

# KANDA UNIVERSITY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM BEKKA ONLINE PROGRAM FALL 2021

### About Bekka Online Program

We launched online synchronous (real time) Japanese-learning courses in the spring semester 2021. Currently 61 students from 10 countries around the world are participating in this program.

Learning Japanese language and culture is the main content of this program as well as various opportunities for interaction with Japanese students.

Given the current situation, we will offer the online program in the fall semester as well.

Please take this opportunity to join this program and enjoy studying with students from all over the world!

### Program Outline

<b>Schedule</b>	15 weeks ( from Sep 16 –Jan 24) * The schedule may be revised *
<b>Tuition</b>	Not applicable to students from partner institutions
<b>Course Delivery</b>	Online synchronous teaching in principle No videos or recorded materials available
<b>Class hours</b>  *Japan Standard Time	1 period = 90 mins (1) 9:00-10:30 (2) 10:40-12:10 (3) 13:10-14:40 (4) 14:50-16:20 (4) 16:30-18:00
<b>Courses Offered (TBD)</b>  Details of the courses offered:  <a href="https://sites.google.com/kanda.kuis.ac.jp/bekkafall2021/home-english/course-outlines">https://sites.google.com/kanda.kuis.ac.jp/bekkafall2021/home-english/course-outlines</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Interaction with Japanese 2•3•4•5•6•7</li><li>•Self-Directed Learning 2•3•4•5•6</li><li>•Reading and Listening 2•3</li><li>•Pronunciation 2•3•4•5•6</li><li>•Written Expression 4•5•6•7</li><li>•Introduction to Japanese Society 2•3•4•5•6•7</li><li>•Introduction to Japanese Business Culture 4•5•6•7</li><li>•Journalistic Japanese 6•7</li><li>•Japanese Sociolinguistics</li><li>•Culture of Young Japanese People</li></ul>
<b>Course Language</b>	Mostly in Japanese
<b>Platform</b>	Zoom, Moodle, Google etc.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://sites.google.com/kanda.kuis.ac.jp/bekkafall2021/">https://sites.google.com/kanda.kuis.ac.jp/bekkafall2021/</a>



# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

## Eligibility

**This program is only open to international students from partner institutions.**

- Applicants must have completed at least 12 years of formal schooling. If not, applicants must be 18 years old or older at the start of this program and have passed an examination which proves that applicants have attained the same or higher academic level as 12 years of formal schooling.
- Applicants must be enrolled at their home university during this program. (Must not graduate before the end of this program)
- Students are expected to attend the courses throughout the semester. Make sure to sign up for courses which can be completed.

## Japanese Language Requirement

Students are required to have at least the following Japanese proficiency and have to be currently learning Japanese (attending classes or self-study).

- ▶ JLPT N5 or
- ▶ CEFR A1 or
- ▶ Completed "Minnano Nihongo Elementary I" or "GENKI Elementary Volume I" or equivalent

### [NOTE]

- No introductory courses (Level 1) for novice learners are available.
- Students without Japanese proficiency of at least Level 2 (completed half of the beginners level) might be declined.

### Students who wish to continue taking Bekka courses from the spring semester

Students who participated in the online program for the spring 2021 can also apply if they are nominated again by their home university. The application procedure is as the same as for other applicants.

In addition, the contents will be mostly unchanged. If the result of the class placement places them on the same level as in the spring semester, taking the same course means studying the same contents. Therefore, it is strongly recommended NOT to sign up for the same course on the same level.

In order to advance to the next level in the fall semester, taking KUIS Bekka courses alone is not enough. For example, even if taking "Interaction with Japanese 4" in the spring semester, students will not reach level 5 in the fall semester unless they study grammar, vocabulary, kanji, etc. additionally at their home university or self-study.

# CLASS LEVEL

## Class Placement

Students will take comprehensive placement tests and will be placed in a class at the appropriate Japanese language level.

(Level 2 : Beginner - Level 7: Advanced).

Details on how to take the placement tests will be explained later.

The courses available vary depending on the class level.

## Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level

<b>Level 2</b>	Completed half of the beginners level (Approx JLPT N5)
<b>Level 3</b>	Completed the beginners level (Approx JLPT N4)
<b>Level 4</b>	Completed half of the intermediate level (Approx JLPT N3)
<b>Level 5</b>	Completed the intermediate level (Approx JLPT N3-N2)
<b>Level 6</b>	Completed half of the advanced level (Approx JLPT N2-N1)
<b>Level 7</b>	Completed the advanced level (Approx JLPT N1)

# CLASS SCHEDULE

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Morning class	① KUIS 1st Period  JST 9:00-10:30	<b>Interaction with Japanese (M)</b> 2~7	Introduction to Japanese Business Culture(M) 4・5  Introduction to Japanese Business Culture(M) 6・7	<b>Interaction with Japanese (M)</b> 2~7	Reading and Listening(M)2・3  Written Expression(M) 4・5  Written Expression(M) 6・7	<b>Interaction with Japanese (M)</b> 2~7
	② KUIS 2nd Period  JST 10:40-12:10		Pronunciation(M) 2・3  Pronunciation(M) 4・5・6	Self-Directed Learning(M) 2・3  Self-Directed Learning(M) 4・5・6	Journalistic Japanese (M)6・7	Introduction to Japanese Society(M) 2・3・4  Introduction to Japanese Society(M) 5・6・7
	③ KUIS 3rd Period  JST 13:10-14:40	No courses for this program in the KUIS 3rd period (13:10-14:40)				
Afternoon class	④ KUIS 4th Period  JST 14:50-16:20	<b>Interaction with Japanese (A)</b> 2~7	Introduction to Japanese Business Culture(A) 4・5  Introduction to Japanese Business Culture(A) 6・7	<b>Interaction with Japanese (A)</b> 2~7	Reading and Listening(A)2・3  Written Expression(A) 4・5  Written Expression(A) 6・7  Culture of Young Japanese People (Office hours)	<b>Interaction with Japanese (A)</b> 2~7
	⑤ KUIS 5th Period  JST 16:30-18:00		Pronunciation(A) 2・3 Pronunciation(A) 4・5・6  Japanese Sociolinguistics(A) 2・3・4・5・6	Self-Directed Learning(A) 2・3  Self-Directed Learning(M) 4・5・6	Journalistic Japanese(A) 6・7	Introduction to Japanese Society(A) 2・3・4  Introduction to Japanese Society(A) 5・6・7

**Japan does not have a summer time (daylight saving time) system.**  
Please be careful of the time difference.

(M) = Morning class  
(A) = Afternoon class

## Course Outlines

<https://sites.google.com/kanda.kuis.ac.jp/bekkafall2021/home-english/course-outlines>

# CREDIT SYSTEM

## Attendance Required for Grade Calculation

As a general rule, grades will be F if a student has been absent from the course more than the one third.

Being late and/or leaving early from class three times will be counted as one absence.

For a detailed explanation of the grading policy for each class, please read the course syllabus provided at a later date.



## Calculation of Credit

["Interaction with Japanese"]

1 credit corresponds to 1,350 minutes.

**e.g ) Interaction with Japanese "=3 Credits**

1 period(90mins)×3 times per week×15 weeks = 4050 contact minutes:".

[Other courses]

1 credit corresponds to 675 minutes.

## Grading

Results will be expressed in one of the following 5 grades: A+, A, B, C, or F.

The corresponding standards are shown below.

	Pass				Fail
Letter Grade	A+	A	B	C	F
Numerical Grade	100 - 90	89 - 80	79 - 70	69 - 60	59 - 0
Grade Point	4	3	2	1	0

# REQUIRED ENVIRONMENT

To participate in this program, Students should make sure their internet connection is fast and stable, and attend classes without anyone around.

It is also essential to have minimum device requirements.

- A laptop or desktop computer (no tablet/smartphone)
- A webcam and a microphone (built-in / external )
- Speakers
- The latest version of computer applications (Zoom, Google etc)



# COURSE REGISTRATION RULES

## Morning class and Afternoon class

**Courses are held twice in the morning (M) and afternoon (A) (Japan Standard Time) with the SAME CONTENT.**

Choose either Morning class (M) or Afternoon class(A) and attend only the registered one.

*When choosing a course...*

► Consider the time difference and the home university's schedule.

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► It is not possible to register for the same course both in the morning and afternoon.

e.g : Registering both "Pronunciation(M) 2・3" and "Pronunciation(A) 2・3" is not allowed.

## Capacity of a Class

Class sizes are kept small (usually around 10 students) to maximize interaction between students and instructors.

If the number of sign-ups exceeds the capacity of the course, students who can take the course will be selected randomly (no first-come-first-served basis).

Courses with few sign-ups may not be offered

## Choose Courses Based on Your Level

Students will choose courses of their level. There is no minimum or maximum number of courses that can be taken as long as it corresponds to the student's level.

e.g: Student placed in level 3 can take the course that says "3" in the course name, such as "Pronunciation2・3", "Introduction to Japanese Society 2・3・4"

"Japanese Sociolinguistics" and "Culture of Young Japanese People" do not have level setting, so students of all levels can take this course. However, lectures will be mainly delivered in English, so competence in reading and speaking in English is required.

For more details, please check the course description.

## Interaction with Japanese

**"Interaction with Japanese "** is the core course of this program and also includes some new content featuring online communication.

By completing this course, students are expected to improve their communicative competence through interacting with Japanese speakers even while they are staying in their own countries.

Although it is not necessary to sign up for it, it is strongly recommended if the schedule allows.

### [NOTE]

- "Interaction with Japanese" needs **attending three times a week** (Mon, Wed, Fri), while other courses basically meet once a week.
- Attending only certain classes of the week and switching the morning and afternoon class on a certain day is not allowed.



## Support for Bekka Students

We provide a variety of support to Bekka students.

All Bekka students will have a partner (KUIS volunteer student) and can consult with the program coordinator, Japanese teachers, the English-speaking counselor, and Global Engagement and Partnership Division while participating in this program.

Students are expected to participate in the program until the end of the semester, however if you wish to drop out of the courses for special reasons before completion, please contact Global Engagement and Partnership Division.

[International@kanda.kuis.ac.jp](mailto:International@kanda.kuis.ac.jp)

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## KAEDEMATE Program

Bekka students will join KAEDEMATE program offered by offered by KUIS students called Kaedemate, who are interested in multicultural interaction.

Bekka student will be paired with a KUIS student volunteer to practice Japanese and learn the culture each other.

### *What is the purpose?*

To increase the time of using Japanese  
To output what you learned in the class  
To learn young people's language and culture

### *When?*

Once a week, one hour

Detailed information will be given during the orientation period.



## Online language and cultural exchange

**We welcome Bekka students to join various online activities presented by KUIS Global Ambassador students. (KGA)**

KGA is a group of students organized by Kanda University of International Studies.

KGA students consist of those who are interested in studying abroad, and/or who are eager to interact with students of the partner universities and will autonomously organize a series of activities related to Study Abroad.

Detailed information will be given as decided.



**MORE DETAILS / APPLICATION**

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