



Kansai University

Multilateral COIL Program (MCP)
Summer 2026

APPLICATION GUIDELINES



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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 forms below, and sends them to to **kujmcp-1@ml.kandai.jp**

Application Form

[Click to access](#)

Application Deadline: July 19, 2026

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.
- 04** Please note there are NO application fees for this program.

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-, JIGE-, 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.

Summer 2026 MCP Module

Globally Known J-Pop Culture



- 01 Gain essential knowledge on Japanese popular culture
- 02 Join an international cohort, collaborate in diverse teams
- 03 Gain insights from distinguished Japanese instructors

About

Globally Known J-Pop Culture is a course that explores globally popular forms of Japanese popular culture, including J-pop music, anime, manga, games, idols, and fashion. Drawing on concepts from media, cultural, and fan studies, it examines how Japanese pop culture circulates internationally and influences perceptions of Japan around the world. With classmates from Japan and other countries, participants engage in cross-cultural discussions about fandom, creativity, and cultural exchange. The course also explores topics such as soft power, “Cool Japan,” and the global spread of popular culture. Through collaborative projects and case studies, students develop critical and creative perspectives while presenting Japanese pop culture to international audiences in culturally sensitive and engaging ways.

Learning objectives

- Describe key features and historical developments of contemporary Japanese pop culture (J-pop, idols, anime, manga, games, fashion) and its global spread.
- Explain concepts such as soft power, cultural diplomacy, and transnational fandom in relation to Japanese pop culture.
- Analyze how J-pop culture is received, re-interpreted, and sometimes contested in different regions and online communities.
- Collaborate effectively in international virtual teams (COIL) to research, discuss, and present a focused case study on globally known J-pop culture.
- Communicate ideas clearly in English through written reflections, group discussions, and a final digital project and presentation.

About the Program

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 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

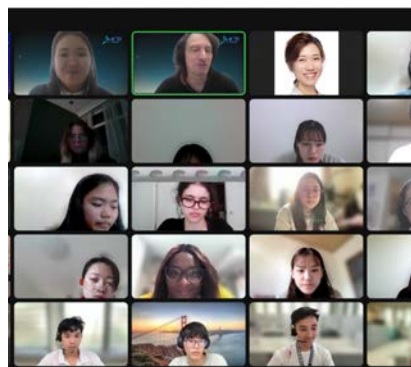
Earn recognition for your efforts! Students who attend all sessions and complete the coursework will receive a digital badge, showcasing their achievement.



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.



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