Introduction of Kindai University

Kindai University, also referred to as Kindai, has six campuses around western Japan and is one of the nation’s largest universities. Its main campus is located in Osaka and is officially called the Higashiosaka Campus. The university has a total of 14 faculties, nine of which are situated at the Higashiosaka campus. Among the 14 faculties, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Applied Sociology and the Faculty of Science and Engineering attract many international students. The Higashiosaka campus is conveniently located near the business center of Osaka via train in less than fifteen minutes. Moreover, it takes only one hour to Kyoto, Nara or Kobe by train. Therefore, while you study at Kindai during the week, you can easily visit and enjoy many of Japan’s oldest and most historical cities on the weekend.

The Higashiosaka campus is rather large (470,000m²) for an urban Japanese university. It is a modern university with up-to-date facilities. The Central Library has more than 1.5 million books, including many rare and valuable manuscripts. A new library with a large proportion of manga opened in 2017, which is home to around 70,000 books including about 22,000 comics, with a 2400-seat self-study space open for 24 hours.

One of the great academic achievements of Kindai University is the full-cycle aquaculture method used to farm the endangered Bluefin tuna. This cutting-edge research allows for a stable supply of this prized fish throughout Japan, and it may someday allow the wild Bluefin stocks to replenish to their natural levels. This Kindai Maguro (tuna) is famous throughout Japan and one of the many areas of research where Kindai University is making a name for itself.

We are here in Osaka, the second biggest city in Japan. It has a population of 8.8 million, or roughly 7% of the entire population. Furthermore, approximately 230,000 non-Japanese, or 8.9% of all non-Japanese registered in Japan, reside in Osaka.

Climate

Facing the Seto Inland Sea, Osaka is known for a temperate climate, but we sometimes have hot and humid days in summer.

In spring, you can enjoy beautiful cherry blossoms at various locations around Osaka. This beauty perfectly matches the start of the new academic year. June usually opens with so-called “rainy season” with frequent showers and high humidity. In summer, it often gets very hot and humid, with temperature sometimes reaching 38°C (100°F). Autumn is the best season for sightseeing. You can visit temples, shrines, gardens or mountains to view the beautifully colored tree leaves. In winter, it rarely snows and the temperature, though cold, does not often drop below freezing.
Voices from International Exchange Students

Britney Massey
From California State University
Channel Islands

Moving to a new country to study abroad can be an incredible yet nerve wracking experience. I am so grateful to attend Kindai University as a foreign exchange student because the students and faculty graciously welcomed me with open arms. My first impression of Japan was that everybody is so genuinely kind and willing to help. The patience and generosity of Japanese people truly helped me to feel at ease when I was first settling in. I have met so many incredible people and have made lifelong friendships along this journey. I was able to visit and explore plenty of beautiful cities and monuments in Japan and experience traditional Japanese culture firsthand. The many fun events on campus allowed me to become more involved as a student and helped me to reach out to others. Living in Japan has given me the chance to grow as a person and become much more independent and confident in myself. Getting this opportunity to study at Kindai has been a dream come true for me and an experience that I’ll cherish for the rest of my life.

I had seen pictures of Kindai University before and it still surprised me so much when I arrived here! The buildings are very modern and elegant; the library is comfortable and with a unique design that has also the best coffee in town for when you want to take a break. One of my greatest concerns was that I didn’t speak a word of Japanese at the beginning, but the people in Osaka are very welcoming and are always trying to help you out. The gastronomy is amazing! So many tasty dishes to try everywhere. Visit all the restaurants, even if they are so small (some could be smaller than you probably ever seen before) they all have great food. During some weekends I have been to some local festivals, which have been a great opportunity to experience a more traditional side of Japanese culture. The first one that I went to I ended up dancing a traditional dance. Those are memories I will never forget.

Micaela del Campo
From TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences

Academic Calendar

Spring Semester 2020
(Nomination Deadline: September 27, 2019)
(Application Deadline: October 31, 2019)

Arrival Dates: Late March
Orientation: Early April
Semester begins: Early April
Semester ends: Late July
Exams: Late July-Early August
Summer Break: Early August-Mid September

Fall Semester 2020-2021
(Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2020)
(Application Deadline: March 27, 2020)

Arrival Dates: Early September
Orientation: Early September
Semester begins: Mid September
Semester ends: Late January
Exams: Late January-Early February
Spring Break: February-March 31
Qualification for Admission for Exchange Students

- GPA 2.5 or higher on 4.0 scale.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must present proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 61 or equivalent, or a support letter by your university) to take courses taught in English.
- Applicants who wish to take courses taught in Japanese must present proof of Japanese proficiency (Japanese Language Proficiency Test N2 or higher).
- All applicants are encouraged to take at least one section of the Kindai University Intensive Japanese Program.
- All applicants are required to enroll in a minimum of 7 courses to maintain full-time status.

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Courses Taught in Japanese

See below for the course list:
https://www.kindai.ac.jp/campus-life/syllabus/list.html

*Students can take regular courses that match their major field at their home institution only.
*Please note these courses are not necessarily available in the year of your participation.

Intensive Japanese Course (Tokurei: Advanced Level)

For students with N2 or higher to learn advanced Japanese along with regular international students. Credited.

Intensive Japanese Language / Culture Course (ES: Introductory - Intermediate Level)

A series of 3 classes per week to learn elementary Japanese. Non-credit.
Courses Taught in English (Sample)

Courses of 2019-2020

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*Hours / semester: 45

*Please note these courses are not necessarily available in the year of your participation.

Application Documents

Please complete the required documents and submit them via e-mail. Admission decisions will be notified after screening. Kindai University will send a letter of acceptance and a certificate of eligibility by mail to those who passed the screening. All international students must apply for student visa in your home country.

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<td>1 Application for Student Exchange Program at Kindai University (Form A)</td>
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<td>3 Plan for Study Abroad (Form C)</td>
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*The National Health Insurance does not cover general health examination, immunization, plastic surgery, etc.

Housing

All exchange students are required to stay at accommodations that Kindai arranges. There are two types of accommodations; studio apartment and student dorm. Both housings are furnished and Wi-Fi is equipped.

Estimated Living Expenses for exchange students (Per month)

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<td>Housing (Per semester)</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
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<td>Textbooks</td>
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<td>Mobile Phone</td>
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The housing fee includes utilities and Wi-Fi. *Price is subject to change.

Insurance

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Support Service for International Students (Buddy system)

A support service for international students was introduced in 2012. In this service, Japanese students provide international students with assistance in school as well as daily life. When international students have problems (for example, filling out forms in Japanese or having difficulty when registering for a course), Japanese students help them.
The Village E³ [e-cube]

The Village E³ [e-cube] opened on the Higashiosaka Campus in November 2006 as a unique place to learn and brush up English skills. The three Es – English, Enjoyment, and Education – represent the facility’s concept of learning practical English while having fun.

Only English is allowed at this first-of-its-kind facility for universities in Japan. Native-English-speaking staff members are on hand for practical conversation, and a variety of activities, mini lectures, and events are held in English.

On average, 600 students a day visit the Village. It’s open to the public during spring and summer breaks and on special occasions.

In addition, a number of international exchange students enjoy the Village E³ [e-cube] as volunteers, which gives them a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.

Japanese Language & Culture Program for Partner Universities

This program aims to provide education about Japanese language and culture for deep understanding of Japan. Students will take four or one -week Japanese language and culture instruction at Kindai University in Osaka, Japan. The length of the program depends on the time of the year, or season, for which it is scheduled.

Students have opportunities to meet and interact with Japanese students through club activities/sessions, such as Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy, Flower Arrangement, and Naginata (halberd), etc. and field trip.

Students will have valuable experiences to stimulate their interests in Japan by coming in touch with new culture. Living and learning in Japan will enrich your future life.

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The fee is based on a minimum of 10 students.

The program fee will include the following Excursions *subject to change

1 Nara (1 day trip)

2 The Instant Ramen Museum & Suntory Yamazaki Distillery (1 day trip)
The Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum conveys the importance of invention and discovery through the history of instant noodles, which have become a new food culture. You can make your original, one and only “Cupnoodles” in the world.

3 Morino Sample & Zojirushi Corp. (half day trip)
At Morino Sample, you can watch craftsmen making food samples, as well as experience making a sample of your own.

*Price and contents are subject to change.

Application Procedures

We will send an e-mail to our partner schools.
### Vietnam
- FPT University
- Thai Nguyen University
- Ton Duc Thang University
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City

### Thailand
- Chiang Mai University
- Chulalongkorn University
- Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya
- Ramkhamhaeng University
- Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology
- Thammasat University

### Malaysia
- Taylor’s University
- Universiti Malaysia Sabah
- University of Malaya
- Universiti Putra Malaysia
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

### Philippines
- Silliman University
- University of Perpetual Help
- University of the Philippines

### Indonesia
- Andalas University
- Binus University
- Bogor Agricultural University
- Syiah Kuala University
- University of HKBP Nommensen

### Korea
- Busan University of Foreign Studies
- Chonnam National University
- Chung-Ang University
- Dongseo University
- Hanyang University
- Hanyang University
- Inha University
- Kyung Hee University
- Kyungpook University
- NIFS
- Seoul Theological University
- The Cyber University of Korea
- University of Seoul
- Yonsei University

### Egypt
- American University in Cairo

### Israel
- College of Management Academic Studies (COMAS)

### Turkey
- Bezmialem Vakif University
- Haliç University
- Istanbul University
- Karabuk University
- Marmara University

### Australia
- Bond University
- Deakin University
- Griffith University
- Macquarie University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Southern Cross University
- University of Canberra
- University of Newcastle
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of Tasmania
- University of Western Sydney
- University of Wollongong

### Fiji
- The University of Fiji

### New Zealand
- University of Auckland
- University of Otago
- University of Waikato

### Canada
- McGill University
- Saint Mary’s University
- St. Thomas University
- University of Calgary
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Regina
- University of the Fraser Valley

### USA
- Boston University
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Channel Islands
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- Chapman University
- Chatham University
- Pacific University
- Purdue University Calumet Campus
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Trinity University
- University of California, Davis
- University of Central Florida

### Argentina
- University of Mendoza

### Brazil
- School of Economics, Business Administration and Accounting at Ribeirão Preto, University of Sao Paulo
- Universidade de São Paulo

### Cambodia
- Universidad del Rosario

### Mexico
- Universidad La Salle Laguna
- Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla

### Peru
- Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola

### Uruguay
- Catholic University of Uruguay

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*These agreements have been concluded by Faculty of International Studies (As of September 2019)*
Kindai University has six campuses. The main campus is located in Higashiosaka City, Osaka Prefecture. Each of the university’s campus is strongly involved in local communities, with research facilities opening in the regions that are appropriate for their specific area of research.