

## Kansai Gaidai University Hirakata, Japan

### Asian Studies Program

Designed as an academic year abroad (some students participate for only one semester), the Asian Studies Program at Kansai Gaidai University is committed to educating students about all dimensions of Japanese life: language, cultural values, business structures and practices, political institutions, arts, literature and historical landmarks in the evolution of international relations. All courses, with the exception of Japanese language courses, are taught in English.

Website link: <http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp/asp/>

### Semester Dates

Fall: late August – mid-December  
Spring: late January – late May

### Application Deadline

Mar 1 for Fall study  
Oct 1 for Spring study

### Location Facts

Kansai Gaidai's two campuses (Nakamiya and Hotani) are located in Hirakata City (pop. 408,000) near Osaka city, the second largest business metropolis next to Tokyo. Hirakata is also close to Kyoto and Nara, historical and cultural capitals. Excellent train service makes the trip from Hirakata to Osaka or Kyoto in little over half an hour.

For **Japan Map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/japan-satellite-image.shtml>

**Academics:** The curriculum of the Asian Studies Program includes rigorous Japanese language studies and courses in Business/Economics, the Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts.

Below is a general list of Kansai Gaidai course offerings. The list is updated each June for the fall semester, and each December for the spring semester (see curricula link below). Please be aware that last minute changes may occur in both course offering and contents.

Study abroad students are required to take:

- \* Spoken Japanese language class (5 credits)

Students select up to 4 more courses from the following:

- \* Japanese Reading and Writing (3 credits, recommended but not required) - Winthrop Equivalent JAPN 101, 102, or 299
- \* Academic Japanese
- \* Knowledge Management & Innovation among Japanese Companies
- \* Technology Management in Japan
- \* International Business: Japanese MNC Operations
- \* Entrepreneurship – Small Business Ventures
- \* Fundamentals of Corporate Finance: Japanese Context
- \* Strategic Management: Japanese Context
- \* Culture, Law and Business
- \* International Business Ethics
- \* The Struggle for Justice: A Look at Culture and Crime in Four Countries - Winthrop Equivalent SOCL 399
- \* Political Economies of East Asia
- \* Asian Economic Integration and Globalization
- \* Contemporary Japanese Economy and Business
- \* Contemporary Japanese Economy and Business
- \* Human Resource Management in Japan
- \* Global Marketing Focus

- \* Pacific Rivalry: U.S., Japan, China, Russia and ASEAN - Winthrop Equivalent HIST 350 (special topics)
- \* Japan and China: Problems in Historical and Cultural Interaction - Winthrop Equivalent HIST 350 or PLSC 399
- \* Dynamics of Modern Japan (fall only) - Winthrop Equivalent PLSC 399
- \* Japanese politics and History (spring only) - Winthrop Equivalent HIST 199 or PLSC 399
- \* Peace, Conflict and Human Rights: the Asian Dilemma - Winthrop Equivalent PEAC 350 or PLSC 350
- \* Reds, Greens, the Rainbow: Politics of Resistance and Diversity in Japan (fall only) – PLSC 399
- \* Introduction to Japanese History - Winthrop Equivalent HIST 350 (special topics)
- \* Survey of Japanese Art (fall only)
- \* Japan and its World to 1860 (spring only) - Winthrop Equivalent HIST 350 (special topics)
- \* Anthropological Perspectives on Culture and Society in Japan – Winthrop Equivalent ANTH 399
- \* Culture, Power, Belonging in Japan: Anthropological Perspective, Minorities/Majorities – Winthrop Equivalent ANTH 399
- \* Onna to Otoko: Gender and Sexuality in Japan - Winthrop Equivalent SOCL 399
- \* Youth in Japan (spring only) - Winthrop Equivalent SOCL 299
- \* Social Science Research Method and Practice in Japan (spring only) - Winthrop Equivalent SCOL 399
- \* The Body and Communication in Japan - Winthrop Equivalent INAS 199
- \* Japan and Globalization: A Cultural Approach – Winthrop Equivalent SOCL 199
- \* Issues in Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture - Winthrop Equivalent SOCL 199
- \* Making the news in Japan: Today's Headlines and Mass Media - Winthrop Equivalent PLSC 399
- \* Geisha, Gangsters and Samurai: Images of Japan in Western Film and Literature – Winthrop Equivalent ENGL 310
- \* The Culture of Food and Eating in Japan
- \* Religion in Japan (fall only) - Winthrop Equivalent RELG 350
- \* Zen Buddhism - Winthrop Equivalent RELG 350
- \* Death in East Asian Thought (spring only) - Winthrop Equivalent RELG 350
- \* Relation of Life and Fiction in Modern Japanese Literature - Winthrop Equivalent ENGL 310
- \* Japanese Cultures as Expressed in Architecture
- \* Japanese Cinema 1949-1987
- \* New Japanese Cinema 1995-2002 (spring only)
- \* From Zen to Paradise: Buddhist Art of Japan (fall only)
- \* Japanese Art in the Kansai Area (spring only)
- \* Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Ceramic Techniques
- \* Japanese Brush Painting (Sumi-e)
- \* Advanced Sumi-e

For more information, [http://www.kansaiuidai.ac.jp/asp/03\\_academics/02.html](http://www.kansaiuidai.ac.jp/asp/03_academics/02.html)

**Language of Instruction:** Japanese and English

**Eligibility:**

- \* Junior standing and above
- \* Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 6 students
- \* Japanese Language requirement - JAPN 101 and JAPN 102 preferred
- \* Minimum 3.0 GPA

**Housing and Meals:** Kansai Gaidai University offers its international students three types of housing arrangements: homestay, dormitory, and off-campus housing. Homestay, strongly encouraged, is an excellent opportunity to acquire knowledge about the Japanese language and culture. Living with a Japanese family will provide students with an environment to develop their language skills, and opportunities to understand the daily life, values, and customs of the Japanese people, enhance learning in the classroom. Breakfast and dinner are provided by the host family. Winthrop students will take their noon meal at the cafeteria on campus.

The dormitory experience enables the student to appreciate various cultural values from international students. Three Japanese style dormitories, Seminar House I, II, and III, are comfortable housing alternatives. In Seminar House I and II, an eight tatami-mat Japanese style room is shared by two students. Seminar House III, is an apartment-style dormitory, each unit accommodates six or eight students. A shared living room with a kitchen is surrounded by double bedrooms.

All students in the Seminar Houses are provided with a desk, closet, futon (bedding). Study rooms, student lounge and storage are also available for residents' use. Classrooms, grocery stores and restaurants, and train station are within a walking distance.

Three daily meals are provided at the cafeteria on campus. For website link, [http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp/asp/04\\_campus\\_life/05/index.html](http://www.kansai-gaidai.ac.jp/asp/04_campus_life/05/index.html)

**On-site Orientation Course:** All study abroad students are required to attend the 3-day orientation program before classes begin. Students stay in on-campus dorms and meet the staff, learn about Japanese education and Japanese customs, etc.

**Excursions:** Several courses have outside field trips to explore dimensions of Japanese history, society and culture. Excursions have included archeological sites, cultural houses, traditional theatres, Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima and national shrines and temples.

**Costs:** Amounts are in US dollars. Some costs may be approximate due to the changing value of the US dollar against international currencies.

Checked (√) items included in Winthrop tuition, room and board fees.

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
√	Tuition
√	Housing
√	Meals
400	Books/Academic Supplies
2000	Personal Spending Money
1500	R/T Transportation to Location
100	Passport
40/mo	CISI International Health Insurance (optional)

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