



Kansai University

Summer 2025

Multilateral COIL Program (MCP)



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About MCP Courses



Multilateral COIL/VE Project

Crossing institutional boundaries through COIL/Virtual Exchange for university lecturers and students in Japan and abroad

How MCP Works

The Japan Multilateral COIL/VE Project (MCP) at Kansai University is an innovative online education initiative developed and implemented in collaboration with multiple Japanese and international universities. The program offers a unique educational experience where courses are taught by instructors from diverse institutions and open to partner students from around the world. Through Collaborative Online Interactive Learning (COIL), participants engage in live, interactive sessions and collaborate with peers globally on projects centered around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

MCP courses are offered twice annually during the Spring (February-March) and Summer (August-September) breaks, with each course lasting approximately 3-5 weeks. Courses include 10 synchronous sessions, each two hours long, focusing on developing essential skills and knowledge for a globally interconnected world. Courses offered so far include 21st Century Skills, SDGs & Business, Diversity & Inclusion, Social Entrepreneurship, and Skills for Society 5.0.

Students who complete the program earn digital credentials, showcasing their accomplishments and collaborative skills. This flexible, interdisciplinary format enables students to broaden their perspectives and engage meaningfully with peers from different cultural and academic backgrounds. Additionally, as a free program, MCP is inclusive and accessible to all students, offering them a valuable international experience from the comfort of home.



Why participate?

1

International experience from home

Experience international learning like never before with this virtual exchange program! This unique and inclusive opportunity allows you to engage with peers from around the world, gaining valuable cultural insights and global perspectives—all without the need for physical travel.

3

Develop Essential Competencies

Develop essential skills for success in a globalized world, including intercultural competence, critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership—key tools that will set you apart in an interconnected international landscape.

2

Work with students from around the world

Engage in project-based learning and discussions with peers from Japanese universities and around the world. Expand your global network and gain valuable international experience. Over 500 students from 21 countries have participated so far.

4

Receive a digital certificate

Earn recognition for your efforts! Students who attend all sessions and complete the coursework will receive a digital badge, showcasing their achievement.



Who are the students?

Undergraduate and master's students from the following domestic and overseas institutions are eligible to enroll in MCP courses:

- J-MCP Partner Institutions
- IIGE Network Institutions
- JIGE Partner Universities
- UMAP-Affiliated Institutions



Who are the instructors?

Courses are facilitated by a diverse team of lecturers from participating universities in Japan and across the globe.

Who provides the curriculum?

The lectures and curriculum are co-designed and delivered collaboratively by the participating universities.

Digital Badges

About Digital Badges

Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for a digital badge to be issued by IIGE (Kansai University) within 3 months of program completion.

Digital badges issued by IIGE are verifiable and meet the qualifications for IMS Global Open Badges 2.0.

Please note that IIGE/Kansai University does NOT issue credits, transcripts (official or unofficial), letters of credit approval, or any similar documentation for this program.



How Digital Badges Are Used

Digital badges, or digital credentials, are electronic certifications issued by educational institutions to validate a person's skills, achievements, or qualifications upon completing a course. These credentials provide verifiable proof of accomplishment and can be easily shared online. They include metadata, such as the issuer's name, the skills gained, and the criteria met to earn the badge.

For the MCP program, Kansai University's Institute for Innovative Global Education (IIGE) will issue certificates through the OpenBadge platform. This platform allows participants to receive digital badges that can be shared on professional networks like LinkedIn or included in resumes. The certificates can also be downloaded in PDF format.



Step 1. Kansai University sends the digital badge through the OpenBadge Platform.



Step 2. The student receives an email from OpenBadge with a link to the badge.



Step 3. The student can download the certificate or share it on social media platforms, like LinkedIn.

Summer 2025 MCP Module

Mental Health & Well-Being



- 01 Gain essential knowledge on mental health and well-being
- 02 Join an international cohort, collaborate in diverse teams
- 03 Gain insights from distinguished Japanese instructors

About

Mental Health and Well-being is a course that introduces students to the essential aspects of mental and emotional health, focusing on how we think, feel, and connect with others. Drawing on insights from social psychology and cultural studies, it explores how individual behavior, social influences, and cultural norms shape mental health and well-being. With classmates from Japan and around the world, participants engage in cross-cultural discussions that reveal diverse perspectives on mental health. The course also examines the impact of environment and societal structures on well-being. Through collaborative activities and reflective learning, students develop strategies and perspectives to support long-term mental and emotional health in a global context.

Learning objectives

- Understand core concepts of mental and emotional health by examining how thoughts, emotions, and social relationships influence well-being.
- Analyze the role of culture and social norms in shaping perceptions and experiences of mental health across different societies.
- Engage in cross-cultural dialogue to compare and reflect on diverse perspectives related to mental health and well-being.
- Evaluate how environmental and societal structures impact individual and collective mental health.
- Develop personal strategies and global awareness to support long-term mental and emotional well-being through reflective and collaborative learning.

Instructors



PROF. KEIKO IKEDA
Professor, Kansai University



PROF. DON BYSOUTH
Specially Appointed Associate
Professor, Kansai University

Schedule

Session 1 August 5, 10:00-11:30 JST **Course orientation**

Session 2

August 5 13:00-14:30 JST

Session 6

August 13 13:00-14:30 JST

Session 3

August 6 10:00-11:30 JST

Session 7

August 20 10:00-11:30 JST

Session 4

August 6 13:00-14:30 JST

Session 8

August 20 13:00-14:30 JST

Session 5

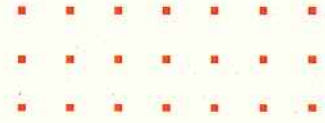
August 13 10:00-11:30 JST

Session 9

August 27 10:00-11:30 JST

Session 10 August 27, 13:00-16:00 JST **Final Presentations**

For Application



Who can apply

- Undergraduate or master's students
- Currently enrolled in Kansai University or one of its partner universities, UMAP member institutions, AURORA members, as well as IIGE-, J-MCP- and Applied Global Studies (AGS)-affiliated institutions
- In good academic standing (recommended minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale)

Requirements

Language

- The program will be conducted entirely in English. The recommended level of English proficiency for non-native speakers is CEFR B2. Submission of proof of language proficiency is NOT required.

Technical requirements

- This program will be conducted online, and requires students to have:
 - a stable internet connection able to handle video calls without interruption
 - a quality microphone/headset
 - a functioning camera-equipped PC

Commitment

- Students **must be available** to join all 10 lectures and participate in group work.
- Please note that **group work is an obligatory part** of this program. Students who are unable to commit to the development of the group project are not eligible for this program.
- IIGE will notify students' home institutions of the students' performance in this program. Non-committal participation or dropping out partway through the program without an appropriate reason will result in students' disqualification from participation in future programs.

How to Apply



Application Flow



Step 1

University receives program information from IIGE and informs students about the program through internal channels



Step 2

Students wishing to apply for the program submit their application information to their university staff



Step 3

The university collects application information from the students and selects **five candidates**



Step 4

The university downloads and fills in the application form below, and sends it to **kujmcp-1@ml.kandai.jp**

Application Form

[Click here to download](#)

Application Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Important

- 01** Students must apply for this program through their home institutions.
- 02** Individual applications submitted by students will NOT be processed.
- 03** A maximum of **5 students per institution** may apply to this course.
- 04** Please note there are NO application fees for this program.



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