

## Explore Diversity

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### 01 Basics Acquire the basic academic skills for problem solving

The early stage of our degree program supports students in developing their presentation, writing, and ICT (information and communication technology) skills to disseminate information in multiple languages and to respond in a timely manner to the needs of a global society. In addition, students are exposed to the concrete realities of various issues, developing their skills to collect and analyze information and to lead the way in solving problems together with people from diverse backgrounds. Students learn practical strategies for responding to such issues through several of their courses, from which they can select in accordance with their academic goals.

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### 02 Experience Experience a hands-on global

The Global Studies Program (GSP) was established as a practical education program for students to acquire the skills necessary for solving global issues. All students select a destination to study abroad that is consistent with their expertise and educational goals. This allows students to achieve a greater awareness and practical understanding of their research area through relevant hands-on field experience, which is intended to support the theoretical knowledge.

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### 03 Expertise Acquire expert knowledge from a multilateral viewpoint

From the perspective of the fields of "cross-cultural understanding," "human development," and "environment and sustainability," students develop expertise in communicating their ideas and proposing solutions to the complex problems surrounding multiculturalism, in identifying community structures that support various aspects of human development, and in analyzing situations and taking action to both create and conserve a shared society. As a result of these studies and experiences, students are able to pass on this knowledge to the next generation of leaders.

## Location



## Kobe City

The City of Kobe is the capital of Hyogo Prefecture. Sandwiched between the Rokko mountain range in the north and the Inland Sea of Seto in the South, it is endowed with an overall mild climate averaging 17.0C (62.6F) with four seasonal changes. Kobe is accessible by land, sea, and air. Tokyo is only 2 hours and 50 minutes away by Shinkansen Bullet Train, and 1 hour and 20 minutes away by plane. There are several famous cities and spots of interest, such as Himeji, Kyoto, Nara, and Osaka within easy reach. Ever since Japan was opened to the world, Kobe has been a cosmopolitan port city where people, goods, and information from around the globe are in constant motion. Now, Kobe has a population of 1.54 million including 48,000 foreign residents, and is well known throughout Japan as being an "international city." With a diverse population of foreign residents and the resulting facilities and amenities established by and for such foreign communities, Kobe is uniquely qualified to support a comfortably refined lifestyle for any individual from any country. A wide variety of international food and ingredients, such as Haial food, Vietnamese food, and Russian food are easily available here in Kobe.



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# Undergraduate Studies in Global Human Sciences

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## OUR GLOBAL CHALLENGES

The Faculty of Global Human Sciences fosters collaborative-minded, global-oriented individuals who are capable of facilitating reciprocal interactions among diverse peoples and across cultural boundaries as well as responding to a variety of issues with keen insight and empathy towards others. There are a number of global issues to be addressed that require collaboration beyond disciplines, such as issues related to the environment, natural disasters, ethnicity, economic disparity, human rights, education, and social welfare, and to this end, the Faculty aims to produce graduates who can collaborate on global issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, freely communicate with people across boundaries, and demonstrate leadership for recognizing and resolving problems. The Faculty of Global Human Sciences was established in April 2017, integrating the Faculty of Intercultural Studies and the Faculty of Human Development. As a result, a high standard of education is provided by more than 160 highly qualified and experienced faculty members.

### About Kobe University

Formally established in 1949, Kobe University is a national university based in western Japan. Its roots date back further, to 1902, when it was originally known as Kobe Higher Commercial School. Today, Kobe University is one of Japan's leading comprehensive universities with 10 faculties and schools, 15 graduate schools and a great number of research centers and institutions covering the four disciplines of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and bio-medical sciences. Currently, there are approximately 12,000 students enrolled in the undergraduate programs and 5,000 students enrolled in the graduate programs. The numbers include more than 1,400 international students from more than 70 countries and regions. Taking advantage of our traditional strengths in the social sciences combined with more recent initiatives across the natural and biomedical sciences, Kobe University is promoting interdisciplinary research and education to become an outstanding research university. We are committed to creating knowledge and new values to address the challenges facing our society.





## Partner universities

Kobe University has made agreements with a number of overseas universities and established exchange study programs with 88 universities in 33 countries through "Inter-Faculty Student Exchange Agreement" and "Inter-University Student Exchange Agreement."

Countries	Institutions
China	Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing Normal University, East China Normal University, Minzu University of China, Nanjing University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, The University of Hong Kong, Tsinghua University, Wuhan University
Indonesia	Gadjah Mada University
Korea	Chung-ang University, Jeju National University, Pusan National University, Korea Nazarene University, Seoul National University
Mongolia	National University of Mongolia
Philippines	Ateneo de Manila University, San Beda College
Singapore	Nanyang Technological University
Taiwan	National Chengchi University, National Taiwan University
Thailand	Thammasat University
Vietnam	Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities
Australia	Curtin University, The University of Queensland, The University of Western Australia, University of Wollongong, The University of New South Wales
New Caledonia	The University of New Caledonia
Canada	Huron University College, University of Ottawa
United States	Queens College of The City University of New York, The University of Pittsburgh, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, University of Georgia, University of Maryland, Utah State University, Georgia Institute of Technology
Brasil	University of Brasilia
Austria	FH JOANNEUM University of Applied Sciences, University of Graz
Belgium	Ghent University, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Saint-Louis University, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
Bulgaria	Sofia University St.Kliment Ohridski
Czech	Charles University
Denmark	Aarhus University
Finland	University of Helsinki
France	Université de Lille 3, Université de Rennes 1, Université Grenoble Alpes, Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Université Paris Diderot - Paris 7, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense
Germany	Free University of Berlin, Kiel University, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Trier University, University of Hamburg, Leipzig University, Technical University of Dresden, Technical University of Munich, Technical University of Darmstadt
Hungary	Eotvos Lorand University
Italy	Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale" UNIOR, Università di Bologna Campus di Forlì, Università di Bologna
Lithuania	Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
Netherland	Leiden University
Norway	University of Bergen
Poland	Jagiellonian University, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, University of Warsaw
Romania	Babes-Bolyai University
Russia	Saint-Petersburg State University
Spain	Autonomous University of Barcelona, University of Barcelona
Switzerland	University of Basel
United Kingdom	School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) University of London, The University of Manchester, The University of Sheffield, University of Birmingham, University of Essex, University of Kent

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## Academics

### Department of Global Cultures

Addressing issues that relate to multicultural situations and cultural friction

**Degree Programs** Global Cultural Formation, Global Social Dynamics, Global Communication

This department's educational goal is to foster leaders who can communicate across national borders in order to address current issues that relate to multicultural situations and cultural friction. In order to achieve this, we have established the following three academic areas that focus on the key aspects: culture, society and communication.



#### Global Cultural Formation

We engage in research and education that equips students with an accurate understanding of how today's diverse cultures and value systems were formed and how they have changed over time. This area of study will deepen their understanding of other cultures, which includes comparisons made with Japan.

#### Global Social Dynamics

We engage in research and education with the aim of identifying and communicating solutions to various problems faced in today's world, particularly within the context of rapid internationalization through the transmission of information, capital, people and things.

#### Global Communication

We engage in research and education that explores both the potential and problems of language-based communication, and diverse methods of information processing using ICT.

## Department of Human Development and Community

Human development and the creation of communities that support this development

**Degree Programs** Social Empowerment, Psychology, Active Life, Music Communication, Art Communication

This department aims to foster individuals with the skills to create diverse communities where people can live better lives. We provide education and research related to the variety of ways in which humans develop, as well as the communities that support them, aiming for the realization of a sustainable shared global society where people respect diversity. With these goals in mind, this department has established the following two areas of research and education.



#### Developmental Studies Formation

We offer a broad education in order to grasp the full picture of human development, including physical and mental development and humanity's most essential attributes of expression and behavior (in art and sports).

#### Community Formation

We offer both theoretical and practical education on community formation that employs art and sports activities as resources.

The education offered in this department is unique in its practical approach to active research that incorporates fieldwork, on-site practical studies and study tours both within Japan and overseas, combined with an interdisciplinary and integrated approach that maps human development from multiple perspectives.

## Department of Environment and Sustainability

An interdisciplinary approach to the environment and a shared society

**Degree Programs** Natural Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Human Life Sciences, Social Sciences

This department aims to equip students with the necessary skills to identify, discuss and solve various issues related to the environment in its broadest sense, from our immediate surroundings to the global environment. The ultimate aim is to realize a sustainable shared global society rooted in harmony between humans and the environment. Based on these goals, the department has established the following two academic areas.



#### Environmental Science Foundation

We educate students on the basic science necessary to analyze the formation of the environment and to discover and debate related issues.

#### Environmental Formation

We educate students on technologies and systems for environmental improvement, the policies of national and local government, citizen education and participation, and the activities of businesses, NPOs and NGOs.

The education offered by this department encourages active education and research combined with cutting-edge scientific experiments, domestic and international fieldwork and a variety of surveys while emphasizing high-quality academic practice. We are also unique in our aims to equip students with practical skills by creating opportunities for them to become involved in the environmental activities of NPOs and NGOs and a range of environmental improvement projects.

## Department of Child and Education

Towards child education that respects the cultural diversity of today's society

**Degree Programs** School Education, Early Childhood Education

Aiming to realize a shared global society through educating the next generation, this department fosters primary-level educators who possess a broad, inclusive perspective on global society and the skills to recognize and practically solve issues among children and schools from various viewpoints. The department has established the following two academic areas to achieve these aims.



#### School Education

We engage in education and research with a focus on primary education, including education philosophy, education systems, education program contents and methods. We also concentrate on special support from the perspective of inclusive education.

#### Early Childhood Education

We engage in education and research with a focus on infant education, including education philosophy systems, daycare programs and methods. We also examine primary education from the perspective of infant-primary collaborative education.

For both areas, by combining pedagogy with practical training in schools, we cultivate the fundamental research abilities needed to explore childhood education, while at the same time, foster practical leadership skills in a primary educator.

## Global Studies Program (GSP)

The Global Studies Program is a practical-oriented education program, in which all students take part in overseas studies and hands-on field experiences in order to develop a thorough understanding of the global issues relevant to their fields. Through numerous field experiences at both home and abroad, students participate in programs that enable them to work together with people from diverse backgrounds, to address global society-related problems, and at the same time, develop their leadership skills. GSP forms a compulsory element of our degree program, as we believe that undertaking experiential learning overseas cultivates an international mindset that is essential preparation for a successful career.



Ikuta Shrine



Kitano Ijinkan (Former Foreign Residences)



Arima Onsen (Arima Hot Springs)



Kobe Port Tower



Rokkosan Pasture



Nankin-machi (Kobe China Town)