



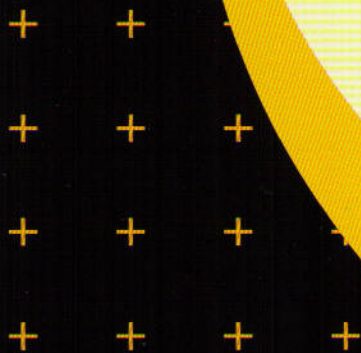
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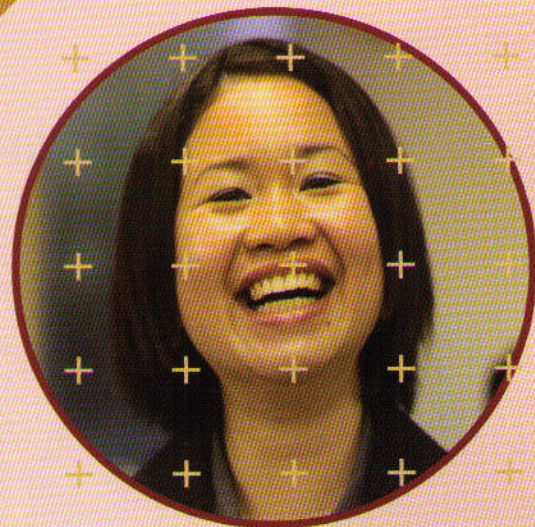
KOBE COMMUNICA INSTITUTE



日本語学校

コミュニカ学院





What does "COMMUNICA" mean? —Founding spirit

The name "COMMUNICA INSTITUTE" comes from the Latin word "communicatio", the word of "communication". The meaning of "communicatio" is to 'mean material things. Rather it means to share cultures, i.e., different behavior patterns.



What is our aim? —Philosophy

Our behavior and ways of thinking are greatly influenced by culture. Although there is nothing wrong with that, intercultural communication does not go well if we always look at things from a limited perspective. Usually we are not conscious of our "culture", our ways of thinking and values, like the air we breathe, but at Communica we aim at becoming aware of them and sharing them with each other. It is our mission to make a solid foundation on which cultures transcend and you can create new values while cherishing your own culture.

Here you are not going to learn Japanese just as a language. We teach Japanese education as "intercultural education".



How do you learn here? —Educational / Learning guidelines

We have the following two guidelines: "Know thyself" and "Learn through experience".

: "Know thyself":

This is a dictum originally inscribed at the temple of Apollo in Greece. At Communica it literally means to "know yourself". We often earnestly learn other languages and traditional cultures but we do not turn our sight upon the culture inside ourselves. If you do not know yourself well, you can not understand other people or the outside world. So, don't we explore together the mystery within?

: "Learn through experience":

This idea comes from Buddhism. It simply means "Just do it!" Just reading and thinking are not enough. Try doing something employing the whole of your body and your senses to start, after which it will be more meaningful to then think it over. Taking action leads to the next step.



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What can you learn here?

—Content of learning

1. We understand that knowing how to communicate your own "uniqueness" is an integral part of learning Japanese. Free yourself of the model conversations in textbooks, and learn how to say what you really want to say using Japanese from the very beginning. Here, you can do just that without losing your own "uniqueness".
2. In Japanese communication, both "correctness" (in grammar and pronunciation) and "oral fluency" are important. We can help you learn Japanese "appropriately" from both points of view.
3. In intermediate level classes and above with our Pre-college course, we shift our focus more to academic Japanese necessary to study and do research in Japanese colleges. It is not just for passing entrance exams, but to allow yourself to truly enjoy your college life as well.
4. We help you acquire the ability of autonomous learning so that you can lead a successful life at your colleges or university. In some classes, we offer "seminar" style lessons where students choose their own themes, make their own plans and go along with them. All of our staff will support you to act more autonomously in the classroom as well as outside the classroom.



Scholarships (Long term course students only)

- ① Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
(Japan Student Services Organization 48,000 yen/month)
- ② Rokko Scholarship
(Kobe Student Youth Center Rokko Scholarship Fund 50,000 yen/month)



Course Guide

[Long term course (College student visa)] The deadline of application

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| ① ~ 2 year course (entrance on April) | — entrance on April : The end of November |
| ② ~ 1.75 year course (entrance on July) | — entrance on July : The end of March |
| ③ ~ 1.5 year course (entrance on October) | — entrance on October : The end of May |
| ④ ~ 1.25 year course (entrance on January) | — entrance on January : The end of September |

—**"Graduate School Entry Class"**: This course offers individual guidance for writing the "Research Plan" as well as introduction to graduate schools fit for your purposes.

[Intensive Course (Short term course)]

This course is for people who has a visa of dependent, spouse, temporary visit and trainee.

- ◆ Entrance term : April, July, October, January
- ◆ Course : 60 lessons (about 1 month)
- 120 lessons (about 2 months)
- 180 lessons (about 3 months)

[Business Japanese & Japanese Business manner Course : 180 lessons]

[Individual Structured Course (Private lesson) : 20 lessons ~]



After Graduation

◆ Graduate School

Kyoto University / Osaka University / Kobe University / Kobe City University of Foreign Studies / Kobe University of Commerce / Tsukuba University / Kobe Design University / Kwansai Gakuin University etc.

◆ Public University

Hokkaido University / Kobe University / Kobe University of Commerce / Kobe City University of Foreign Studies / Hyogo University of Teacher Education / Nagoya industry University etc.

◆ Private University

Kwansai Gakuin University / Ritsumeikan University / Kansai University / University of Marketing and Information Sciences / Kyoto University of Art and Design / Kobe Gakuin University / Osaka Institute of Technology / Kobe International University / Kobe Shinwa Women's University etc.

◆ Vocational School

Osaka Communication arts / Osaka School of Music / Osaka Sogo College of Design etc.



Academic Calendar

	Examination / Guidance counseling	Activity
Apr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An entrance ceremony / physical exam. First semester starts Course Orientation Orientation for college plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation (about daily life for new students) Welcome Party for new students
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing of higher education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ikebana International
Jun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midterm examination (1st semester) An individual interview EJU (1st)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange activity with university students Kabuki appreciation class KOBE festival
Jul.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An entrance ceremony / physical exam. JLPT (1st)* EJU (2nd) application Summer course I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation (about daily life for new students) Welcome Party for new students International exchange barbecue party
Aug.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JLPT (2nd) application Summer vacation (about 3 weeks) Summer course II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KIMONO-wearing class Kobe Port fireworks appreciation Communican summer party @ Suma beach
Sep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final examination (1st semester) Briefing of higher education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Festival
Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second semester starts An entrance ceremony / physical exam. Course Orientation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation (about daily life for new students) Welcome Party for new students
Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EJU (2nd)* Briefing of higher education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange activity with university students
Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midterm examination (2nd semester) JLPT (2nd)* Winter vacation (about 2 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anniversary of Foundation (5th) Kizuna (絆) Party by students KOBE Luminarie
Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes starts An entrance ceremony / physical exam. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A New Year's party Welcome Party for new students Volunteer activity / Participating for a memorial service of Hanshin earthquake disaster
Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final examination (Second semester) EJU (1st) application A collection of works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech contest
Mar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A graduation ceremony JLPT (1st) application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation party "Hanami" (Cherry blossoms viewing party)

* EJU: Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students
 * JLPT: Japanese-Language Proficiency Test



Insurance

	National Health Insurance	Disaster Compensation Systems for Students in Japanese Language Schools
Insurance payment	Around 1,800 YEN/month	13,780 YEN/year
Coverage	70%	30%
Rescuers' expenses	×	○ (Up to 5,000,000 YEN)
Liability	×	○ (Up to 30,000,000 YEN)
Illness or injury during homecoming	×	○ (30% of medical expenses)

◆ Long term course students are required to join both of the above.
 ◆ If you do, all the expenses will be covered.



Life @ KOBE

Tips for life	Living expenses & Accommodations	<p>While the cost of living in Tokyo is 100,000 YEN/month over, that of Kobe is 70,000 YEN to 80,000 YEN.</p> <p>Usually a guarantor is needed to rent a room in Japan. Communica is a member of "Comprehensive Renters Insurance for Foreign Students Living in Japan" and can be your guarantor. One month rent is 40,000 YEN to 50,000 YEN.</p>
	Climate	<p>Facing the Seto Inland Sea, Kobe enjoys a temperate weather throughout the year and does not have much rain. The annual average temperature is around 16 to 18C. Seasonal average is 26 to 30C in summer, and 3 to 5C in winter.</p>
Part-time job	<p>It is permitted up to 28 hours /week. (During long vacation: up to 8 hours/day.) *Needed a permission</p>	



Student Support

- * We offer career orientation for living and staying in Japan, as well as when entering school.
- * Presentations (both on and off-site, for advancing to higher education) are held several times a year, with individual career counseling available anytime.
- * "Happy Memory Pass" and "Hyogo Culture Pass" are offered for free. (These passes can be used at cultural facilities around Kobe for free access and discounts.)



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“KOBEOの街が私たちのキャンパス”



➡ About KOBE...

Until 1868 Japan was a closed country, yet opened 5 ports to foreign countries. Kobe port is one of them and opened for all over the world.

After that, 'people', 'things', 'information', 'culture' etc. coming into Kobe from all over the world. People came from overseas live and go into business, and schools for their children are made. Now there are 9 schools (English, Hangul, Chinese, German and Norwegian) for foreigners from the age of 5 to 18.

“The Former Foreign Settlement of Kobe”, which Communica Institute is in, is established as the same year of opening Kobe port and diplomats, traders, cultured people, newspaper reporters etc. lived. They brought European life style, culture, construction and industry. Culture characteristic of Kobe are made by them. These history of Kobe and great natural environment (around sea and mountain) make nice town to live for foreigners.

In addition, Kobe is the prefectural capital and the population is one and a half million. We have nice view consisting of artificial island as if future city, such as Port Island and Rokko Island. Neighboring cities of Kobe is high technology area which symbolizes modern Japanese industry such as shipbuilding, steel manufacturing, heavy chemical(s) industry, electronics and so on.

Not only nature and industry, also shrines of Nara and Kyoto, temples, castles, racial performing arts and industrial arts having history and tradition are equal to a Buddhist temple. There are a skiing ground, which has good facilities such as the Kannabe highlands, and famous hot springs (e.g., Arima, Kinosaki, Yumura, etc.).





➡ *"The Former Foreign Settlement of Kobe," the historical district where Communica Institute is, has developed since the opening of Kobe Port, and has created its own unique culture. It is located in the center of Kobe where many of municipal office buildings gathers.*

➡ *Communica Institute is located at the 7 minute walk from the Sannomiya station on JR and other major railways.*

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