

# Kyoto Spring Program 2021(Online)



The Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS)  
Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU)  
Kyoto University

## Program Overview

### About

**Kyoto Spring Program (usually called Kyoto Summer Program)** is a short-term study-abroad program provided by Kyoto University Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) and Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU).

The program consists of two sub-programs: in the **ILAS program**, English is the main instruction language, and in the **KUASU program** Japanese is the main instruction language.

Both sub-programs share a core curriculum that primarily aims to develop an understanding of the political, cultural, historical, social, and ecological issues facing Japan. Both provide opportunities to learn the Japanese language and to study with local students. The whole program is also designed to highlight Kyoto University's unique academic climate and cutting-edge research facilities.

### Program Period

The program has traditionally been held in early August. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's program has been postponed to

**February 14-February 24, 2021.**

The 2021 program will be held **online**.

## Eligible Applicants

The applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled in one of the following universities.

### ILAS program (English program):

#### East Asia

- Peking University
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- National Taiwan University
- Yonsei University

#### Europe

- Heidelberg University
- University of Vienna
- Other partner universities nominated through KU European Center

#### North America

- The George Washington University
- University of California, San Diego
- Other partner universities nominated through KU North American Center

#### Other regions

- Mahidol University (Thailand)



## KUASU program (Japanese program):

### Southeast Asia

- Chulalongkorn University
- National University of Singapore
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- University of Indonesia

## Fees

### All participants:

- Tuition fees are waived
- Participants need to prepare their own internet access and a device such as a personal computer, a tablet, or a smartphone for participating in online classes. We recommend using a personal computer with a camera, microphone, and a speaker.

## Course Outline

The program consists of four major parts listed below and concludes with final presentations by the participants.

### 1. Academic Lectures

#### **1-1.** A wide range of lectures delivered in English.

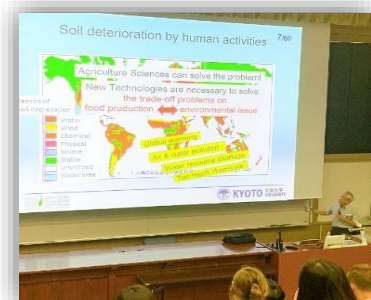
Examples from past years' lectures:

"Mutual Support: Evolution of humans viewed from the study of chimpanzees"

"The Aesthetics and Sensitivities of the Japanese as seen through Classical Japanese Literature"

"Sensing Technology-Based Food Production and Food Loss Reduction for 9 billion Global Population Time"

"High Economic Growth and Minamata Disease"



#### **1-2.** Some lectures delivered in Japanese (open to students with a Japanese language proficiency of intermediate and above.)

Examples from past years' lectures:

げんだいにほんぶんか      げんじものがたり  
「現代日本文化のなかの源氏物語」 The Tale of Genji in Contemporary Japanese Culture

がっこうきょういく      にほんぶんか      しょうそう  
「学校教育にみる日本文化の諸相」 Cultural Aspects of Education in Japan



## 2. Fieldtrip and cultural experiences

Off-campus activities designed to deepen understanding of Japanese and Kyoto culture, industry, and ecology.

**These will be provided online this year.**



## 3. Interaction with KU Students

Intercultural exchange with KU students through joint participation in lectures and off-campus activities.






**These will be provided online this year.**



## 4. Japanese Classes

Five levels of Japanese language classes (Elementary I, Elementary II, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced).

## Program Schedule 2021 (Tentative) This schedule is subject to change.

- This year's program will be provided in two shifts (A  & B ) for the convenience of participants from different time zones. Both shifts consist of **orientation, Japanese classes, cultural experience, and final presentation**. Participants should choose the shift convenient to their country/region.
- **Academic lectures**  will not be provided in shifts. Instead, participants should choose 5 out of 10 lectures according to their interest and convenience.
- **General activities**  will not be provided in shifts.
- **Activities & talks with local students and lab-visits**  will be scheduled.

|       | 08:30-10:30                           | 10:30-12:30                      | 12:30-14:30 | 14:30-16:30            | 16:30-18:30                           | Afterclass    |
|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Day1  | Preparation (Network check)           |                                  |             |                        |                                       |               |
| Day2  | Orientation A                         | Japanese A                       |             | Academic Lecture ①     | Japanese B                            | Orientation B |
| Day3  | Academic Lecture ②                    | Japanese A                       |             | Academic Lecture ③     | Japanese B                            |               |
| Day4  | Academic Lecture ④                    | Japanese A                       |             | Academic Lecture ⑤     | Japanese B                            |               |
| Day5  | Academic Lecture ⑥                    | Japanese A                       |             | Academic Lecture ⑦     | Cultural Experiences B                |               |
| Day6  | Academic Lecture ⑧                    | Cultural Experiences A           |             | Fieldtrip              |                                       | Japanese B    |
| Day7  | Academic Lecture ⑨                    | Japanese A                       |             | Academic Lecture ⑩     | Japanese B                            |               |
| Day8  | Free Day (student activity)           |                                  |             |                        |                                       |               |
| Day9  | Discussion Session among Students_A⑪⑫ |                                  |             |                        | Discussion Session among Students_B⑬⑭ |               |
| Day10 | Final Presentation A⑮⑯                |                                  |             | Final Presentation B⑰⑱ | Completion Ceremony                   |               |
| Day11 | Completion Ceremony                   | Farewell (Online farewell party) |             |                        |                                       |               |

## How to Apply

Please contact **the department in charge at your university** for details of the application procedure.

## Inquiry

If you have questions about the contents of the program, please contact

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## Voices from past participants

### Voices from ILAS program Participants

"It was not only a program offering different lectures, but also a cultural exchange platform which connects students from major universities. We exchanged ideas on different matters including cultural diversity, education systems, political events and so on, enjoying these thought-provoking moments. We exposed ourselves to Japanese culture and explored the ancient city of Kyoto together. After spending 12 days studying and living together, I established friendship along the beautiful Kamo river with peers from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Poland and Japan!"

(2017 Participant from Peking University)

"Kyoto University Summer Program has done something intangible, but very crucial for us: providing a chance for youths of different cultural backgrounds to gather around and talk about each country's matters. It is an opportunity that one can rarely meet in their lifetime. All these opportunities helped me to compare our culture with the others' and to critically examine mine as well."

(2017 Participant from Yonsei University)

"The program was a wonderful experience to understand Japanese culture and society better, get in touch with Asian students and to explore the city, as well as Kyoto University. Particularly the Japanese classes and the contacts with other like-minded students, might likely impact on my professional and academic future."

(2018 Participant from Heidelberg University)

### Voices from KUASU Program Participants

このプログラムは日本研究の専門と繋がっているのみならず、目指している通訳者の仕事にも役に立つはずです。そして、京都大学の自由な雰囲気は印象的でした。今、京都大学で修士をとろうと思っています。今回は京都大学のサマープログラムに参加して、本当によかったです。必ず後輩にこのプログラムのことを伝えます。

This program is not only related to my major of Japanese Studies, but also should be helpful for my future career as an interpreter. Furthermore, I am so impressed with the free atmosphere of Kyoto University that I am considering taking a master's course at Kyoto University. It was very great for me to join this program. I will certainly talk about the program with my junior friends when I go back to my country.

(2018 Participant from National University of Singapore)

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In this program, I had a lot of new and exciting experiences, such as making Japanese traditional sweets, visiting the Nabel, a local factory in Kyoto, and drinking the 40-meter-deep water of Lake Biwa. We can have such kind of experiences only in this program. When I go back to my country, I will proudly talk about my unique experience with my friends.

(2019 Participant from University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Hanoi)

Please see more at our program website!