

Rules to follow when Classes (including Final Exams) are Cancelled due to Suspension of Public Transportation and/or Weather Warnings

1. Suspension of public transport services

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if one or more 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 Buses Route 16 and Route 36 services are suspended at the same time

However, classes will still be held in the following cases:

- ① If transport services resume by 6am, classes will be held from the first period
- ② If transport services resume by 10am, classes scheduled after 1pm will be held
- ③ If transport services resume by 2pm, classes scheduled after 5pm will be held

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, classes will still be held in the following cases:

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

3. Issuance of emergency evacuation advisories/orders and disaster announcements

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

4. Notice of class cancellation

If suspension of public transport services, issuance of weather warnings, disaster announcements or emergency evacuation advisories/orders is anticipated, Kobe University will notify students in advance of class cancellation using the university bulletin boards, Uribo-net website, or the homepages of each faculty and graduate school.

Please note:

1. "Suspension of public transport services" refers to cases when railways or roads are blocked by accidents, weather phenomena, earthquakes or other reasons, and transport services are suspended, making it difficult to travel to university.
2. "Weather warnings" refers to warnings issued by the Kobe Local Meteorological Office.
3. You can use the television, radio or internet to check for information regarding the issuance and lifting of weather warnings, disaster announcements or emergency evacuation advisories/orders.
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 disaster announcements or emergency evacuation advisories/orders are issued.
5. Other necessary items will be decided separately by each faculty or graduate school