

JAPAN

Kobe College



► ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Available spring or academic year
- Easy transfer of credits
- On-campus accommodations
- Exchange Partner (You pay Chatham tuition. Chatham scholarships apply.)

► WHY NISHINOMIYASHI?

Nishinomiya is located almost at the center of the Japanese islands, between the cities of Osaka and Kobe, Japan. The city of Nishinomiya is best known as the home of Koshien Stadium, where the Hanshin Tigers baseball team plays home games and where Japan's annual high school baseball championship is held. Nishinomiya is an important commercial and shipping city in the Kansai region with the third largest population in Hyogo Prefecture. Nearby, students can view the beautiful cherry blossoms at Shukugawa Park and Manchi-dani and visit Mt. Kabutoyama, which can be seen from every direction in the city. The grounds of Mt. Kabutoyama include a botanical garden and a forest park, with an abundance of flowers and greenery. Students can visit local temples including the Nishinomiya Jingu Shrine and the Jurinji Temple. Nishinomiya provides easy access to Kansai International Airport and Shinkansen stations (Shin-Kobe Station and Shin-Osaka Station) to enable students to travel conveniently both in and out of Japan.

► STUDY AT KOBE COLLEGE

Kobe College was the first women's college to gain university status in West Japan, chartered in 1948. It is known for its architectural style,

► ELIGIBILITY

- Open to female undergraduate students
- Good academic standing (2.5 GPA)
- Applicants must have one semester experience studying Japanese
- One year's residency at Chatham

► APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROGRAM DATES

SPRING 2016 TERM

Application Deadline	October 31, 2015
Entry Date	April 1, 2016

2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR

Application Deadline	March 15, 2016
Entry Date	September 15, 2016



including unique rooftops and marble floors in many of its buildings. Exchange students are able to take courses from among three schools: intercultural studies in the School of Letters, music in the School of Music, and psychological and behavioral sciences and Biosphere Sciences in the School of Human Sciences. Kobe College offers a wide array of courses related to Japanese culture and Japanese language programs as well.

► ACADEMICS

Seeking to provide a well-rounded education to cultivate individuals with a broad perspective, Kobe College offers a variety of cross-disciplinary studies. Courses include: women's studies, psychology, education, philosophy, history, culture, art, natural science, information science, foreign languages, physical education and Christianity. Selecting subjects from areas of particular interest gives students a chance to build a foundation for future research. The tutorial system allows exchange students to pursue advanced learning on a one-on-one basis with an academic advisor. The student may choose an advisor from the faculty members at Kobe College according to her field of interest, and design the content of the course together. Composed of a mixture of lectures and activities, the Japanese culture course provides students with an opportunity to acquire knowledge and experience Japanese culture and traditions first-hand. Cultural activities include a tea ceremony (the Way of Tea), *Kado* flower arrangement, *Noh* theater, origami (paper folding art), and *Aikido* (martial arts).

► STUDENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Kobe College offers international students a buddy system where Japanese students are paired up with international students to help them get used to their new environment and settle in at school. The "buddy" helps with things such as welcoming international students at the airport, assisting in address registration, applying for health insurance, signing up for a cell-phone contract, shopping, and registering for university classes. The "buddies" also plan events and parties, providing fun opportunities for international students to get to know Japanese students. Generally, these "buddies" are the first Japanese friends international students make. Kobe student guides are available to escort international students around Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto, introducing the history and culture of the places they visit in English. The homestay program allows international students to experience Japanese life by spending time in a Japanese student's home on weekends (for short-term international students) or during the holidays (for long-term international students). Kobe College makes every effort to make the best student-family match before the student's arrival in Japan.

► ACCOMMODATIONS

The on-campus Mary and Grace Stowe Dormitories have 179 single rooms (each with a toilet). Each room is furnished with a desk, bookshelf, bed, dresser, refrigerator, and an air conditioner. Residents may use communal kitchens, lounges, showers and baths. The matron, who speaks English, is always present to answer questions international students may have.

► CONTACT INFORMATION

More information about the program can be obtained from the Office of International Affairs.

► ESTIMATED COSTS

	SPRING 2016	2016-17 YEAR
Tuition & Fees	Chatham Tuition	Chatham Tuition
Housing	\$3,000	\$6,000
Additional Expenses	\$2,600	\$5,200
Approx. Total	Chatham tuition + \$6,000	Chatham tuition + \$11,200

These prices are an estimate and are subject to change. This is an exchange, meaning students pay Chatham tuition and fees. "Additional expenses" is an estimate for meals, health insurance, entertainment, transportation, and personal allowance. Airfare is not included in either the additional expenses or total estimated cost of the program

Students are responsible for all other expenses such as airfare, transportation, visa fees, books, and personal allowance. Chatham is committed to being as transparent as possible with respect to our study abroad financial arrangements. Financial transactions and business dealings are fully disclosed. Foreign currencies can be converted at www.xe.com/currencyconverter/



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