

PROPOSAL FOR NEW STUDY ABROAD or EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Kansai Gaidai University, Hirakata City, Japan, Summer Program

RATIONALE:

Kansai Gaidai University (KGU) is a longstanding UW-Eau Claire exchange partner dating back to the mid-1970s. Historically, the KGU Asian Studies Program has only had semester/year options. In recent years they added a summer term option; and with recent interest from the UWEC Japanese language department, the CIE examined the program and determined the summer option is a good fit for our students. It would be the only Japanese language summer program that the CIE offers.

ENROLLMENT LIMITS:

KGU limits enrollment at 30 students. If they do not reach 10 students, KGU reserves the right to cancel the program. Date of when that determination would be made is unknown. Applications are screened by a KGU committee and those with no Japanese language study and those who exceed the course level, may be rejected.

ACADEMIC LOGISTICS:

- Can UW-Eau Claire accept credit from this program? What other UW System colleges/universities or U.S. universities are accepting credit from the host institution?
 - Yes, UW-Eau Claire already accepts credits from KGU for fall and spring students.
- How are grades reported?
 - KGU transcript
- What language is used on the above document? If not English, what resources are required for an English translation?
 - English
- What credit system is used and how does it translate into U.S. credits?
 - US credit system is used
- How is course level determined?
 - Per KGU's website: "courses are generally equivalent to 300- or 400-level upper division (third- and fourth-year) courses in most other universities, in terms of level of academic content and amount of work required."
 - No official course number system is used at KGU
- What grade scale is used and what is the conversion to UWEC grades?
 - US system grading scale (A-F)

CURRICULUM:

Students will take one elementary Japanese language (Japanese level 2 or 3) course worth 5 credits and an Introduction to Asian Studies worth 2 credits.

In consultation with Dr. Kakegawa, she has stated that Level 2 would be equivalent to Japanese 102 and Level 3 would be equivalent to Japanese 201. The additional courses would need to be reviewed for an equivalency.

HOUSING:

Summer students are housed in the new international student dormitory located on campus.

CALENDAR:

6-week summer program from early June – mid-July. Past summer programs have run from June 4 – July 20.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 years or older
- Currently enrolled as a degree seeking student at UWEC
- English proficiency
- Studied one semester of college level-Japanese or the equivalent
- 3.0

LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE:

Students in the 2016-17 calendar and later can fulfill an integrated learning (I1) requirement upon completion of the integrated learning assignments during their time abroad.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Summer 2022