



# KOBE JAPANESE PROGRAM January 2026

## Explore Kobe and discover its links to Oceania!

### 6th - 27th January 2026 \*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 of 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

\*Program content subject to change. For details about the schedule, please refer to the next page.

### 1. JAPANESE LANGUAGE <36 hours>

3hr Class × 12 days

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>

2~4hr 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
- ◆ Topic examples (subject to change): 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

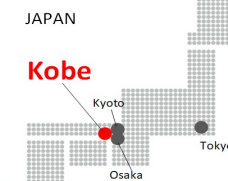
Grades are assessed by  
 (1) Class Participation (40%),  
 (2) Japanese Language Assignments (35%),  
 (3) Area Studies Report (15%) &  
 (4) Final Presentation (10%).

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 2026**

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	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
AM		Orientation Welcome Ceremony	Japanese 1	Japanese 2	Japanese 3	Area Studies 1	
PM	Check-in to Accommodation		Exchange Meeting @Lunch break				
	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
AM	National Holiday	Japanese 4	Japanese 5	Area Studies 3	Japanese 6	(Optional Tour) TBA	
PM		Area Studies 2					
	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
AM	Japanese 7	Japanese 8	Japanese 9	Japanese 10	Japanese 11		
PM		Area Studies 4		Area Studies 5			
	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	
AM	Japanese 12	Final Presentation	★Japanese Classes ① 9:10~10:40 • ② 11:00~12:30 ★Area Studies Classes Depending on the session (TBA)				
PM		Closing Ceremony					



## 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](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](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](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.

## ACCOMMODATION



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

- **International House:** Kobe University dormitory

◇ Unit Single Room with shared toilet and bathroom facilities.

◇ Meal plans are NOT available.

◇ It takes approximately 40-50 minutes from the accommodation to the university.



## IMPORTANT DATES



Applications open	10th Sep, 2025
Applications close	26th Oct, 2025
Offer of acceptance	10th Nov, 2025
Payment due	24th Nov, 2025
Program starts	6th Jan, 2026
Program ends	27th Jan, 2026

## FEES



(\*based on late August 2025 exchange rates)

Tuition	100,000 JPY	≈ 1,060 AUD*
Accommodation *See left column	68,000 JPY	≈ 721 AUD*
Total	168,000 JPY	≈ 1,781 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
- Transportation between accommodation & campus

## APPLICATION



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/E1CVhPYdduSJ9GiK9>



**DEADLINE** Sunday 26th Oct 2025

## ENQUIRIES



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[http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/summer-winter\\_program/winter.html](http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/summer-winter_program/winter.html)

