March 14, 2022 - Announcing KU-EOL Spring 2022

Kansai University/IIGE is pleased to announce the upcoming Kansai University Engaged/Exchange Online Learning "KU-EOL" Program Spring 2022, for your students to take part from May 21 - July 15, 2022.

The call for applications is now open, with a deadline of April 6, 2022 (JST).

Only 10 students per institution may apply. Home institutions should pre-screen students who wish to apply to this program.



*Please note: KU-EOL is NOT an "exchange study abroad" program. The "exchange" element of this program refers to student-to-student discussion and interaction which takes place in the online classroom setting.

Students who successfully complete their course of study through the KU-EOL program will be eligible for a certificate of participation (see details below), but transcripts (official or unofficial), formal letters, or other documents describing students' participation are not able to be issued.

※KU-EOLプログラムは、交換留学としてカウントいたしません。本プログラムの「exchange」とは、オンライン空間で行われる学生対学生のディスカッションや交流のことを意味します。

KU-EOLプログラムを修了した学生には、参加証明書(詳細は下記参照)が発行されますが、その他の成績証明書(公式・非公式)、フォーマルレター、参加したことを証明する書類は発行できません。

Program Overview - What is KU-EOL?

Given the challenging time for study mobility, IIGE has responded rapidly by scaling up online-based international education:

The Kansai University Engaged/Exchange Online Learning "KU-EOL" Program was first offered in the Fall 2020 semester as an innovative IaH (Internationalization at Home) solution during the midst of the global coronavirus pandemic.

In the interim of waiting to host incoming international students on exchange bases on campus, IIGE provided these prospective students with virtual classroom opportunities, establishing a multilateral exchange learning program together with our valued overseas partner universities.

While not necessarily a reflection of the future of higher education, the current state of hybrid virtual education should serve to inform the development of a more blended and flexible curriculum for 21st-century international education.

Program Details

♦ Program Cost

There are no application or participation fees for this program.*
*Please refer to the section on "Eligibility" for further details.

♦Program Dates

May 21, 2022 - July 15, 2022

♦Application Deadline

April 6, 2022, 11:59 PM (Japan Standard Time)

♦ Spring 2022 Courses

Unless otherwise indicated, the language of instruction is English.*

- Information and Communication Technologies
- Japanese History (the History and culture of Medieval Japan)
- Business for SDGs
- Contemporary Gender Studies
- Critical Thinking for Social and Global Issues
- Research Methods for Social Sciences
- Japanese Popular Culture (Post-war Japanese Culture)
- Methods of Comparative Analysis (ENG and JPN Communication)
- Global Sociology
- M Fundamental Global Studies
- Communication in Japanese Society (JPN Corporate Culture) -- Japanese language only (JLPT N2 proficiency or above required)

*For students whose native language is NOT English, the recommended English proficiency to successfully participate in this program is CEFR B2+. Students will not be required to submit proof of language proficiency certification, and should apply at their own discretion.

♦Course Preferences

Students should indicate up to 2 courses in order of preference. However, they will only be accepted into a single course. All selections will be final.

Seat limit: maximum 15 per course

Students should select the course(s) in which they wish to participate based on the contents of the syllabi linked to the <u>KU-EOL homepage</u> to be updated after March 11, 2022. Equally as important as the course contents are the goals and learning objectives for each course.

♦Language Requirements

English: CEFR B2+ equivalency recommended

Japanese: JLPT N2+ equivalency REQUIRED**

**Only for those who wish to take "Communication in Japanese Society (JPN Corporate Culture)" or "Communication in Japanese Society (Business Japanese)"

♦Workload

Each course will consist of approximately 10 lectures (at approximately 15 hours) and extracurricular assignments (at approximately 5+ hours) for a total of 20 learning hours.

♦Certificate of Participation

Certificates of Participation will be issued to students' home institutions within three months of successful program completion. Participants who attend at least 70% of the lectures in their enrolled course will receive a certificate of participation.

NOTE: KU-EOL does NOT offer credits. This is a certificate program only. Certificates will be issued digitally. Hard copies of certificates will not be issued and cannot be requested. Transcripts (official or unofficial), formal letters, or other documents describing students' participation are NOT able to be issued.

♦Commitment Statement

IIGE and will notify students' home institutions of the final status of students' participation and performance in this program.

This program is offered on a complimentary basis, and as such the selection process is highly competitive. Non-committal participation or dropping out partway through the program without an appropriate reason is unacceptable and may result in students' disqualification from participation in future programs.

Additionally, group activities are an integral and obligatory part of this program. Students who do not participate satisfactorily in their group work will not be eligible to continue the program.

♦Course Requirements (Students' Responsibility)

1) Internet access

This program will be conducted 100% online, which requires students to have:

• a **stable internet connection** able to handle video calls without interruption

- a quality microphone/headset
- and a functioning camera-equipped PC
- 2) Students will be required to create a free account with the LMS (Learning Management System) utilized in their enrolled course through which various course activities etc. will be conducted. Further information will be provided to students upon enrollment and may vary from course to course.

Eligibility and How to Apply

♦Eligibility

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at Kansai University or IIGE-affiliated institutions who are in good academic standing (recommended minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) who have been approved by their home institutions are eligible to apply.*

♦Application Procedure

*Students must apply for this program through their home institutions. <u>Individual applications will NOT be processed.</u>

STEP 1: Please download and complete the attached application form

STEP 2: Send the completed application form to ku-eol@ml.kandai.jp via email with the following title: ApplicationKUEOL_Institution Name_Country_Date.

Application deadline: April 6, 2022, 11:59 PM (Japan Standard Time)

♦Announcement of Program Selection Results

Program selection results will be sent directly to students' home institutions via email from ku-eol@ml.kandai.jp by April 28, 2022 (JST). Please note that students are not guaranteed a spot in this program, and selection criteria is at the discretion of Kansai University. All selections are final.

For more information...

Please visit our KU-EOL website https://supportiige.wixsite.com/ku-eol

Inquiries

Please email ku-eol@ml.kandai.jp, attn IIGE Secretariat clearly indicating in the subject line that your inquiry relates to the "KU-EOL Program Spring 2022"