

Three Policies of Kansai University Japanese Language and Culture Program (*Bekka*)

	Diploma Policy	Curriculum Policy	Admission Policy
Japanese Language and Culture Program (<i>Bekka</i>)	<p>The purpose of <i>Bekka</i> is to provide instruction in Japanese language, Japan studies, and Japanese culture to international students who intend to proceed to the next stage of education as a student at Kansai University or at other Japanese universities after passing the entrance examination. It is also to let students acquire the basic ability required for academic activities, and to cultivate human resources capable of thinking for themselves from a global perspective. A certificate of completion is accordingly awarded to students who have achieved this goal by having developed the following abilities and proactive attitudes in their studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge and Skills Students have acquired fundamental language skills and the information literacy needed for studying at the undergraduate and graduate school level, and are able to utilize them comprehensively. 2. Abilities of Thinking, Judgement and Expression Students are able to acquire the basic ability required for academic activities, to think for themselves from a global perspective, and to put into practice Kansai University's "Think and Act" academic philosophy. 3. Proactive Attitudes Students are able to develop intercultural adaptation and learn how to live together within the Japanese community or how to adapt to a diversified environment, through learning Japanese language, Japan studies and Japanese culture. Besides, they have the ability to deal with issues confronting them proactively. 	<p><i>Bekka</i> combines five groups of subjects: Japanese Language Class, Special Lectures or Seminar, Japan Studies, Japanese and the World, and General Subject in a systematic manner with its curriculum based on the following points with a view to enabling students to achieve their goals according to the Diploma Policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaching Contents <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Japanese Language Class <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. This class is designed to enable students to acquire the four basic language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in accordance with the student's level of Japanese proficiency. ii. Students will build on their computer and information literacy, utilizing extensive learning opportunities with ICT (Information and Communication Technology) and e-learning. (2) Special Lectures or Seminar This class is designed to improve students' Japanese language proficiency needed for academic activities in undergraduate and graduate programs, such as writing academic papers or delivering oral presentations utilizing appropriate academic expressions. (3) Japan Studies This class is designed to develop an understanding of the basic knowledge of Japanese culture and customs required in everyday life in Japan through lectures and activities. (4) Japanese and the World This class conducts in-depth studies on Japanese politics, society, economics, geography and history that are required in academic studies at Japanese undergraduate or graduate school. (5) General Subject This class is designed to enhance academic ability that is required in academic studies at Japanese undergraduate or graduate school, such as English, Mathematics and Science. 2. Evaluation of Learning Achievements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The level of acquisition of knowledge and abilities is evaluated comprehensively through the exam results of the Japanese Language Class given every quarter and the exam results of other subjects given every semester. (2) The Japanese language proficiency of each student is measured by the results of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (mock exam) at the time of entry to <i>Bekka</i> and at the end of each semester. (3) At the end of each semester, individual students' progress is assessed based on the number of credits they have earned, their GPA score and the results of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (mock exam). Personal guidance by an academic adviser is provided to students who are having difficulties. 	<p>Kansai University Japanese Language and Culture Program Preparatory Course (<i>Bekka</i>) widely accepts those who have the following knowledge and skills, thinking, judgement and expression abilities, and proactive attitudes as the students of the course according to our Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have the basic academic skills that are required in a 12-year curriculum of school education. 2. To be able to understand basic Japanese, such as the level equivalent to studying Japanese language for more than 300 hours. 3. To have a strong willingness to proactively study the Japanese language and Japan Studies, and have the fundamental capabilities of "Think and Act", Kansai University's academic philosophy, through learning.