

EXCHANGE FACTSHEET



Kyoto Seika University is located amid the green northern hills of Kyoto, an ancient city that was Japan's imperial capital from 794 to 1868. Kyoto remains the cultural heart of Japan, with 230 National Treasures and 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, as well as Nintendo and the Kyoto International Manga Museum, a joint venture between the city and Kyoto Seika University.

Founded in 1968, Kyoto Seika University has approximately 4,200 students across undergraduate and graduate programs in Art, Design, Manga, Media Creation, and Humanities.

1: Eligibility

Students currently enrolled at one of our [partner institutions](#) are welcome to apply through their home institution for a single-semester exchange at Kyoto Seika University. We are unable to accept applications from students who are not enrolled at one of our current partner institutions.

2: Available Courses and Requirements

Please see the following chart for a list of available courses and requirements. This information can also be found on our [exchange application website](#).

Students apply for one department relevant to their major at their home institution. Since each department independently manages its own curriculum and facilities, **there is minimal opportunity for interdisciplinary coursework at Kyoto Seika University**. Please see the following chart for a list of courses and requirements.

- Exchange agreements vary from one university to the next. Please confirm with your university's international office what courses you would be eligible to apply for at Kyoto Seika University before beginning the nomination process.

京都精華大学 KYOTO SEIKA UNIVERSITY	Japanese proficiency	Notes and other requirements
Faculty of Humanities		
History Course	N2+	
Literature Course	N2+	
Society Course	N2+	
Global Culture Course	N2+	
Japanese Studies Course	N2+	
Faculty of Design		
Graphic Design Course		
Digital Creation Course		
Illustration Course	N2+	
Motion Illustration Course	N2+	Currently unable to accept applications
Industrial Design Course	N4+	
Interior and Goods Design Course		
Fashion Design Course		No access to Textiles Course facilities
Architecture Course		Able to confer graduate-level credit
Human Environment Design Course		
Faculty of Manga		
Comic Art Course		Limited credits for students without N2+
New Generation Manga Course	N2+	
Character Design Course	N2+	
Animation Course	N2+	
Faculty of Media Creation		
Media Innovation Course		
Media Design Course		
Media Communication Course	N2+	
Sound Creation Course		
Faculty of Art		
Oil Painting Course		
Japanese Painting Course	N4+	Painting and drawing skills required
Sculpture Course		
Ceramics Course		
Textiles Course		
Printmaking Course		
Video & Media Arts Course		

*Japanese proficiency levels are a guideline. Applicants are not required to submit formal certificates of proficiency.

9: Accommodation

Kyoto Seika University will provide resources to exchange students, including campus dormitory information and contact details for local student housing realtors. However, finding accommodation for the duration of your exchange studies is the individual responsibility of each student. We encourage you to begin searching for housing as soon as you receive your official notice of acceptance.

University Dormitory

Kyoto Seika University owns and operates the Shuko-kan, an international student dormitory available for exchange students within walking distance of our campus. In most cases, international exchange students will share a room with a Japanese student. We will attach an information form to your acceptance email which will have a link to the dormitory application. Due to limited room availability, we may not be able to accommodate all exchange students.

Apartment/ Share House

Kyoto is a compact city with a large number of universities, so there are numerous properties that can accommodate international students. Still, searching for housing can be challenging due to contract lengths and language barriers. For this reason, we have compiled a [list of housing agencies](#) on our website that offer student-friendly properties and contracts.

10: Student Visa

You will need a student visa to study in Japan. If you do not have a current passport, be sure to apply for one well in advance of your exchange student application.

After your application for exchange is approved by Kyoto Seika University, we will apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) on your behalf at the Kyoto Immigration office. This COE is a digital notification that informs your local Japanese Consulate or Embassy that they have permission to issue you a student visa. COE processing takes at least one month, and will be emailed to you as soon as we receive it so that you can apply for your student visa at your nearest Japanese Consulate or Embassy.

11: Insurance

Student visa holders are legally required to join Japan's National Health Insurance system, even if you have other coverage in your home country. This insurance covers 70% of ordinary medical costs including doctor, hospital, and dental fees for necessary treatment (accident or sickness). You will sign up for NHI at the local ward office during your orientation. Coverage begins as soon as you sign up, and costs around ¥2,000 per month.

In addition to health insurance, Kyoto Seika University requires all students to be covered by comprehensive personal accident insurance. This policy costs approximately ¥3,000 for the entire semester.

- Both of these insurance plans are mandatory, even if you have other coverage.

12: Orientation and Travel to Japan

Kyoto Seika University hosts a mandatory orientation program for incoming exchange students. Students are responsible for their own flight reservations and must cover all travel expenses to and from Japan. We will provide access information in our Predeparture Information guide sent with your Certificate of Eligibility.