

Application Guideline of Student Exchange Program

Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology

Graduate School of Maritime Sciences

Kobe University

■Exchange Period

1 semester or 2 semesters

Spring semester: April 1st to September 30th *Final exams end in mid-August

Fall semester: October 1st to March 31st *Final exams end in mid-February

■Number of students to be admitted

We accept the number of students specified in the Student Exchange Agreement between your university and Kobe University.

■Study Fields

Information brochure (English and Japanese):

https://www.maritime.kobe-u.ac.jp/maritime/pamphlet_g.html

Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology: 4 Divisions

- 1) Marine Sciences
- 2) Marine Technologies, including Maritime Engineering
- 3) Maritime Policy Studies
- 4) Nautical Sciences

Graduate School of Maritime Sciences: 4 Divisions

- 1) Marine Sciences
- 2) Marine Technologies, including Maritime Engineering
- 3) Maritime Policy Studies
- 4) Nautical Sciences

*Students can take classes across divisions and also in other faculties/Graduate Schools if permitted.

■Eligibility

1. Students must be enrolled in their home university as full-time undergraduate or graduate students and are aiming to receive a degree from their home university after completing an exchange study at Kobe University. Undergraduate students must have completed at least one year of undergraduate study at their home university at the time of coming to Kobe University.

2. The purpose of studying abroad is clear and concrete, so that the achievement of their study and research at Kobe University can be expected.

※ International students, including exchange students, must take at least 10 lesson hours (equivalent to 5-7 classes) per week in accordance with immigration law.

3. Students should have adequate Japanese skills in order to understand classes or conduct research in Japanese.
4. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for their completed undergraduate study at their home university.
5. Students should have the basic knowledge and skills required for the classes they wish to take or conduct research at Kobe University.
6. Students are expected to maintain good relationships with local students and faculty members of our faculty/graduate school and its neighboring community. At the same time, they can contribute to the development of continued exchange between the Faculty/Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, Kobe University, and their home university after completing this program.

■Application Procedures

1. Application and selection at home university

Please contact the international office or relevant office at your home university.

2. Apply through KIMAS

Nominations and applications are now processed via **KIMAS**.

As of this application cycle, prior approval from a prospective academic advisor is NOT required. Students seeking research-only status (non-credit bearing) must obtain prior approval from a prospective academic advisor before submitting their application.

* Nomination deadlines by home university

For Spring Semester Enrollment (April – September) : October 20th

For Fall Semester Enrollment (October – March) : April 20th

* Application deadlines

For Spring Semester Enrollment (April – September) : November 1st

For Fall Semester Enrollment (October – March) : May 1st

* Application Documents to be uploaded

- ☐ Study Plan or Research Plan 《Prescribed Form》
- ☐ Copy of Original Academic Transcript (in English)
- ☐ Copy of Certificate of Japanese Language Skill (Undergraduate students)
- ☐ Copy of Certificate of Japanese/English Language skills (Graduate students)
- ☐ Copy of your passport

3. Acceptance

After we receive applications, it will be deliberated upon. If accepted, you will be informed within 2 months.

Kobe University will apply for your COE by proxy. It will be issued within 2 months after submission. (We cannot guarantee a 100% successful result of the COE assessment.)

4. Receive the Acceptance Package

- ☐ Official Acceptance Letter
- ☐ COE (Certificate of Eligibility)

5. Apply for a student visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate you indicated on your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application form.

6. Preparation for coming to Kobe.

■Scholarships

We will contact you if we receive quota for the following scholarships for exchange students.

1. JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization)
2. HUMAP (Hyogo University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific)
3. Kobe University Fund

■Accommodation

Although exchange students are given the first priority for room allocations in the university residential facilities, there is still no guarantee. In addition, please note that the room type will be single only, and you cannot choose a residence.

■Inquires

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