



# KIT Japanese Language Program Handbook

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# Program Overview

## Eligibility

- ① Applicants must be enrolled in one of the KIT's sister schools and apply as advised by its international office.
- ② Students in any major can apply.
- ③ There is basically no Japanese language requirement, but it is mandatory that students are comfortable reading (and preferably writing) the Japanese syllabary characters (*hiragana* and *katakana*) before the start of the program.

## Courses and Credits

Participants will be enrolled in one of the following 4-credit Japanese Language Classes and one 4-credit Japanese Culture Class:

<Japanese Language Class>

\* There is no formal prerequisite for Japanese Communication 1, but it is mandatory that students are comfortable reading (and preferably writing) the **Japanese syllabary characters (hiragana and katakana) before the start of the program.**

Subject Name	Outline	Credit
Japanese Communication 1 (Novice Level)	This course is an introductory course to help students develop all four basic skills of communication (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) in modern Japanese.	4
Japanese Communication 2 (Novice-high to intermediate level)	This course is a continuation of Japanese Communication 1 and aims to help students further develop the four basic skills of communication.	
Japanese Communication 3 (Intermediate-high to advanced level)	This course is a continuation of Japanese Communication 2 and aims to help students further develop the four basic skills of communication.	

<Japanese Culture Class>

Subject Name	Outline	Credit
Japanese Seminar	This course consists of a collaborative Project Based Learning (PBL) course and a Japanese culture experience course.	4

## Specialty Programs

The following optional extracurricular activities are planned at this moment, but they are subject to change.

- Field Trip  
JLP students will go for a bus trip.
- Japanese cultural activities

Experience Japanese cultures, such as Japanese calligraphy, gold leaf handcrafts, etc. Students are responsible for paying their own participation fees.

## Faculty and Staff

### Faculty

Ms. Kiyomi Fujii
Mr. Brent Wright
Ms. Etsuko Inoguchi

### Staff

Kazunori Kugo	Director, International Program Office
Shizu Fujimura	Staff, Study Abroad Section
Sachiko Fukami	Staff, Study Abroad Section
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## Program Schedule

KIT JLP Summer 2024 runs from June 11<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup> (Move-in is June 10<sup>th</sup> & Move-out is July 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>)

IMPORTANT DATES	
Pre-program Orientation (online)	Within one month before the program starts (Exact date will be arranged based on the participants' availability.)
Placement test (online)	Both general reading/writing proficiency test and individual interview will be held online before students come to Japan. Exact interview date will be arranged based on the participants' availability.
Arrival & Move-in	June 10, Monday
Opening ceremony	June 11, Tuesday
Closing ceremony	July 18, Thursday
Move-out	between noon July 19, Friday and noon July 20, Saturday

# Living Information

## How to get to KIT

<Arrival>

KIT will provide a free pickup service at 14:00 only on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to arrange your travel plan to be in time for the service. For your safety and relief, please **refrain from using public transportation services** to come to KIT.

We will meet the students outside the *JR* and *Shinkansen* gates of Kanazawa station (see below).

## Kanazawa Station Map



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## Mailing Address

Your mailing address during the program is as follows:

Address : Your name  
c/o International Program Center  
Kanazawa Institute of Technology  
7-1 Ohgigaoka, Nonoichi, Ishikawa 921-8501  
Japan  
Tel : 81-76-294-6725

If you want to send your suitcases prior to the beginning of the program, you can put the address above as the delivery address.

## Accommodation

The KIT-JLP participants will all stay in the KIT International Community House during the program period. One blanket, pillow, and sheets are provided for each student. Students are responsible for bringing their own shampoo, soap, laundry detergent and other personal toiletries.

It is mandatory for each participant to sign in the Letter of Pledge after going through the KIT International Community House Guidebook.

## PC and Internet Connection

It is a **must for you to bring your own PC that can be used for the course studies throughout the program**. Please note that, unlike the past years, we will not provide you with a KIT-registered PC during the program. We will guide you with necessary steps to make your PC accessible to the KIT Intranet services at a later time.

Free Wi-Fi is available in the KIT International Community House, while its availability is very limited on campus. Therefore, if you wish to have Wi-Fi access around the clock at any location, please consider preparing rental portable router and such at your own cost.

We strongly recommend you to have **your mobile phone ready to use in Japan before coming to KIT**. If you are to change your SIM card, the best way may be to buy it online and make it available to pick it up at the airport of your entry to Japan. Please note that an option to purchase a SIM card around KIT is very limited.

## Insurance

JLP participants are required to buy their own international travel insurance that meets 1-4 coverages and insured amounts below.

### Coverages

1. Death from Accident
2. Accidental Permanent Disability
3. Medical & Rescuer's Expenses
4. Death from Sickness

### Insured Amounts

- JPY 1million or more
- JPY 1million or more
- JPY 30 million or more
- JPY 1million or more

In addition to this, KIT will ask each participant to buy the insurance covering 'Liability for damages' upon arrival at KIT. This covers the expense of repair charge when they cause damages to the KIT housing and other KIT facilities which we will ask all the students to bear fully upon such incidents occur. We will collect its premium by cash at the beginning of the program.

## Immunization History

Vaccination is encouraged for people who have not contracted measles or rubella and have not had two doses for each vaccination in the past. Please submit Immunization History form by the date designated by KIT.

# Rules

## Program Rules

### 1. Japan's Law and KIT Rules

Program participants are requested to abide by the Japan's Law and KIT Rules.

#### ■ Alcohol consumption

Legal drinking age in Japan is 20 years old or over. Those who have not reached this age should refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages.

#### ■ Illegal Drugs

Do not bring illegal drugs with you or have someone send you illegal drugs from abroad during your stay at KIT. This includes marijuana, which is strictly forbidden in Japan. Illegal drug use carries stiff legal penalties and social stigmas in Japan. Contact Customs to check if you can bring in a particular type of drugs.

### 2. No Driving

The participants are not allowed to drive an automobile or ride a motorcycle either no matter if they bring their international driver's license during the program.

### 3. Activities

For safety reasons, the participants are not allowed to engage in activities that are considered risky or dangerous such as skydiving, paragliding, rock climbing and bouldering during the course of the program. If you are to undertake such activities after the program, you must take full responsibility for it.

## House Rules

Residents are requested to observe the rules and regulations stated in the KIT International Community House Guidebook. We will ask each student to sign a Letter of Pledge to abide by those House rules before the program starts.

# Program Costs and Budget

KIT JLP participants are, in principle, exempted from paying the program and housing fees for the program period. The chart below shows the estimates of the program costs that need to be covered by the participating students. (Note: Program fee of approximately JPY300,000 should be added for those students concerned.)

(assuming 1USD=150JPY, 1GBP=185JPY)

		USD	GBP	JPY
Airfare	US	2,335		350,000
	UK		1,620	300,000
Round trip transportation from Tokyo to Kanazawa		190	150	29,000
Meals (No meal plan at KIT)		436	350	65,000
Personal supplies and textbook		65	54	10,000
Miscellaneous expenses		60	50	9,000
KIT School Insurance		27	30	* 4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>3,113</b>		<b>467,000</b>
	<b>UK</b>		<b>2,254</b>	<b>417,000</b>

\* We will collect the insurance premium of about JPY4,000 in cash at the orientation held at the beginning of the program.

## <Examples of living costs around KIT>

	USD	GBP	JPY
Round trip bus ride to downtown	5.0	4.0	720
Meal at a casual, local restaurant	4.0-13.0	3.0-11.0	600-2,000
Lunch at KIT cafeteria	2.0-5.0	1.7-3.8	300-700

Former participants suggest that students would need about \$800 - \$1,000 / £ 530 - 670 (except airfare and domestic transportation) for the time they are in Japan. This does not include additional travel outside of the program.