

Important information on the application procedures regarding the effects of COVID19

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Kanda University of International Studies

With regard to the acceptance of exchange students in the fall semester in 2022, please take note that in addition to the requirements stated in the "Application Guide", there will be special conditions, requirements, and procedures due to the spread of COVID-19. Please read carefully and understand the content herein when applying.

Due to the current situation, various changes are expected to occur in the near future. Please take note that information will be updated as needed.

1. Determination of acceptance/cancellation

(1) KUIS will decide its inbound policy by scrutinizing various policies established by the Japanese government such as boarder restrictions. The details will be informed if there are updates.

(2) The whole exchange program can be cancelled if Bekka program cannot be run due to the small number of applicants or of the students who can enter Japan. This is because the Bekka classes require a lot of student interaction and it needs a sufficient number of students to conduct its classes.

(3) Even in the event that acceptance is canceled, the applicant will be responsible for all expenses related to the application process. Kanda University of International Studies cannot cover any of the costs.

2. Current border measures

(1) Visa application

Although the entry of international students to Japan resumed from the beginning of November, the emergence of the Omicron variant forced its scheme to be suspended from November 30. The suspension is scheduled to last until the end of February, with the possibility of being extended.

The entry scheme does not allow new international students to enter Japan immediately even if the current suspension is lifted. If the policy announced in November 2021 resumes, entry is granted after a pre-entry screening by MEXT. To apply for the screening, students have to submit a “Written Pledge” to pledge they will fulfill the requirements and obligations, and the university also has to submit another format of “Written Pledge” to pledge it will manage and instruct the international students as the responsible institution. Students need to submit this screening certificate when applying for a visa.

Moreover, since students occupy a relatively huge ratio among COE holders, applications for screening can be made in the order of COE issuance date. Plus, the government set the maximum number of 3,500 foreign nationals per day to enter Japan. Currently, a huge number of foreigners are waiting for their turn to enter Japan. The pre-entry screening is expected to take long for students with new COEs.

(2) Self-quarantine and other must-dos

Students must undergo a self-quarantine at a place secured by the host university. In principle, students are not allowed to leave their room. Students will also need to report their health status and location information through the installed apps. All expenses for the period of the self-quarantine, including accommodation and food, must be borne by the students.

3. Requirements/conditions for applicants

Applicants must fulfill the requirements/conditions below.

(1) Obeying the restrictions and measures upon entry into Japan

If quarantine measures or other restrictions are applied, arrange it with an agency designated by KUIS and follow the instructions accordingly. Applicants must cover all costs themselves. The total cost during this period will likely be approximately 150,000-200,000 yen. If applicable, applicants must enter Japan at an earlier date considering the quarantine period (middle of August). The restrictions and measures upon entry are subject to change in accordance with the COVID-19 pandemic situation. More detailed information will be provided later.

(2) Issuance of Visa

Student visa needs to be issued before entering Japan. In the case where applicants

fail to receive their student visa, KUIS may cancel their participation in the exchange program.

It may take longer than usual for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to be issued. (It usually takes about 2 months after application to get the examination result.) When the COE is issued, it will be sent to the applicant. Apply for a student visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your home country as soon as you receive it.

Documents required to apply for a student visa and the number of days required for a visa to be issued vary from each country. Please check with the embassy or consulate in advance.

(3) Note

The conditions of acceptance are subject to change/added in accordance with the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

4. Important Notice

(1) Dormitory

Dormitories are planned to be available (female dorm only). Please note that from the perspective of preventing the spread of infection, dormitories may not be available. Information will be given at a later date.

(2) Delivery delays of international mail

Due to the spread of the infection, delays in international mail are expected. Please proceed quickly with the application procedure and mail the prepared application documents as soon as possible. Delays in submitting application documents may affect COE application procedures and visa issuance, and you may not be able to come to Japan by the start date of the new semester.

As it may take some time for certificates or documents for applications to be issued from certain educational institutions and public institutions, it is possible that the physical documents may not be submitted in time for the due date. **Please make sure to make soft copies of all documents before mailing the application documents to KUIS.**

5. Change of Bekka Program (In case the program is run)

(1) Level placement

Students will take the Level Placement. The details of the test will be provided to the applicants.

(2) Program structure

Due to the border restrictions of Japan, the program structure will be changed, leading to require students to prove that they have the necessary Japanese proficiency by the followings. The curriculum, available courses, and other details for the fall semester of 2022 are currently under review and they are subject to change.

(1) Submitting the certificate of N5 or above of the JLPT after July, 2019, or

* It is desirable that students have continued studying Japanese after the test.

(2) Being placed in Level 2 or above on the Level Placement after application

* For reference, students need at least the following Japanese proficiency to be enrolled in Level 2.

- JLPT N5 or

- CEFR A1 or

- Completed "Minna no Nihongo Elementary Japanese I" or "GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Vol. 1" or equivalent

* Sample questions of the JLPT are available on the website below for reference. Please note that this does not guarantee the result of the Level Placement.

<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/forlearners.html>

(3) Mode of course delivery

Mode of course delivery (face-to-face / online) is to be decided.