Immerse yourself in Japanese Language and Culture at one of the most dynamic universities in Japan. The Center for International Studies at Kansai Gaidai University houses an Asian Studies Program with courses ranging from traditional culture to current economic developments, ceramics and Japanese brush painting. Participants are required to enroll in Japanese language courses, but may undertake the remainder of their studies in English.

Kansai Gaidai University was established in 1945 and now enrolls over 14,000 students. Many students in the Asian Studies program are pursuing minors in Japanese or Asian studies, international business, international studies, history, or political science. This exchange program is open to all UVM academic departments, but preference will be given to students from the UVM Japanese program.

Kansai Gaidai University is located in the city of Hirakata (pop. 397,600) midway between Osaka, Japan’s second largest city, and Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan. Hirakata is home to six universities and is well connected to other cities by public transportation. Located in the cultural heart of Japan, the campus provides an excellent starting point from which to begin your exploration of a truly fascinating land.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Students must have completed at least one year of full-time study in a UVM degree program and must remain registered in that degree program during the period of study in Japan.
- Students must be in good academic standing at UVM with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and preference will be given to students within the Japanese Language Program.
- Students need a minimum of two semesters of Japanese Language classes.

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For more information, visit the Kansai Gaidai University or OIE’s website at: [http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/](http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/) or [http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/exchange.html&SM=sa_menu.html](http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/exchange.html&SM=sa_menu.html)
APPLICATION PROCESS AND DATES OF THE EXCHANGE:

- Students can study for an academic year or semester.
- Students must first complete a UVM Exchange Application. UVM Exchange Applications, including Academic Reference Forms, can be downloaded at: http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/apply.html&SM=sa_menu.html
- Complete applications must be received in the UVM Office of International Education (OIE) by January 10th for fall or full-year priority placements, or by August 10th for spring semester priority placements.
- Once nominated to the exchange program, students will complete another application for Kansai Gaidai University.
- Upon acceptance, students must complete a Study Abroad Approval Form (SAAF) with the OIE. Students are responsible for obtaining a visa and any other necessary documents. Due to lengthy processing times, students should apply for the visa immediately after acceptance into the program. For more information, visit the Japanese embassy website: http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/index.htm

FINANCES:

- All participants are required to pay a UVM study abroad fee of $500 for a semester or year.
- Costs per semester: Students pay UVM’s exchange tuition rate, (in-state students pay in-state tuition; out-state students pay 150% of in-state tuition), student fees, room and board.
- Students are responsible for obtaining a student visa and may need to purchase additional health insurance.
- Students are responsible for obtaining their passport, booking their travel, purchasing their books, and paying personal expenses.
- There are many scholarships to encourage undergraduate study in Japan. More information is on the OIE website under cost of study abroad. Note: Deadlines for scholarship applications may be much earlier than university application deadlines.
- This exchange program qualifies for the transfer of State, Federal and UVM financial aid when applicable. Tuition remission benefits apply. Aid packages will be recalculated according to the program costs. Consult a Student Financial Services advisor for the full details of your aid package.

Each UVM student that participates on this exchange program opens a spot for an international student to study at UVM! Go abroad and help bring the world to UVM!