Host institution
Kōnan University  www.konan-u.ac.jp/english/indexE.html
Managed cooperatively by four U.S. Consortium Universities: University of Arizona, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, University of Pittsburgh, and University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign.

Program focus
Japan Studies and Japanese Language. UHM faculty to offer one course each term in their area of specialization but must be Japan-specific.
www.studyabroad.hawaii.edu/programs/semester-year/kobe-japan/

Program period

Inquiries
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Other application requirements
Departmental and Dean-level approvals/agreements to continue paying applicant's salary while teaching on a study abroad program. Replacement cost for a lecturer position to the department may be possible, but is not guaranteed.

Resident Director’s responsibilities

Prior to Departure
• Student recruitment
• Advising
• Assisting with pre-departure cross-cultural training
• Attending the annual consortium meetings in March 2019 (Denver, CO) and March 2020 (Boston, MA)

On-site
• Teaching two 3-credit courses (one per semester) that are location-specific, utilizing the local resources to UHM and host institution’s students
• Mentoring UHM and consortium students and ensure student learning outcomes through contextual learning activities
• Monitoring academic quality and student support services at the host university
• On-site risk management 24/7
• Counseling and advising of students
• Complete professional development and/or research plan or curriculum development as approved by the Council on Study Abroad, based on applicant’s proposal
• Appointing teachers for Japan Studies courses
• Monitoring homestay program
• Participating in and/or designing in-country orientation
• Hosting homestay and KIEC personnel as needed
• Managing the office with KIEC staff

Resident Director’s remuneration
• Roundtrip transportation between Honolulu and Kōbe
• Monthly cost of living allowance
• Accommodation
• Teaching materials shipping allowance
• Continuation of UHM salary and benefits—the appointment is not a sabbatical

Year-in-Japan at Kōnan University, Kōbe
The Year-in-Japan Program offers intermediate and advanced undergraduates the opportunity to spend an academic year developing Japanese language skills and expanding their knowledge of Japanese culture through a variety of courses. Classroom learning is enhanced through living with host families.

The program has an on-site Resident Director who teaches one course each semester, as well as oversees academic, student, and administrative matters for the consortium. The Resident Director is a faculty member from one of the American consortium universities.

The program was established in 1976 on the Kōnan University campus, and has served over 600 students from a number of different American universities. The program is administered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for a consortium of American universities that includes University of Arizona, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and University of Pittsburgh.

The program is housed in the Kōnan International Exchange Center (KIEC) of Kōnan University, a small liberal arts university of 10,000 students in a suburban district of Kōbe. The campus of Kōnan University is 20 minutes from downtown Kōbe, 40 minutes from downtown Ōsaka, and less than 1.5 hours from Kyōto. Kōbe is located in the Kansai area, the middle part of Japan which includes Kyōto, Nara, and Ōsaka. It is the sixth largest city in Japan with a population of 1.5 million and is an international port city.

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa students have the opportunity to take courses offered by the UHM Resident Director, as well as other courses in the program. The Resident Director’s courses will also be available to all KIEC international students as part of the curriculum.

UHM Resident Director Appointment and Orientation/Training
The Resident Director is appointed to teach one course per term and perform related tasks for the program. For the duration of the appointment, the resident director will be under the purview of the Director of the UHM Study Abroad Center. At Kōnan University, the UHM faculty is the Resident Director of the Consortium Schools and a Vice Director of the Kōnan International Exchange Center (KIEC). KIEC has a Director and an Associate Director who are members of the faculty at Kōnan University. Additionally, a full administrative staff at KIEC provides all related administrative and
logistical support, while the Consortium provides the academic and programmatic framework. A shared and a single office space with relevant office equipment, all course related administrative and logistical support are provided by Kōnan University's Kōnan International Exchange Center (KIEC).

It is important to note that while the KIEC provides the consortium students a “home-base” and a chance for our students to study in Japan, Kōnan also shares institutional liability with our University. Therefore, the Consortium and Kōnan rely on the UHM Resident Director to ensure that a standard of care is provided to all participants, thereby minimizing liability. This means monitoring and responding to participants’ needs in the areas of academics, accommodations, health/safety, and as well as personal life (when appropriate), and encouraging Consortium students to seek help from KIEC personnel.

The Resident Director will undergo a training session to enable carrying out the stated study abroad responsibilities effectively.