



KOBE JAPANESE PROGRAM January 2027

Explore Kobe and discover its links to Oceania!

6th - 28th January 2027 *in-person



The Kobe Japanese Program (KJP) January 2026 is designed for undergraduate or graduate students with upper elementary Japanese language skills.

The focus of the course is Japanese Language and Area Studies, including culture and society, based on the Kobe/Hyogo area and its links to Oceania.

The course will be conducted *in-person, including off-campus activities.

*Please note that some parts of the program might be conducted online depending on the situation.

Requirements:

- ◆ Undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in universities in Australia or New Zealand
- ◆ Level: Upper Elementary, completed Genki 1 level or equivalent
- ◆ Bring your computer or tablet to access digital course materials and for preparation of the final presentation

Capacity: 24



CONTENT & HOURS

1. JAPANESE LANGUAGE <36 hours>

3 hr class × 12 days

+ Tutorial<optional> 4 hrs.

The course will review grammar and vocabulary from Genki 1 level and introduce new grammar points from Genki 2. Students will begin preparing for the final presentation in the latter half of the course.

Classes will be conducted 9:10~12:30 AM by native or near-native Japanese instructors. With small class numbers, we promote highly communicative, hands-on learning.

- ◆ Practical conversation
- ◆ Introduction of important daily life vocabulary
- ◆ Texts related to area studies
- ◆ Preparation leading up to presentation

2. AREA STUDIES <12 hours>

2~4 hr session × 5 days

Focusing on Kobe City and Hyogo prefecture, students will gain insight into Japanese culture, industry & society.

Classes will take place outside the classroom, each session featuring a real-time Q&A session.

- ◆ Visiting sites
- ◆ Guest lectures
- ◆ Topics : Features of Kobe Region, History of Himeji Castle, Local Life etc.

3. EXTRACURRICULAR

The program offers chances for interaction with local Kobe University students outside of class.

- ◆ Joint event with Kobe University international students
- ◆ Exchange with Japanese students



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Pass	S	100-90
	A	80-89
	B	70-79
	C	60-69
Fail	F	0-59

Grades are assessed by
(1) Class Participation (40%),
(2) Japanese Language Assignments (35%),
(3) Area Studies Report (15%)
& (4) Final Presentation (10%).

NOTE: A minimum attendance rate of 80% is required to complete the course.



TRANSCRIPT/CERTIFICATE

Upon completion of the course, participants will receive an evaluation transcript, and those with passing grades will receive a certificate of completion. Whether points for non-credited courses can be transferred as credit depends on your university. Please consult with your home university beforehand.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE January 2027

(As of August 2026) *The program content may be subject to change.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
AM			Orientation Welcome Ceremony	Japanese 1	Japanese 2	Area Studies 1 Kobe Tour	
PM		Check-in			Exchange Meeting @Lunch break		
	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
AM	National Holiday	Japanese 3	Japanese 4	Japanese 5	Area Studies 3 Himeji Tour		
PM		Area Studies 2 Local Tour					
	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
AM	Japanese 6	Japanese 7	Japanese 8	Area Studies 5 Arima Tour	Japanese 9	Optional Tour TBA	
PM	Area Studies 4 Disaster Museum						
	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st
AM	Japanese 10	Japanese 11	Japanese 12	Final Presentation	Check-out		
PM				Closing Ceremony Farewell Party			

VISA

Japan has visa exemption measures for short-term stays for Australian and New Zealand passport holders. Passport holders from other countries should check visa requirements on their own.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Embassy of Japan in Australia

https://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visa_temporaryvisitor_en.html

Embassy of Japan in New Zealand

https://www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/temp_visitors_visa.html

If you need to obtain a short-term stay visa, please notify Kobe University so that we can issue the supporting documents.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

Participants must take out appropriate overseas travel insurance to cover illness, injury, and indemnity during their stay in Japan.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

KOBE UNIVERSITY FUND <60,000 JPY>

You might be eligible to receive a grant of 60,000 JPY from the "Kobe University Fund," available to support our partner students.

NOTE: The support quota does NOT cover all the participants.

Students receiving other scholarships are not eligible.

★Japanese Classes

① 9:10~10:40 • ② 11:00~12:30

★Area Studies Classes

Depending on the session (TBA)



ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be assigned a room in the designated off-campus accommodation.

- ◇ Unit Single Room with toilet and bathroom facilities.
- ◇ Breakfast is available without extra fee.
- ◇ It takes approximately 40-50 minutes from the accommodation to the university.
- ◇ Approx. 300-800 JPY round trip to Kobe University (varies by route).



IMPORTANT DATES

Applications open	9th Sep, 2026
Applications close	25th Oct, 2026
Offer of acceptance	9th Nov, 2026
Payment due	23rd Nov, 2026
Program starts	6th Jan, 2027
Program ends	28th Jan, 2027

FEES

*Based on late July 2026 exchange rates

Tuition	100,000 JPY	(880 AUD*)
Accommodation *See the left column	151,200 JPY	(1,331 AUD*)
TOTAL	251,200 JPY	(2,211 AUD*)

NOTE:

- 1) Participants are responsible for any fees associated with the remittance.
- 2) The fees shown above do NOT include the following expenses:

- Travel expenses to/from Japan
- Purchase of overseas travel insurance
- Meals (*Breakfast is included in the accommodation price)
- Transportation between accommodation & campus

APPLICATIONS

Access the application form (Google Forms) at the URL below or through the QR code. Fill in the required information and submit the form.



<https://forms.gle/jixYUnumgaYwiXMe9>

DEADLINE Sunday 25th Oct 2026

INQUIRIES

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