

KOBE UNIVERSITY Exchange Program- Result of Completion Questionnaire - Spring 2022



1. Helpful reference prior to departure

1-1	Daily Life (Food, Clothes, Housing, Health, Pabulic Transportation etc.)	Google
	Procedures (VISA, Residing, National Insurance, Bank etc.)	https://www.fr.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_fr/visas-demarches.html https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/for_international_students/immigration.html
	Student Life (Academic Procedure, Course, Research, Scholarship etc.)	https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/study_in_kobe/for_international_students/orientation.html
	Tourist Information	https://www.feel-kobe.jp/en/
	Others	https://www.kanpai.fr/ (French website for japanese culture and tips)

2. Academics/Courses [Regular Subject Courses]

2-1	Have you achieved the purpose of your study on the exchange program?	1.Strongly Agree 17%	2.Agree 67%	3.Not So Agree 0%	4.Disagree 0%	5.Not Sure 0%	No answer 17%
	Please explain what your purpose was.	- Learn Japanese language and Japanese Culture (including Law & Economy) - I mainly had Japanese language classes but I wanted an extra class and the one I took taught me a lot. - Improve my Japanese language skills - Learn more about Japanese culture					
2-2	If you have any additional comments about the academic aspect of the courses, please describe them.	I am satisfied of the teachers I got. But sometimes I would have prefer to have more challenging homeworks because the one we had mainly consited in saying what we learnt during the class.					
[Japanese Language Courses at the Center for International Education (CIE)]							
2-3	Did you take language courses at the CIE?	1.Yes 83%	2.No 17%				
2-4	Which level of courses mainly did you take?	1.Elementary 20%	2.Upper Elementary 40%	3.Intermediate 20%	4.Upper Intermediate 20%	5.Japanese Language/Japanese Studies 0%	
	How difficult were courses?	1.Too difficult 0%	2.difficult 0%	3.Adequate 80%	4.Easy 20%	5.Too easy	
	If you have any experiences of feeling difficulties / easiness in Japanese Language Courses, please describe them.	- There were a lot of students between upper elementary and intermediate levels in this class so sometimes it's hard to follow when you really have an upper elementary level. - I mainly came to experience life in Japan and learn improve in Japanese, but since (practically) all the Japanese classes are online, I don't have many chance to go to the campus and speak in real with japsane poeple.					
2-5	Do you think you have improved your Japanese language ability?	1.Strongly Agree 20%	2.Agree 80%	3.Not So Agree 0%	4.Disagree 0%	5.Not Sure 0%	
	Please explain how it has improved or what kind of specific ability improved	- I can understand when someone talks to me, but it's always complicated to answer. - I learnt a lot of new gramatical items, as well as kanjis and vocabulary. - Speaking, writing, grammar - Mostly I improved my speaking abilities. Now I am more self-confident when I am speaking in Japanese. - Speaking / I become able to make simple conversation when buying a ticket or order in a restaurant. - Writing / I become able to wirtre a short diary with simple japsnese words and grammer. - Reading / I become able to recognize some Jappanese vocabulary when going out					
2-6	If you have any additional comments about the academic aspect of the courses, please describe them.	- The teachers are very nice and educational. The teaching methods are good. On the other hand, sometimes we are given homework for the same day, which is complicated since we have other classes. - I am satisfied of the teachers I got. But sometimes I would have prefer to have more conversational work rather than written homaworks that take a lot of time. - face to face lecture is better when learning languages					

3. Social and Cultural Experience

3-1	Did you have to make any cultural and social adjustments when you started to live in Japan?	- Life in Japan is very different from life in France. You have to be quiet and respect the rules. - Yes, mainly about wearing the mask everywhere and some others situations like not talking in public tanportations, not eating while walking, ...					
3-2	Do you have any good experiences or difficulties with Japanese friends, please describe them.	- To meet Japanese I joined a club. Otherwise I think it's complicated to meet people. I also participate in a Franco-Japanese tandem that I find very very good. - As I said, since all my classes are online, I have very few occasions to speak with japsnese students. So basically the only 2 contacts I have are my tutor and the student I am doing the tandem activity with (we speak half french, half japsnese to both improve) - Because Japanese courses were online, I didn't have a chance to become friends with Japanese students. - I contact with them from an online SESAMI source. There is no other opportunities to contact with them. I did visit the clubs website in KU official website and find some clubs I am interested in and write an email to the club. But there is no reply, (EX: I.S.A (International Student Association) https://isashindai.wixsite.com/kobeunv-branch)					
3-3	Were you involved in extracurricular activities?	1.Yes 17%	2.No 83%				
	What kind of activities was it?	1.Sport Club 0%	2.Culture club 100%	3.Volunteer 0%	4.Internship 0%	5.Work activities 0%	
	How did you know about it?	1.Kobe University Website 100%	2.SNS(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.) 0%	3.Advertisement(Poster or Flyer) 0%	4.Japanese Students 0%	5.International Students 0%	6.Proffessors 0%
	Did you feel satisficated with your activities?	1.Fully satisficated 100%	2.Satisficated 0%	3.Not So Satisficated 0%	4.Not Satisficated at all 0%		
	Please explain details of your activity or your experiences through the activities.	- I joined the ESS club to meet Japanese people who speak English to facilitate exchanges. We do different activities in English.					

3-4	What did you do during your free time, at night and on the weekends? Please explain.	<p>- I mainly visit Japan. I also go out with my Japanese friends or with the other residents of kobe university international residence.</p> <p>- Mainly I was going out with the people of my dormitory, so with international students.</p> <p>- Travelling, having fun with other students</p> <p>- I was travelling a lot.</p> <p>- 1) I working on my thesis and had discussed couple times with my advisor.</p> <p>2) I plan some 2-3 days trips. Such as : Okayama, Nagoya, Osaka, Arima Onsen, Maya mountain. Rokko mountain.</p> <p>- Sightseeing</p>
3-5	Please add any comments about Kobe city (safety, cultural events, attitudes toward foreigners, location, etc.).	<p>- I love Kobe. The people are mostly very welcoming. The city is very beautiful and there are many things to do. It is easy to get to other cities like Osaka or Kyoto.</p> <p>- I really like Kobe because it is not that a bug city like Tokyo, and has everything : mountains, sea, shopping mall, entertainment places, ... And also for its location : we are close to Osaka, Hlmeji, Nara, Kyoto, ... And people here are very kind.</p> <p>- Very convenient and beautiful city.</p> <p>- Kobe is a really nice place to live.</p> <p>- Kobe city is a very friendly city. Everything is great.</p>

4. Housing/Food

4-1	Where did you live?	1.International Residence 50%	2.Kokui Residence 33%	3.Sumiyoshi International Student House 0%	4.Hakuo Dormitory(Fukae Area) 0%	5.Host family 0%	6.Apartment 0%
	How sufficient was your housing?	1.Fully Sufficient 50%	2.Sufficient 33%	3.Not Sufficient enough 17%	4.Insufficient 0%		
4-2	How did you get your meals?	1.Cooking by yourself 33%	2.Buying prepared food by yourself 67%	3.Eating out 0%	4.Prepared by your housing/host family 0%		
4-3	Did you have contact with your neighborhood and commute?	1.Very often 67%	2.Sometimes 33%	3.A little 0%	4.Rarely 0%		
	What kind of people were almost of them?	1.International Students 83%	2.Japanese Students 0%	3.General People 17%			
	If you have any good experiences or difficulties with your neighborhood and commute, please describe them.	<p>- Students often meet in the lobby to chat. There is really a good atmosphere.</p> <p>- People here were very nice and it is very easy to go to Sannomiya from Port Island.</p>					

5. Cost

5-1	Did you receive any scholarships?	1.Yes 100%	2.No 0%				
	Sponsor: Amount/month:	<p>JASSO, the MERMOZ international mobility scholarship (a French regional scholarship)</p> <p>- MERMOZ 400€ (about 55000 Yen) for the whole duration of the trip (so 5 months)</p> <p>- JASSO 80,000JPY-</p>					
	Do you think that the scholarship you received was sufficiently helpful for your program?	1.Fully Sufficient 33%	2.Sufficient 33%	3.Not Sufficient enough 17%	4.Insufficient 17%		
5-2	How much did you spend for the following items?	Airfare (round trip): = Max. = JPY200,445 = Min. = JPY 55,000	Accommodation (per semester, including water, electricity, gas charges): = Max. = JPY211,800 = Min. = JPY 19,500	Food (per semester): = Max. = JPY250,000 = Min. = JPY 20,000	Transportation while in Japan (per semester): = Max. = JPY100,000 = Min. = JPY 15,000	Insurance Fee (per semester): = Max. = JPY 14,000 = Min. = JPY 2,200	Mobile bill (Wi-Fi) (per semester): = Max = JPY 14,000 = Min. = JPY 3,500
	Total (per semester) :	<p>Others: - Club Admission Fee: JPY5,000, Summer Camp JPY42,000 About JPY216,000 - 728,000</p>					
5-3	Please add any comments/advice for prospective student about managing expenses while at KU.	<p>- Daiso is the best place to find everyday things at low prices!!</p> <p>- Cooking by yourself is not always cheaper than you buy a take out meals. But when you go out to have some eat, your baseline cost is 420 every round. (Because of the transportation fee). Or you can choose walk to save more money. So I would recommend you prepare some more budget to keep the life quality in Japan. Because you can not resist the temptation of delicious dessert or foods in Japan.</p>					

6. Additional Comments

6-1	Has study abroad changed the direction of your life in any way?	1.Strongly Agree 33%	2.Agree 50%	3.Not So Agree 17%	4.Disagree 0%	5.Not Sure 0%
	Please explain how it changed your direction of your life.	<p>- Beautiful encounters and another way of life</p> <p>- Since it is my first long experience abroad, I really learnt a lot during these few months and I now know that I am able to live abroad (in Japan) so I am strongly thinking about trying to find my first job out of France (ideally Japan)</p> <p>- Personally</p> <p>- Yes, I will get married with Japanese and live in Japan.</p> <p>- In personally, I know more about Japanese culture. Although my Japanese is an elementary level, but these days have risen my interest in Japanese language and curiosity about Japanese culture.</p>				