Online Summer Program

Asian Studies Program June – July, 2022

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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 Japanese Level 2	Learning Kansai Japanese (Kansai Dialect)	Business Japanese	Let's Begin Learning Japanese	Introduction to Japanese Culture
Japanese Level	Introductory	Intermediate	Intermediate	Introductory	Taught in English
No. of Lessons	45 lessons	15 lessons	9 lessons	9 lessons	5 lessons
Period	June 13 – July 22 (6 weeks)	June 13 – July 1 (3 weeks)	June 13 – July 1 (3 weeks)	July 4 – July 22 (3 weeks)	June 15 – July 14 (5 weeks)
Time Slot*1 Japan Standard Time	Monday - Friday 9:00am-10:30am or 3:00pm-4:30pm	Monday - Friday 9:00am - 10:30am	Mon, Wed, Fri 3:00pm-4:30pm	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00am-10:30am or 3:00pm-4:30pm	Wed or Thu Wed: 5:00pm-6:30pm or Thu: 10:45am-12:15pm
Credits	5 credits	Non-credit *2	Non-credit *2	Non-credit *2	Non-credit *2
Fees	JPY 75,000	JPY 30,000	JPY 15,000	JPY 15,000	JPY 15,000

^{*1 9:00}am / 10:45am is designed for the Americas time zones and 3:00pm / 4:40pm is for the EU time zone. Tentative schedule.

Schedule

Application Period: March 1 (Tue)- April 30 (Sat)

Notification: May 13 (Fri)

Payment Period: May 13 (Fri) - May 27 (Fri)

Orientation: June 8 (Wed)

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 Japanese Level 2, Learning Kansai Japanese and Business Japanese.
- An applicant must have adequate English proficiency for Introduction to Japanese Culture.



^{*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.

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.

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.

How to Apply

You can reserve your spot by filling out the following application form no later than April 30, 2022. 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

Application Form: https://forms.gle/rf19cX4KgfnCFQ638

Japanese Level 2 (5 credits)

The second level of elementary Japanese. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to adequately handle everyday conversation to meet basic communication needs in Japanese, including expressing opinions, and talking about experiences and giving advice.

Also, approximately 70 kanji will be introduced. This course will cover Lessons 6 through 12 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!

Introduction to Japanese Culture (Non-credit e-certificate)

This course introduces students to methods for observing and understanding another culture. Using these methods, students will learn some of the key values and beliefs that constitute Japanese culture, as well as make comparisons to their own cultural values. Although a non-credit course, the course is designed to be interactive with students actively in class discussions based on selected readings from Learning to Bow, Inside the Heart of Japan and The Japanese Mind. Students will submit a short reflective essay at the end of the course on what they have learned about Japanese culture.

