



# Outline of Kanazawa University Semester Program 2011

Kanazawa University Semester Program is designed for students from those institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University and who intend to study at Kanazawa University for one semester (2011 currently only held for the spring semester). If you would like to register your interest in this program, please inquire at your university's international office or ask your tutor. The Kanazawa University will support your interest and answer any questions through your international office or tutor.

## **Objectives:**

The Kanazawa University Semester Program is a special short-term program which offers Japanese language classes, a class of Japanese cultural experience, and additional classes in various subjects given in English or Japanese. There are no restrictions as to your major field of study at your home institution. Japanese language classes, held five times a week, and the Japanese Cultural Experience class are compulsory. In addition to the classes for this program, students with high levels of Japanese proficiency are allowed to join classes for general or specialist education alongside Japanese students.

We hope that semester students will deepen their understanding of Japan through this program and engage in cultural exchange with students from other countries and from Kanazawa University. We also hope that the knowledge acquired through this program will help you to be active in the international arena.

## **Acceptance Period and Duration**

The basic length of the program is one semester, starting in April.

## **Academic Calendar:**

Spring semester: April 2011 ~ September 2011 (enrolled term)

Program start: 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue) /April, 2011

Guidance, Registrations and Orientation: 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue)/ April ~ 8<sup>th</sup> (Fri)/April, 2011

Classes start: 11<sup>th</sup> (Mon)/April 2011

Classes and Program end: 29<sup>th</sup> (Fri) /July, 2011

There are no classes on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays, or during the summer vacation (from 1<sup>st</sup> August until 31<sup>st</sup> September).

## **Number of Students:**

Up to 20 students

**Course Structure:**

The Semester Program is composed of compulsory and elective courses. In order to take these courses and receive credits, students must submit registration forms to the International Student Center after the “class trial weeks” (for the first two weeks, students are able to attend any classes without needing to register for them). Students must take the compulsory classes and more than one elective class. (Total 9 credits = 10.5 hours/week)

- Compulsory

Title of Course (Spring semester 2011)	Credit	Hours/week (1 lesson for 1.5H)
Japanese	5	7.5
Experience Seminar on Kanazawa Culture	2	1.5
Total	7	9

- Elective (Course names are subject to change)

Title of Course (Spring semester 2011)	Credit	Hours/week (1 lesson for 1.5H)
An Introduction to Modern Japanese Culture and Society (joint course)	2	1.5
Anthropology in Japan (joint course)	2	1.5
Environmental Discourse and Literature (joint course)	2	1.5
Contemporary Japanese Literature in Translation (joint course)	2	1.5
Lecture on European Life Culture (joint course)	2	1.5
Budo I (joint course)	2	1.5
Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer	2	1.5
Civil and Environmental Engineering in Japan	2	1.5
Nature of Japan –Environmental Monitoring and Preservation-	2	1.5
Total: 9 courses + other classes will be announced later.		

**Tuition:**

1. Tuition waiver is applicable for students from institutions that have concluded an agreement on mutual tuition waivers with Kanazawa University, up to the number of students specified in the agreement.
2. Other students are obliged to pay tuition of 14,800 yen per credit. Tuition may be revised in the future. Semester Program students must take more than 9 credits during the program (7 credits for compulsory courses, 2 credits for electives), so therefore the total tuition fee will be more than 133,200 yen.  
(@14,800 yen x 9 credits)

**Transcripts, credit transfers and Certificates of Enrollment:**

1. Kanazawa University will issue a transcript of the Semester Program.
2. Credit transfer at the students' home institution is based upon this transcript. Approval of credit transfer is done under the authority of the students' home institutions, not of Kanazawa University.
3. Student who enrolled in this program are awarded a Certificate of Enrollment.

**Support:**

1. The Semester Program is supported by the Director of the International Student Center along with two teachers as academic advisers and one administrator. They organize the Semester Program and provide special support for Semester Program students.
2. The International Student Center provides assistance for important paperwork such as foreign registration, Japanese National Health Service, class registration etc.
3. One-to-one assistance from private tutors is offered to Semester Program students from April to July. Tutors are Japanese students who assist international students with their studies, living arrangements, and inter-personal relationships so that students can focus on their studies and social life. Tutors offer Japanese language support, help with submitting documents, and advice about life in Japan. They meet once or twice a week whenever their schedules line up.

**Health Insurance:**

All exchange students are obliged to enroll in National Health Insurance (around 2,000yen/month at the City Hall when you submit your Alien Registration. We will guide Semester students during orientation week.) This insurance covers 70% of medical care and hospitalization costs. (E.g. you pay 3,000 yen for something that costs 10,000 yen.)

**Accommodation:**

1. Kanazawa University will arrange accommodation for Semester Program students at the “Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa” private dormitory where they are able to stay for four months, from April to July. (Students who choose not to stay in accommodation arranged by Kanazawa University have to arrange housing by themselves. Normally Japanese apartment contracts are longer than one year. In addition, all Kanazawa University dormitories have no vacancies as of April 2011.)
2. Your contract will be a monthly contract from the 1<sup>st</sup> April until the end of July. If you wish to stay after the end of July, you need to pay the monthly rental.
3. Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa provides a furnished private bedroom room with kitchenette, toilet, bath, and balcony. Breakfast and dinner are also provided from Monday to Saturday. Each room has a dedicated internet connection and IP phone.

\*Website for Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa

<http://www.gakuseikaikan.com/international/english/placehall/kanazawa.html>

4. Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa does not offer a no-meals plan. Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa will provide special meals for students who have severe allergies or religious food restrictions if informed in advance.
5. Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa is providing us with accommodation at a special price, and as a result you may not cancel your accommodation partway through your stay. Please understand that if you must cancel partway, you will need to pay a penalty fee.
6. The monthly expenses (including accommodation, meals, internet, etc.) for Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa are around 100,000 yen per month.

**\*Breakdown (April ~ July)**

**Monthly payment:**

Rent: 60,000 yen/month (include service charges, breakfast and dinner Mon-Sat, water rates),  
Internet and IP phone (at least 3,780 yen/month), Electricity (at least 3,000 yen/month).

**Payment for move in and out:**

Building maintenance (3,000 yen/once-only payment), Bedding Rental for 4 months (11,970 yen/once-only payment), Final cleaning fee (at least 25,000 yen/once-only payment).

**Others:**

Bus pass (40,320 yen/4 months), Prepaid mobile phone (at least 3,000 yen/month),  
Lunch and weekend dinner (at least 10,000 yen/month)

**Total:**

Around 400,000yen / 4 month = at least 100,000yen / month

7. Students who stay at the Gakusei Kaikan Dormy Kanazawa are required to join the Student Housing Insurance at the Kanazawa University International Student Center. (You need to purchase the option for one year coverage at 4,500 yen.)

**Immigration to Japan:**

There are certain formalities that must be observed by international students intending to pursue studies in Japan. Students should possess a valid passport issued by their home country. They are also required to apply to their nearest Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) for a "college student" visa. A college student visa will only be issued after the diplomatic mission is in possession of the applicant's "Certificate of Eligibility".

1. The Student Affairs Division of Kanazawa University shall submit the applications for the "Certificate of Eligibility" to the immigration office at Kanazawa on behalf of the exchange students.
2. The "Certificate of Eligibility" will then be sent to the students.
3. When applying for the "college student" visa, students must take their "Certificate of Eligibility" and their passport to the diplomatic mission.

Students should also be sure to bring their "Certificate of Eligibility" with them and show it to the immigration authorities at the airport when they enter Japan.

**If you have any questions, please contact us through applicant's home institution.**

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