

International Communication Course



Features of the Course

This course aims to help students acquire strong, practical English-language communications abilities for use in international settings.

The main goal of this course is for students to fully express their feelings and thoughts and to understand what a speaker is saying in both Japanese and English. Students are offered a variety of helpful lessons to suit their individual needs. For example, there are lessons for the student who is keen to obtain a professional job as an interpreter or translator, or who is keen to make the most of his or her English-language ability in a business or social setting, or who is interested in studying language communications academically.

*This course is open to approximately 20 students. (An applicant screening process is conducted.)

Course Characteristics

• Interpretation Practice

By cultivating their abilities in the practical use of both English and Japanese, students can learn that communication can transcend the expressive function of language by interpreting and translating these two languages.

• Connection between Knowledge and Practice

Subjects such as “Model United Nations” and “Kobe Studies,” which are project-based, enable students to integrate their knowledge of English through discussions and reports. By putting their English to practical use, students can gain a profound understanding of the dynamic aspects of knowledge, and improve their proficiency in practical communication.

• Study of Processes

Students are offered lessons which will help them learn the essentials of communication. These lessons will not only be of interest to students in academic fields such as linguistics and communication studies, but also to those who aim at improving communication abilities.



Graduate School

Through all ages, humans, goods, and information have been gathered together as a part of history, just as the tides collectively flow into the ocean. Inevitably, great civilizations have emerged when various kinds of tides called cultures have intermingled and blended together.

However, history also tells us that those civilizations which are self-contained and concerned only with themselves fall into decline. Understanding different cultures and taking them in for one's own growth invigorates not only knowledge and technology but also a culture as a whole, and subsequently such enterprises lead to real creativity and innovation.



Accepting other cultures and producing a system of knowledge which is creative and new, and transmitting it to the outside world and into the future are the aims of this graduate school. Both the Master's Course and Doctoral Course at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies have been designed with these precepts in mind.

Research Institute of Foreign Studies

The Research Institute of Foreign Studies was established in 1951 for the purpose of cultivating research and education. Since the university's inception, the Institute has played a pivotal role in the development of the university's research program, and it sponsors a variety of events and projects: publishing journals to present research findings, inviting researchers from other countries, and holding lectures. Moreover, as a part of the social action program, open classes for citizens are also held.

• Activities

- Research in Linguistics, Regional Studies, International Community Studies, Politics, Economics, Transport, and Pedagogy.
- Promotion of academic affiliation with research institutes overseas.
- Facilitating collaborative studies with other research institutes at home and abroad.
- Publishing research outcomes.
- Holding research workshops and lectures, and inviting guest researchers from overseas.
- Holding a series of lectures for local citizens.

