

# A&M ARSC Only Exchange: Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan

**Deadlines to Apply are January 15 for Fall 2025 and September 1 for Spring 2026**

## OVERVIEW

Kwansei Gakuin is one of the most prestigious private schools in Japan, dating back to 1889, when it was founded in Kobe by the American missionary Reverend Walter Russell Lambuth, M.D. It is now a comprehensive and integrated educational institution spread across eight campuses. KGU maintains academic standards that rank among the highest of all Japanese universities and colleges. The Contemporary Japan Program offers two study tracks, Japanese Language or Modern Japan, while elective courses on contemporary Japan focus on its language, culture, society, economics, and politics. The university also offers a variety of student clubs and activities.

## ELIGIBILITY

- This program is open to students in the College of Arts and Sciences at the College Station campus
- Have a minimum TAMU GPA of 3.0
- Be a TAMU student for at least one semester prior to application
- Attend TAMU for at least one full semester after the exchange
- Have a minimum Junior classification by beginning of exchange; can be a Sophomore at the time of application
- All students must be in [Good Academic Standing](#) and [Good Conduct Standing](#) with Texas A&M University to participate in education abroad programs.

## COURSEWORK

All exchange students to Kwansei Gakuin University are enrolled in the [Contemporary Japan Program](#). Students with a high proficiency in Japanese may be permitted to enroll in regular university courses. Exchange students must register for an attend at least 7 classes a week. Students can register for between 16 to 24 KGU credits, but it can depend on the credit type. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they enroll in at least 12 TAMU credits.

## SEMESTER DATES

**Fall 2025:** Early/Mid Sept. 2025 to Late January

**Spring 2026:** TBD

**Annual Year:** Early/Mid September 2025 to Early/Mid August 2026

## ESTIMATED COSTS

Exchanges are one of the **most cost-effective** ways to go abroad. You still pay tuition to Texas A&M at the beginning of the semester and will then pay your living expenses while abroad. Students that participate in an exchange program still **receive their regular Texas A&M scholarships** and can also apply for additional funding specific to studying abroad.



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