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Application Guidelines

Overseas Entrance Examination

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for Undergraduate International Students Entrance Examination

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Application Guideline for Undergraduate Entrance Examination (Overseas Entrance Examination)

1. Application Outline

The Undergraduate International Students Entrance Examination will be admitting applicants after a comprehensive screening of their essay, interview, Japanese language proficiency score, and other application documents. Applicants can take the entrance examination from their home country and may be admitted to enter the university.

2. Number of Enrollments

Faculty of Economics

- Department of Economics and Management: a few
- Department of Global Culture Industry & Tourism: a few

3. Period of Study

4 years

4. Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following (1)~(3)

- (1) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years of formal education in foreign countries and hold qualification to enter university, or those who holds equivalent qualification.
- (2) Those who hold Japanese language proficiency of N2 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or C level or above of J.TEST (Test of Practical Japanese) and have or are expected to studied Japanese for 600 hours or more.
- (3) Those who are recognized individually by the university as having qualifications equivalent to (1) and (2) above.

Those who are residing in Japan and hold qualifications mentioned above are not eligible to take this entrance examination.

5. Beginning of the Program

April, 2025

6. Tuition and Other Fees

Academic Year 2025

(Unit: Yen)

	Section Category	Amount paid at time of admission	Year 2025			Total	
			Amount paid at the end of April	Amount paid at the end of July	Amount paid at the end of October		
First year	Entrance Fee ※1	125,000	—	—	—	125,000	
	Tuition after the deduction ※2	269,500	—	—	269,500	539,000	
	Education enhancement fee	—	105,000	—	105,000	210,000	
	Others ※3	—	44,000	—	3,000	47,000	
	Dormitory fee	Dorm Entrance fee	100,000	—	—	—	100,000
		Deposit	150,000	—	—	—	150,000
		Accommodation ※4	240,000 (One Semester)	—	240,000 (One Semester)	—	480,000
	Total		884,500	149,000	240,000	377,500	1,651,000

	Category	Yearly Total	
	Second and Third year	Entrance Fee	—
Tuition after the deduction ※2		539,000	
Education enhancement fee		210,000	
Others ※3		25,000	
Dormitory fee		Dorm Entrance fee	—
		Deposit	—
		Accommodation ※4	—
Total		774,000	

	Category	Yearly Total	
	Fourth year	Entrance Fee	—
Tuition after the deduction ※2		539,000	
Education enhancement fee		210,000	
Others ※3		35,000	
Dormitory fee		Dorm Entrance fee	—
		Deposit	—
		Accommodation ※4	—
Total		784,000	

※1 The entrance fee is normally 250,000 yen, but 125,000 yen is reduced.

※2 The amount shown in the table is the actual amount for AY2024 with a 30% reduction, and the reduction rate will change after the second year depending on grades, attendance, etc.

Tuition fees are based on a sliding scale, taking into consideration the average rate of increase in the consumer price index of the previous two academic years and other factors.

※3 Fees charged by the commission (student association fees, parent association fees, supporters' association fees, alumni association fees, academic research association fees, etc.) are those of the Faculty of Economics for the AY 2024. They are subject to change slightly.

※4 Dormitory fees are calculated for Type E.

You must live in the dormitory designated by the university from March 18, 2025 (Tuesday) to March 12, 2026 (Thursday). However, this does not apply if the number of students exceeds the dormitory's capacity.

There will be a penalty of 150,000 yen if the contract is terminated in the middle of the contract period. If you wish to change the type of dormitory, there may be an additional charge.

※ In addition, about 20,000 yen for textbooks and about 4,000 yen for medical checkups will be required after enrollment.

※ Once received, the school fee, dormitory fees, and other expenses are non-refundable in any reason, except in the case of ③ and ④ on page 9, section 2.

Application Guideline for Undergraduate Transfer Entrance Examination (Overseas Entrance Examination)

1. Application Outline

The Undergraduate Transfer/International Entrance Examination will be admitting applicants after a comprehensive screening of their essay, interview, Japanese language proficiency score, and other application documents. Applicants can take the entrance examination from their home country and may be admitted to enter the university.

2. Number of Enrollments

Faculty of Economics

- Department of Economics and Management: a few
- Department of Global Culture Industry & Tourism: a few

3. Academic Year of Transfer

3rd year

4. Period of Study

2 years

5. Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following (1)~(3)

- (1) Those who completed or are expected to complete by March 2025 a two-year course at a university outside Japan.
- (2) Those who have Japanese language proficiency of N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation/Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or C level or above of J.TEST (Practical Japanese Test) and have or are expected to studied Japanese for 600 hours or more.
- (3) Those who have reached a reasonable age and are recognized by the university as having qualifications equivalent to (1) and (2) above.

※ Those who are residing in Japan and hold qualifications mentioned above are not eligible to take this entrance examination.

※ Those who have completed their two-year course at a university may not be able to graduate within two years after transferring, depending on the number of credits earned.

6. Beginning of the Program

April, 2025

7. Tuition and Other Fees

Academic Year 2025

(Unit: Yen)

	Section Category	Amount paid at time of admission	Year 2025			Total	
			Amount paid at the end of April	Amount paid at the end of July	Amount paid at the end of October		
First year	Entrance fee ※1	125,000	—	—	—	125,000	
	Tuition after the deduction ※2	269,500	—	—	269,500	539,000	
	Education enhancement fee	—	105,000	—	105,000	210,000	
	Others ※3	—	44,000	—	3,000	47,000	
	Dormitory fee	Dorm Entrance fee	100,000	—	—	—	100,000
		Deposit	150,000	—	—	—	150,000
		Accommodation ※4	240,000 (One Semester)	—	240,000 (One Semester)	—	480,000
	Total		884,500	149,000	240,000	377,500	1,651,000

	Category	Yearly Total	
Fourth year	Entrance fee	—	
	Tuition after the deduction ※2	539,000	
	Education enhancement fee	210,000	
	Others ※3	35,000	
	Dormitory fee	Dorm Entrance fee	—
		Deposit	—
		Accommodation ※4	—
	Total		784,000

※1 The entrance fee is normally 250,000 yen, but 125,000 yen is reduced.

※2 The amount shown in the table is the actual amount for AY2024 with a 30% reduction, and the reduction rate will change after the second year depending on grades, attendance, etc.

Tuition fees are based on a sliding scale, taking into consideration the average rate of increase in the consumer price index of the previous two academic years and other factors.

※3 Fees charged by the commission (student association fees, parent association fees, supporters' association fees, alumni association fees, academic research association fees, etc.) are those of the Faculty of Economics for the AY 2024. They are subject to change slightly.

※4 Dormitory fees are calculated for Type E.

You must live in the dormitory designated by the university from March 18, 2025 (Tuesday) to March 12, 2026 (Thursday). However, this does not apply if the number of students exceeds the dormitory's capacity.

There will be a penalty of 150,000 yen if the contract is terminated in the middle of the contract period. If you wish to change the type of dormitory, there may be an additional charge.

※ In addition, about 20,000 yen for textbooks and about 4,000 yen for medical checkups will be required after enrollment.

※ Once received, the school fee, dormitory fees, and other expenses are non-refundable in any reason, except in the case of ③ and ④ on page 9, section 2.

Application Guideline for Japanese Language Program (Kokusai bekka) Entrance Examination

1. Number of Enrollments and Beginning of the Program

Enrollments:	50 students
Beginning of the Program:	April, 2025

2. Period of Study

1 year and 6 months
(However, depending on grades it is possible to advance in 6 months with internal recommendation)

3. Qualifications

- (1) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years of formal education in foreign countries and hold qualification to enter university, or those who holds equivalent qualification.
- (2) Those who hold Japanese language proficiency of N5 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation/Japan Educational Exchanges and Services) or Level F of the J.TEST (Practical Japanese Test) or Level 5 or higher of the NAT-TEST (Nippon Association for Teaching Specialized Education).
- (3) Those who are recognized individually by the university as having qualifications equivalent to (1) and (2) above. However, in the case of substituting Japanese study hours for (2), applicants must be able to demonstrate English proficiency in TOEFL (iBT), TOEIC, or IELTS to the extent that it does not interfere with their academic life.

※ For applicants residing in Japan with the above application qualifications

- ① Applicants must already have a visa such as “Student visa,” “Family Resident visa,” “Spouse visa,” “Permanent Resident card,” or “Settled Resident visa.” Visas for “Temporary Visitor,” “Trainee,” “Entertainer,” etc. will not be accepted.
- ② “Student visa” holders must have entered school in April 1, 2024 or later.
- ③ Japanese language school students must have permission from the school to transfer to another school.
- ④ For “Student visa” , applicants must be enrolled in a preparatory course at a Japanese language school or a Japanese language course at a vocational school. Students enrolled in a university undergraduate school or a special course for international students are not eligible to apply.

- (4) In principle, must be students who wish to enter Kobe International University.

4. Tuition and Other Fees

Academic Year 2025

(Unit: Yen)

Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka)	Section		Amount paid at time of admission	Year 2025	Year 2026	
	Category			Amount paid at the mid of July	Amount paid at the mid of January	Amount paid at the end of April
	Entrance fee		100,000	—	—	—
Tuition		550,000 (Yearly)	—	—	275,000 (One semester)	
Dormitory fee	Dorm entrance fee	100,000	—	—	—	
	Deposit	150,000	—	—	—	
	Accommodation ※1	240,000 (One semester)	240,000 (One semester)	240,000 (One semester)	—	
Total		1,140,000	240,000	240,000	275,000	

※1 Dormitory fees are calculated for Type E.

You must live in the dormitory designated by the university from March 18, 2025 (Tuesday) to September 12, 2026 (Saturday). However, this does not apply if the number of students exceeds the dormitory's capacity.

There will be a penalty of 150,000 yen if the contract is terminated in the middle of the contract period. If you wish to change the type of dormitory, there may be an additional charge.

※ In addition, about 30,000 yen for textbooks, medical checkup and Japanese language examination fee and about 5,000 yen for Automobile insurance fee for those who wish to commute by bicycle.

※ Once received, the school fee, dormitory fees, and other expenses are non-refundable in any reason, except in the case of 3 and 4 on page 9, section 2.

※ Those who have completed the Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka) and have been recommended by the head of its program and have passed the entrance examination student may enter Kobe International University. Those who enter Kobe International University are exempted from taking the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) and receive a 30% tuition reduction for the first year. In addition, only those who pass the Special Recommendation Entrance Examination for Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka) (1st round) will be exempted from paying the full amount of the entrance fee at the time of university admission.

Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka) Dean's Recommendation

..... Grades (GPA 2.0 or higher), attendance rate (90% or higher)

Special recommendation for International Program:

..... Interview Examination

Common

1. Entrance Examination Schedule

Entrance Examination for Undergraduate International Students, Undergraduate Transfer/International Students, Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka) Entrance Examination

Application Schedule
2024/10/16 (Wed) ~ 2024/11/30 (Sat)

- Documents to be submitted: Preliminary Survey (Form A designated by the university)
- Submission method: E-mail (kaigai@kobe-kiu.ac.jp)

Entrance Examination※1

Announcement of Result

Payment of Application Fee※2
Payment date will be announced after notification of the screening test results (within about one week).

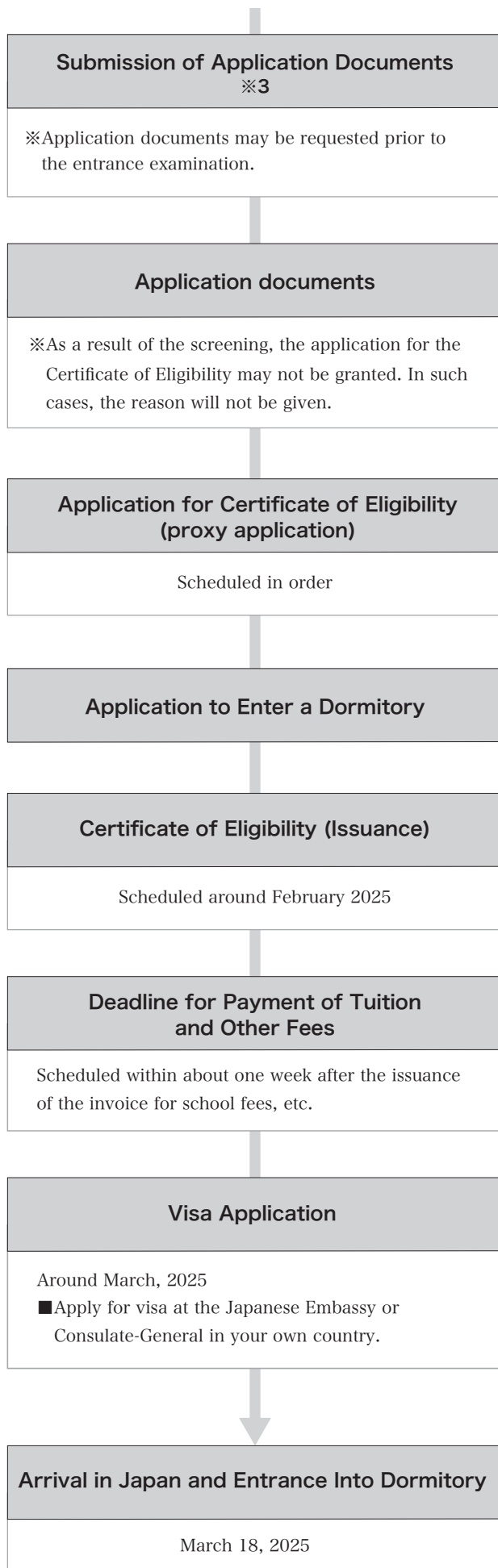
※1 <Entrance Examination>

- Examination location : To be specified separately.
- Selection Examinations (Undergraduate, Transfer)
 - 1) Essay in Japanese (Those who have passed JLPT N2 or J.TEST C level are exempted.)
 - 2) Interview in Japanese
- Selection Examination (Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka))
 - 1) Japanese with comprehension of English (Those who passed JLPT N5, J.TEST F or NAT-TEST Level 5 are exempted)
 - 2) Interview in Japanese
 - 3) Interview in English (JLPT N5, J.TEST Level F or NAT-TEST Level 5 are exempted)

※2 <Payment of Application Fee>

- Application Fee: 20,000 yen
- Payment method: Flywire

P.8, Submission of Application Documents



※3 <Submission of Application Documents>
【Documents for the applicant】

- 1) Application form for admission (Form B prescribed by the university)
- 2) Letter of Reason for Studying Abroad (Form C)
- 3) Diploma (from high school or later)
- 4) Score report of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT, J.TEST, NAT-TEST), etc.
- 5) Certificate of hours of Japanese language study (only for applicants who have not passed the JLPT and who wish to study in a school other than the Japanese Language Program (Kokusai Bekka))
- 6) Score sheet of TOEFL(iBT) or other English proficiency tests (Only for applicants who have not passed the JLPT or J.TEST as proof of Japanese language proficiency)
- 7) Photo (4cm x 3cm) taken within the last 6 months (write your family name and date of birth on the back)
- 8) A4 color copy of passport (page with photo, page with all stamps if the applicant has immigration history)
- 9) A4 color copy of ID (both sides)
- 10) Certificate of Health Examination (Form D prescribed by the University)

【Documents related to the financial supporter】

- 11) Letter of Reimbursement (Form E designated by the University)
- 12) A4 color copy of ID (both sides)
- 13) Certificate of employment
- 14) Certificate of tax payment and proof of income (3 years' worth of the sponsor's own documents, including the annual income of 120,000 yuan in Mainland China) If the annual income in Mainland China is 120,000 RMB or more, a personal income tax payment record (proof of tax payment) issued by the taxation bureau is required.)
- 15) Bank balance certificate
- 16) Documents proving the applicant's kinship with the applicant

※Each certificate must be submitted on a form with the applicant's address and telephone number, and a translation must be attached. (A4 size)

※Other additional documents may be requested.

※Please make sure that all documents are filled out correctly so that there are no Blank Space. If there is no entry, please draw a shaded “/” line.

※Please be sure to use documents with a “Letter Head” for certification of each institution such as schools.

Documents and materials once accepted will not be returned.

※If there are any false items in the submitted application documents, or if they do not meet the screening standards of the University, the applicant will be immediately rejected. If it is discovered after admission, the applicant will be expelled from the university.

2. Admission Procedures

- ① After the “Certificate of Eligibility (College Student)” is issued, please pay the admission fee, tuition and other fees. All fees for remittance of the enrollment fee are to be paid by the applicant. Once the University confirms the payment, the “Certificate of Eligibility (College Student),” “Letter of Admission,” and the submitted “Certificate of Graduation” will be sent to the applicant. The student must apply for a visa at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate-General in their home country.
- ② If the applicant declines to enter the school or receives a “Certificate of Eligibility Not Granted” from the Immigration Bureau, they will not be able to obtain a visa and their acceptance will be automatically cancelled.
- ③ Of the school fees paid (entrance fee, tuition, facility expansion fee, equipment maintenance fee, and comission), only the amount excluding the entrance fee will be refunded if the student declines admission or the visa is not issued by March 31, 2025, after the Certificate of Eligibility is issued. After April 1, 2025, there will be no refunds of any school fees.
- ④ Of the dormitory fees (entrance fee, security deposit, and dormitory expenses) once paid, only the dorm entrance fee and the dormitory expenses excluding the penalty fee (allocated from the security deposit) will be refunded if the applicant declines admission or fails to receive a visa by March 17, 2025, and after March 18, 2025, no refund will be made for the entrance fee, the penalty fee (allocated from the security deposit), and the dormitory fee until the last day of the month following the cancellation date.

3. Contact Information

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