

## **Cancellation of classes and examinations due to suspension of public transport services, weather warnings, evacuation advisories/emergency safety assurance measures, or disaster announcements.**

### **1. Suspension of public transport services**

Depending on location, if transportation services are suspended as described, classes (including regular examinations) scheduled after the suspension starts will be canceled for the day.

However, when transportation services resume operation, classes will be held as follows.

- ① If transport services resume by 6 a.m., classes will be held from the first period.
- ② If transport services resume by 10 a.m., classes scheduled after 1 p.m. will be held.
- ③ If transport services resume by 2 p.m., classes scheduled after 5 p.m. will be held.

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if at least one of the following two conditions applies:

- (1) If two of the following rail services are suspended at the same time: West Japan Railway Company (Kobe Line: Osaka – Himeji), Hankyu Railway (Kobe Main Line: Osaka Umeda – Kobe Sannomiya) and Hanshin Electric Railway (Hanshin Main Line: Osaka Umeda – Motomachi).
- (2) If Kobe City Bus services on routes 16 and 36 are suspended at the same time.

### **2. Issuance of weather warnings**

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if Kobe City issues a weather warning for gales/storms, heavy snowfall, blizzards, or an emergency warning.

This also applies if a weather warning is issued covering a wider area that includes Kobe City.

However, if the weather warning is lifted, classes will be held as follows:

- ① If the weather warning is lifted by 6 a.m., classes will be held from the first period.
- ② If the weather warning is lifted by 10 a.m., classes scheduled after 1 p.m. will be held.
- ③ If the weather warning is lifted by 2 p.m., classes scheduled after 5 p.m. will be held.

### **3. Issuance of evacuation advisories/emergency safety assurance measures**

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) in the applicable campuses will be cancelled for that day if the Kobe City authorities issue disaster announcements, **evacuation orders/emergency safety assurance measures** for areas that include campus locations (Rokkodai area, Kusunoki area, Fukae area or Myodani area). However, if the **evacuation orders/emergency safety assurance measures** are lifted by 6am, classes will be held from the first period.

### **4. Special exceptions for class cancellation**

Notwithstanding the cases 1 to 3 above, the head of the faculty, the graduate school, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or Global Education Center offering classes may cancel or take other measures as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of students.

### **5. Notice of class cancellation**

If a suspension of public transport services, an issuance of weather warnings, or an **evacuation order/emergency safety assurance measure** is anticipated, Kobe University will notify students in advance of class cancellations using the university bulletin boards, Uribo-net website, website of each faculty or graduate school, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Global Education Center, and/or other means of communication.

*Please note:*

1. "Suspension of public transport services" refers to cases when accidents, weather phenomena, earthquakes, or other reasons lead to the suspension of transport services.
2. "Weather warnings" refers to warnings issued by the Kobe Local Meteorological Office.
3. You can use television, radio or the internet to check for information regarding the issuance and lifting of weather warnings, **evacuation orders/emergency safety assurance measures**.
4. Classes may still take place in the above circumstances if they are small-group classes such as practical lessons or research guidance sessions. However, these classes will not be held if **evacuation orders/emergency safety assurance measures** are issued.
5. Other necessary items will be decided separately by each faculty or graduate school, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Global Education Center
6. This arrangement applies to classes conducted in-person and classes that are conducted partly in-person.
7. This arrangement is applicable from July 26, 2023.