



# Kyoto University of Education (KYOTO) 国立大学法人 京都教育大学 KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION

## The Experiencing Kyoto Program at Kyoto University of Education (EKYP at KUE)

### ■ Introduction of our University

#### ① University Features and History

Beginning in 1876 as Kyoto Prefectural Normal School, the Kyoto University of Education has been endowed with 142 years of history and tradition.

Although a college for teacher training, it is a comprehensive educational university with thirteen undergraduate departments, including Educational Science, Japanese Language, Social Studies, Science Education, Art Education, Music Education, and Physical Education. Our Graduate Schools offer two courses: the Graduate School's for master's degrees and the United Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education's course for special educational academic degrees.

The 140,000 square meters of campus is blessed with abundant natural greenery. The university has six affiliated schools, a university library, as well as the Museum of Education.



Beautiful campus of greenery  
At the end of March, campus cherry trees are in full bloom.

#### ② International Exchange

Number of Inter-university exchange agreements:

6 (China, Korea, Canada, German, etc.).

Number of Consortium Exchange agreements:

1 (Thailand)

#### ③ Number of Foreign Students (last three years)

Year	2017	2018	2019
International Students	25	28	30
Japanese Studies Students	4	6	7

#### ④ Area Features

Kyoto City not only represents, as the old capital, Japanese traditional culture with its many World Heritage sites, cultural assets and rich spiritual culture, but also Japanese modern culture, with its famous Kyoto Station and Manga Museum. It is a city in which one can experience both historical and contemporary Japanese culture.

Just 15 minutes by train from the city center, the Kyoto University of Education campus is located in Fushimi Ward, the south of Kyoto City, the stage upon which many dramatic historical events took place. Particularly famous as an area of Japanese Sake production, old breweries still remain. Close to the campus are Fuji-no-Mori Shrine—birthplace of the season Boy's Day festival in May, and Fushimi Inari Shrine—for its many red gateways.

### ■ Program Outline

#### ① Purpose of Study

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture

#### ② Course Features

Education is culture, and culture is inherited through education. The Experiencing Kyoto Program at Kyoto University of Education aims to provide an understanding of Japan through experience. Besides attending lectures, it provides many opportunities to experience communication with the people of the area through community learning and school visits. Along with improving one's Japanese language abilities, deepen your understanding of a Japan from a personal point of view, different than the one in a textbook.

#### ③ Enrollment availability

11 students (10 Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students and 1 student recommended by the universities)

#### ④ Applicants Eligibility Qualifications and Conditions

-As a general rule, must be majoring in Japanese Language or Japanese studies.

-Must have JLPT Level N3 or above.

**⑤ Expected Japanese language level at the end of the program**

Japanese Language: Level comparable to CEFR or JF standard B2 level (CEFR: Common European Framework for Reference, JF: Japan Foundation)

Japanese Culture: To acquire a unique, broad viewpoint towards understanding of Japanese culture.

**⑥ Course Period**

October 1st, 2020 to September 30th, 2021

In order to make commencement of classes, arrival in Japan must be by the last day of September, 2020.

-Closing ceremonies are scheduled for September, 2021.



University President conferring certificates at Closing ceremonies

**⑦ Scholarship Period**

October 2020 to September 2021

**⑧ Year's Main Extra-Curricular Activities:**

*Late September* :Arrival

*September* Orientation

*February* Over-night Study Tour

*April* Progress report of Individual Research

*August* Result Presentation of Individual Research

*September* Closing Ceremony

*Late September* :Return

In addition, there is a traditional cultural experiences, and parties organized by the foreign students group (four times per year), etc..



Study tour ( - Himeji Castle )

**⑨ Conditions for Course Completion and Issuance of Certificates:**

- (i) Compulsory Subject Credits (Education around the World - 60 hours, Japanese Language - 120 hours, General Subjects - 180 hours or more)
- (ii) Community Learning (Activity Participation and Reports)
- (iii) Individual Research (presentations and submission of research paper)

(Examples of Individual Research)

-Study of an attitude survey of getting a job for woman's college students

-Japan and Brazil: Hygiene Education

-Research on subtitle : From Japanese language to Khmer language

-About Mystical Image in Japanese Mythology

**⑩ Course Outline:**

1) Features of Training

All classes are conducted in Japanese.

2) Compulsory Subjects

-Education Around the World A 30 hours

-Education Around the World B 30 hours

-Japanese Language (selection from 3 levels) 120 hours

2) Elective Subjects

-Selection from classes for undergraduate students: Culture & Arts; Japanese Language Studies & Japanese Language Education; Development Education & international education. (60 hours per selected course field , total of 180 hours or more)

3) Participatory study tour and regional exchanges

-Community Learning

Participate in volunteer and club activities and write reports. Through participatory experience, not as a guest, but as a member, the aim is to deepen understanding of Japanese society.

(activity time : more than 30 hours)

4) Opportunities for studying together with Japanese students

"Educational Around the World A and B", in which all faculty members of Kyoto University of Education take turns, is attended by all international students and Japanese students. This is an opportunity to think about Japanese culture from various angles through joint research with Japanese students.

5) Individual research (based on the guidance of academic advisor)

2 reports submission and 2 oral presentation are required.

April: Intermediate presentation

August: Final presentation

6) Other Lectures and Electives

Students may also participate in community exchange programs and Program for Intercultural Nexus in Kyoto (PICNIK) organized by the Kyoto City International Foundation. They pay a visit to local schools and make a presentation about their home country. Registration is also promoted for the School Interpreter Program, in which the students serve as an interpreter between Japanese school teachers and newly arrived non-Japanese speaking children and their parents at local schools in Kyoto, on a voluntary basis .

### ⑪ Academic advising system:

Program Coordinating Committee: NAKAMATA Naoki and HAMADA Mari (Expert Panel of International Exchange Committee)

Academic advisors: Students are registered as a special research student of the Faculty of Education and each student has an academic advisor of that faculty. The Program Coordinating Committee deals with consultation of overall program completion.



Culture event by students  
(Moon-watching at Fushimi Inari)



Presentations

### ■ Accommodations

It is possible to live in the university's lodgings.

#### ○ Monthly rent

Rent (5,900 JPY/month) + Common service fee (4,700 JPY/month)

20,000 JPY are required when moving in this dormitory as a deposit. The deposit is refunded in principle when moving out

○ Facilities: Each room is equipped with an air conditioner / heater unit, a hot water system, a bath and toilet, simple kitchen and basic furnishings. Bedding can be rented as needed.(Approx. ¥15,000/year)

○ Information for Daily Life: A shopping mall, a hospital, and a park are close to the accommodations.

It takes about 15 minutes on foot to the Kyoto University of Education campus, and about 30 minutes by train to the center of the city.

### ■ Follow-up for graduates

Students keep in touch with each other on the informal KUE International Facebook page. Consultation with one's advisor after completing one's research is by mail.

About one half of the students that complete their studies, return to Japan as research students. Following attainment of an academic degree, they return to their home countries and as educators countries to nurture others.

The remaining half, gain employment in business enterprises and using the Japanese language they have learned and are actively building bridges between Japan and their countries.

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Mascot *Sotta-kun*

*Sotta-kun* represents the four-letter phrase, *sottakudoji*, which came from Zen philosophy. The phrase is a metaphorical representation of the collaboration between teachers and learners, and expresses the fundamental educational principle of supported autonomy development.