

Program Overview

About

Kyoto Summer Program is a short-term study-abroad program opens to both international students from universities around the world and domestic students enrolled at Kyoto University, provided by Kyoto University Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) and Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU).

The program consists of two sub-programs: in the **ILAS program**, English is the main instruction language, and in the **KUASU program** Japanese is the main instruction language.

Both sub-programs share a core curriculum that primarily aims to develop an understanding of the political, cultural, historical, social, and ecological issues facing Japan. Both provide opportunities to learn the Japanese language and to study with local students. The whole program is also designed to highlight Kyoto University's unique academic culture and cutting-edge research facilities.

The program has traditionally conducted face to face in Kyoto. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's program also will be held **online**.

Eligible Applicants

The applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled in one of the following universities.

ILAS program (English program)

East Asia

- Peking University
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- National Taiwan University
- Yonsei University

Europe

- Heidelberg University
- University of Vienna
- Other partner universities nominated through KU European Center

North America

- Partner universities nominated through KU North American Center
- Universities nominated through Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies / Stanford Japan Center

Africa

- Partner universities nominated through The Kyoto University Africa Office

Other Regions

- Mahidol University (Thailand)

KUASU program (Japanese program)

Southeast Asia

- Chulalongkorn University
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- National University of Singapore
- University of Indonesia

North America

- Partner universities nominated through KU North American Center

Fees

All participants

- Tuition fees are waived
- Participants need to prepare their own internet access and a device such as a personal computer, a tablet, or a smartphone for participating in online classes. We recommend using a personal computer with a camera, microphone, and a speaker.

Course Outline

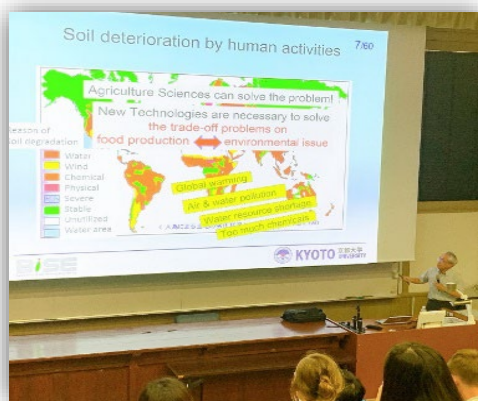
The program consists of four major parts listed below and concludes with final presentations by the participants.

1. Academic Lectures

1-1. A wide range of lectures delivered in English.

Examples from past years' lectures:

- “Organization and Management in Japanese Companies”
- “The Aesthetics and Sensitivities of the Japanese as seen through Classical Japanese Literature”
- “Japan’s energy-environment conundrum”
- “Journey to the Termite World”



(Previous program)



(Kyoto Summer Program 2021 (Online))

1-2. Some lectures delivered in Japanese (open to students with a Japanese language proficiency of intermediate and above.)

Examples from past years' lectures:

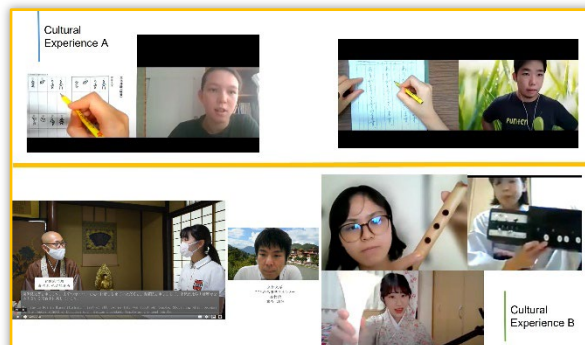
- げんだいにほんぶんか げんじものがたり
「現代日本文化のなかの源氏物語」 The Tale of Genji in Contemporary Japanese Culture
- がっこうきょういく にほんぶんか しょそう
「学校教育にみる日本文化の諸相」 Cultural Aspects of Education in Japan
- にほんご しゃかいげんごがくてきしょそう
「日本語の社会言語学的諸相」 Socio-linguistic aspects of Japanese

2. Fieldtrip and cultural experiences

Off-campus activities designed to deepen understanding of Japanese and Kyoto culture, industry, and ecology. **These will be provided online this year.**



(Kyoto Spring Program 2021 (Online))



(Kyoto Summer Program 2021 (Online))

3. Interaction with KU Students

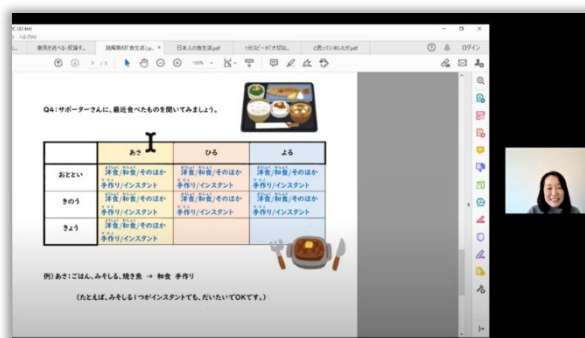
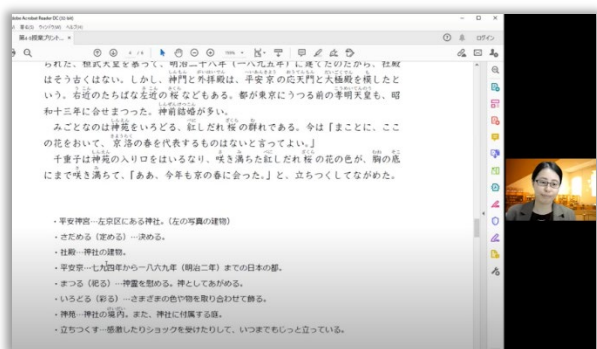
Intercultural exchange with KU students through joint participation in lectures, sessions and off-campus activities. **These will be provided online this year.**



(previous programs)

4. Japanese Classes

Five levels of Japanese language classes (Elementary I, Elementary II, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced) will be provided.



Program Schedule 2022 (Tentative) This schedule is subject to change.

- This year's program will be provided in two shifts (A ■ & B ■) for the convenience of participants from different time zones. Both shifts consist of **orientation**, Kyoto University introduction, **Japanese classes**, **cultural experience**, discussion session among students and **final presentation**. Participants will be assigned to one of the shifts by Kyoto University, taking into account the time difference and other factors.
- **Academic lectures** ■ will not be provided in shifts. Instead, participants should choose at least 5 out of 10 lectures according to their interest and convenience.
- **General activities** ■ will not be provided in shifts.
- **Free participation (activities, conversation in Japanese, discussion in English with other participants and lab-visits)** ■ will be scheduled.

Kyoto Summer Program 2022 Schedule (tentative)

DAY	Japan standard time	8:30 ~ 10:30	10:40 ~ 12:40	12:50 ~ 13:20 ~ 14:20	14:30 ~ 16:30	16:40 ~ 18:40	18:50 ~ 19:50 ~ 21:00	
0	7/28 (Thu)	10:00 ~ 11:00 Preparation				17:00 ~ 18:00 Preparation		
1	7/29 (Fri)	9:00 ~ 10:00 Orientation A (KUASU/ILAS)	Japanese A	KUASU※グループ発表準備 ILAS※ Discussion in English	Academic Lecture ①	Japanese B	18:50 ~ 19:50 Orientation B (ILAS)	
2	7/30 (Sat)	Academic Lecture ②	Japanese A	12:50 ~ 13:50 KU intro A (京大紹介)	Academic Lecture ②	Japanese B	18:50 ~ 19:50 Conversation in Japanese 20:00 ~ 21:00 Discussion in English	
3	7/31 (Sun)	Free Day (student activity)						
4	8/1 (Mon)	Academic Lecture ③	Japanese A	KUASU※グループ発表準備 ILAS※ Discussion in English	Academic Lecture ③	Japanese B	18:50 ~ 19:50 Lab Visit I 20:00 ~ 21:00 KU intro B (ILAS) (京大紹介)	
5	8/2 (Tue)	Academic Lecture ④	Japanese A	KUASU※グループ発表準備 ILAS※ Conversation in Japanese	Academic Lecture ④	Japanese B	18:50 ~ 19:50 Conversation in Japanese 20:00 ~ 21:00 Discussion in English	
6	8/3 (Wed)	Academic Lecture ⑤	(Makeup Japanese language classes may be held.)	12:50 ~ 15:50 Fieldtrip	Japanese B	18:50 ~ 19:50 Discussion in English		
7	8/4 (Thu)	Academic Lecture ⑥	Japanese A	12:50 ~ 13:50 14:00 ~ 17:00 ILAS※ Discussion in English Cultural Experience B	17:00 ~ 19:50 (Makeup Japanese language classes may be held.)	19:50 ~ 20:20 Discussion in English		
8	8/5 (Fri)	8:30 ~ 11:30 Cultural Experience A	11:40 ~ 12:40 Lab Visit II	Academic Lecture ⑦				
9	8/6 (Sat)	8:30 ~ 11:30 Discussion Session among Students A (KUASU/ILAS)①②	11:40 ~ 12:40 Academic Lecture ⑧	15:30 ~ 18:30 Discussion Session among Students B (ILAS)③④				
10	8/7 (Sun)	Free Day (student activity)						
11	8/8 (Mon)	(Makeup Japanese language classes may be held.)	(Makeup Japanese language classes may be held.)					
12	8/9 (Tue)	8:30 ~ 11:30 Final Presentation A (KUASU/ILAS)⑤⑥		13:30 ~ 16:30 Final Presentation B (ILAS)⑦⑧	16:40 ~ 19:40 Completion Ceremony B (ILAS)			
13	8/10 (Wed)	8:30 ~ 10:30 Completion Ceremony A (KUASU/ILAS)	10:40 ~ 11:40 Farewell Party A		17:00 ~ 18:00 Farewell Party B			

■ Mandatory: Selectable at least 5 out of 11 sessions. ■ Free participation
■ Mandatory for both shifts ■ Selectable sessions
■ Mandatory for shift A (KUASU)/Shift A (ILAS) ■ Free time & Free day
■ Mandatory for shift B (ILAS)

KUASU※ Preparation for final presentations in groups
 ILAS※ Discussions in English (60min.)
 ILAS※※ Conversation practices in Japanese (60min.)

How to Apply

Please contact the department in charge at your university for details of the application procedure.

Inquiry

If you have questions about the contents of the program, please contact

✉ < kyoto_summer@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp > (* → @).

Voices from past participants

Voices from ILAS program Participants

The academic lectures addressing a vibrant assortment of topics firstly presented opportunities for students to encounter novel and intriguing subject matters as well as insightful ideas of respectable scholars, which came to be further developed by the students themselves through final presentations and reports.

(2021 Summer Participant from Yonsei University)

The field trip and cultural experiences were also very intriguing as it helped us to explore Japanese culture more virtually. In the field trip, observing the technology advancement of Sake production from traditional methods to machinery based and to whole other innovations of cosmetics was remarkable to see.

(2021 Summer Participant from Addis Ababa University)

Voices from KUASU Program Participants

特に印象に残ったことはファイナルプレゼンテーションだと思います。いろいろな国から来た学生のみなさんはチームワークに積極的に参加し、自分の国の文化をシェアしました。プレゼンテーションの前に「頑張りましょう」とお互いに応援し合って、いい思い出を作りました。日本の文化だけではなく、他の多くの国の文化も理解して、とても楽しかったです。

(2021 Summer Participant from University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Hanoi)

日本語のクラスでは京都に関する文章、俳句、短歌などを勉強した。文学作品を読むことで、母国で学んだことと全く違う日本の魅力を強く感じ、また自分が勉強すべき方向を見つけた。今後もたくさんの文学作品を味わい、日本の美と文化を楽しみたいと思う。

(2021 Summer Participant from University of California, San Diego)

Please see more at our program website!

