asian Studies Program typically take 4-5 classes which is the equivalent of 12-15 hours in the U.S.

General Semester dates

First Semester:
August- December
Second Semester:
January- May

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