

Points to Understand before Participating in the Japanese Language and Culture Program (Bekka Program) of Kanda University of International Studies

This document explains important policies and information relevant to all international students who wish to join the program.

Please read the following carefully before applying.

Characteristics of Japanese Language and Culture Program (Bekka Program)

1. The first and foremost aim of our program is to foster students' language acquisition and ability to communicate with many types of Japanese speakers in a variety of interactive situations. Japanese speakers are invited to join the classes so that students can use their language skills they have acquired to communicate with them.
2. Students are encouraged to join extracurricular activities such as club activities and chat session program with KUIS students in order to improve their Japanese communication skills.
3. Students are expected to work autonomously and manage their own study schedule. The coursework of the program includes class lessons, homework, project work, and daily quizzes whereby students' Japanese language proficiency is expected to improve significantly through the program.

Requirements for taking the Japanese Language and Culture Program

1. Before coming

We offer the beginner level courses for students who have never studied Japanese language. However, it is essential for each student to be able to read and write all hiragana and katakana characters before the courses begin. Otherwise, you will not be able to keep up with the class. In order to make your study successful and your life in Japan more enjoyable, it is mandatory to master hiragana and katakana beforehand.

2. Upon arrival

Students participating in the Japanese Language and Culture Program (Bekka Program) are required to take placement tests and attend orientation sessions before the start of classes.

3. Attendance rate

In the Bekka program, low attendance rates are addressed as follows. This is to correspond to the regulations of the Immigration Bureau. International students are required not to skip any classes.

Below 90%: Scholarship stops (for scholarship recipients), Warning

Below 85%: Meeting

Below 85 % (continuous): Correspondence to your home university

Academic accommodations

1. Professional support for learning disabilities, including ADHD, is not available on campus. For those who need academic accommodations, Questionnaire for Prospective Bekka Students along with an official document from your home school must be submitted to international@kanda.kuis.ac.jp in order to explain your academic accommodation circumstances before each semester starts. Please

note that submission of the document will not affect your acceptance decision but does not mean that any kind of support will be prepared.

2. We may not be able to provide the same level of learning support as your home school; the support you can receive is subject to the rules of KUIS.

Student health policy

Students who experience persistent emotional or psychological difficulties that affect their ability to participate fully in higher education are urged to review our student mental health policy.

1. School counselors are available in the Medical Center on campus in Japanese and also in English. When you want to see the school counselor, please make an appointment in advance. How to make an appointment will be announced in the orientation.
2. Please bring a sufficient amount of medicine from your home country to last for the duration of your stay in Japan. In many cases, the exactly same medicine as prescribed in your home country is not available in Japan. You can a) apply for "Yakkan Shoumei" and bring your current medications from your own country in order to bring your medicine from your own country, or b) bring the document issued by your doctor which explains the components of the medicine so that a Japanese doctor might be able to prescribe you the similar type of medication. For more details, please find information from Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare:
<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/pharmaceuticals/01.html>
3. In the case of a suicide attempt, suicidal gestures, suicidal behavior, self-injury, or criminal activity, the student must return to their home country immediately. In such cases, medical leave is not applicable.