Japan, a country of over three thousand islands extending along the Pacific coast of Asia, is full of amazing contrasts between old and new. The country offers a very wide range of attractions, from historical and cultural treasures to modern and futuristic sights and beautiful forests, mountains and sea coasts. Founded in 1945, Kansai Gaidai University is located in Hirakata City, the capital heart of Japan. Kansai Gaidai is accessible, within a one-hour train ride, to Kyoto and Nara, the ancient capitals, and Osaka, the second largest business hub in Japan.

Student Program Services: Kansai Gaidai’s classrooms are equipped with state-of-art AV devices (i.e. DVD players, LAN network ports, video projectors, etc). The university offers computer rooms, library, media center, student lounge, language labs, and art studios. The Gymnasium houses Karate, boxing training space, shower room, general training room, and volleyball and basketball arenas. For more information on Kansai Gaidai University, visit: http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/

Academic Requirements: Undergraduate students with a 2.5 overall GPA or higher, 18 years old or above, and currently in a degree-seeking program in a college or university. Previous Japanese language is not required.

Courses: Students take two courses, which will include field trips and student organized activities for hands-on learning. Introductory Japanese Language (8 credits): An introductory course for students without prior study in Japanese language. Introduction to Asian Studies (2 credits)

Living Accommodations: Summer program participates will stay in the international student dormitory (i.e. Seminar House) with a roommate (double occupancy accommodations). Kitchen facilities are available in the student dormitory for student use. To view the accommodations http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/04_campus_life/03/02.html

Program Costs: JPY 305,000. Exchange rates can fluctuate daily, visit www.oanda.com for the latest exchange rate.

Program Fee Includes: Tuition, housing (dormitory, double occupancy), pick-up service, liability insurance, some field trips, pre-departure orientation, on-site orientation, and support staff.

Not Included: Airfare (Est. $1,550), FAU application fee ($200), meals (Est. JPY 80,000 based on students doing mostly their own cooking), Miscellaneous/local transportation (Est. JPY 50,000), CISI insurance ($88), textbook (Est. $75), and personal spending money (Est. $500). NOTE: If paying by credit card, add JPY 7,000 for the handling fee.

Application Period: February 1 – March 14, 2017 (Note that the application period may close earlier if program reaches capacity). There is space for 30 students only.

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FAU students wearing traditional Japanese attire (yukata)