

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

University	Kyoto University
Country	Japan
Academic Calendar	Fall: October 1 – March 31 Spring: April 1 – September 30
Exchange Duration	One semester
Language Proficiency Requirement	For English*: Minimum TOEFL iBT score of 79, IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required. For Japanese**: Minimum JLPT score with grade N1 is required.
Course Information	<p>Minimum number of courses per semester: 7 for undergraduate and 4 for graduate</p> <p>Please note that faculty of Medicine is not available.</p> <p>Links for course list and course restrictions: https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students</p> <p>The regular semester workload for full- time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 15.5. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the SEP Credit Transfer Calculator for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.</p>
Accommodation	Housing is not guaranteed for students. Please refer to: https://kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/housing/
Visa	<p>https://kuiso.oc002kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/visa/</p> <p>Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application: the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS):</p> <p>Applicants who hold the nationality of designated countries must submit a Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Certificate along with their COE application documents to verify that they are not infected with TB.</p> <p>For further details, please refer to the official website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW).</p> <p>【Who Must Undergo JPETS】</p> <p>Applicants who are nationals of MHLW-designated countries.</p>

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

	TB screening target country	Starting date of the submission of "TB Clearance Certificate"
	Philippines, Nepal	From June 23, 2025
	Vietnam	From September 1, 2025
	Indonesia / Myanmar / China	To be decided
<p>For 2026 Spring semester, applicants who hold nationality of the Philippines, Nepal, or Vietnam must undergo JPETS.</p> <p>【Exceptions】 Applicants who hold the nationality of a designated country but currently reside in a different country will be exempt from JPETS if they submit the following two documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of residence permit or other document proving their current country of residence. • Residence Permit (Please download the document from here and fill in the necessary information.) <p>【Required Procedures】 - Please undergo TB screening at a designated panel clinic and obtain a "TB Clearance Certificate". - Please submit the certificate as an additional document for your COE application.</p> <p>【Important Notes】 - Please ensure that the TB screening is conducted within an appropriate timeframe. Certificates are generally valid for 180 days, and early testing may result in expiration before the COE application is processed. For reference, COE applications are typically submitted in December for the Spring semester and in June for the Fall semester, in accordance with the requirement that students must enter Japan within three months of COE issuance.</p> <p>- Applicants from Indonesia, Myanmar, and China are not currently required to undergo JPETS. However, this requirement is expected to be implemented in the future. - This information is as of August 21, 2025. For the latest updates, please refer to MHLW's website.</p>		

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Insurance	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Japan. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p> <p>Japanese law stipulates that all students studying at Japanese universities for more than three months must enroll in the country's National Health Insurance (NHI) program, which costs around 2,000 yen per month.</p> <p>When entering Kyoto University, students must also join the University CO-OP Personal Liability Insurance for Students (Gakubai), which requires an annual payment of around 2,000 yen. To enroll in Gakubai, students must first join the CO-OP by paying a 4,000-yen membership fee, which is fully refundable upon deregistration.</p> <p>It is recommended that international students purchase travel insurance in their home countries, in addition to enrolling in all of the above, in order to ensure adequate coverage.</p>
Useful Links	<p>Links for course list and course restrictions: https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/education-and-admissions/non-degree-programs/exchange-students</p> <p>Visa: https://kuiso.oc002Ekyoto-u.ac.jp/en/visa/</p> <p>Housing: https://kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/housing/</p>