



WARWICK

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

KANSAI 2019

STUDENTS' HANDBOOK

Course dates

Orientation Programme

Monday 8 April 2019 – Thursday 18 April 2019

Summer Term

Wednesday 24 April 2019 – Friday 28 June 2019

Break

Saturday 29 June 2019 – Sunday 7 July 2019

Pre-Sessional Programme - Phases 4+5

Monday 8 July 2019 – Friday 13 September 2019

Break

Saturday 14 September 2019 – Sunday 29 September 2019

Autumn Term

Monday 30 September 2019 – Friday 6 December 2019

Please note the following days are UK Bank Holidays and there are no classes on these days, Monday 6 May, Monday 27 May, Monday 26 August 2019

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1. WELCOME!

Dear Kansai student

A warm Welcome to Applied Linguistics at the University of Warwick!

We are delighted that you have chosen to take part in the Kansai programme 2019.

Please read the information contained in this handbook carefully before you arrive. It will help you prepare for your stay at Warwick.

We will be in regular contact with you via email before and during your study at the University of Warwick, with important information, so please check your university email accounts regularly. We are here to help and support you throughout, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any assistance.

We hope you enjoy your time at the University of Warwick and that you will be able to experience a feeling of achievement.

We look forward to seeing you in April.

Best wishes

THE APPLIED LINGUISTICS TEAM



2. ABOUT THE KANSAI PROGRAMME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Orientation Programme

8 April - 18 April 2019

Specialised Cultural Orientation for Kansai students, including homestay in local homes.

Stage 1 - Summer Term

24 April – 28 June 2019

Study alongside other students from Kansai University for some bespoke provision, while also being integrated with the year-round Pre-session course, Phase 3. Accommodation in University residences.

29 June - 7 July 2019 - Break (one week)

Stage 2 - Pre-session Programme - Phases 4+5

8 July – 13 September 2019

Pre-session Programme Phases 4+5: Study in classes related to students' academic interests alongside international students preparing to undertake degree courses at Warwick University. Accommodation is on campus with other Phases 4+5 students.

14 September – 29 September 2019 – Break (two weeks)

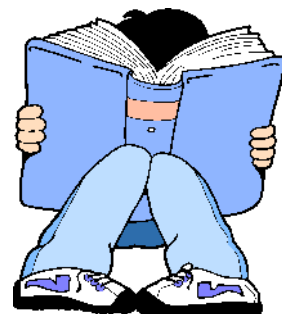
Stage 3 – Autumn Term

30 September – 6 December 2019

Depending on your language level, *either* further study on the year-round

Pre-session

or on modules from the first term of our BA programmes. Accommodation in University residences.



3. CULTURAL ORIENTATION

The programme (in April) consists of three main elements: English language immersion, intercultural orientation and cultural visits.

3.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION

This element of the course will focus on building up your skills and confidence in using English in preparation for the forthcoming programme. The aim will be to develop your proficiency and help you use English comfortably. It will include a focus on idiomatic English and on some of the common issues that arise when communicating through English in a range of social and academic contexts. There will also be a focus on study skills (discussions, oral presentations, expressing opinions and ideas, etc.) in order to enable you to participate fully and to interact effectively with other students. Gaining confidence in your use of English in an academic setting at this stage will help you to make the most of your whole study experience and to acclimatise to the new cultural context.

All participants will stay in homestay accommodation close to the University. This will greatly increase the opportunity for you to use English in real contexts and help build your confidence when communicating in a range of different social situations. Opportunities will be given to you at this early stage to express your concerns and expectations around living and studying in the UK.

3.2 INTERCULTURAL ORIENTATION

This element of the course will provide input on topics of intercultural interest that will deepen your understanding of cultural difference and how to adapt to a different culture. This will prepare you for your stay in the UK and give you the skills to reflect on and explore some of the issues you experience during your stay. Although led by the tutor, these sessions will encourage maximum participation and discussion and lead to the opportunity to explore your own individual learning styles in more detail. This will stand you in good stead for the remainder of the programme and beyond.

These intercultural sessions will also enable you to further broaden your use of English. Some sessions may be led by a visiting speaker, who will introduce a specific topic of cultural interest. They will include a range of topics that can touch on current affairs, UK media, society, education, politics, international relations etc., depending on your areas of interest. The initial presentation will usually lead to group discussion and other activities in order to deepen your appreciation of the issues raised by the topic.

3.3 CULTURAL VISIT PROGRAMME

During the programme, time will be spent on enhancing your knowledge and experience of British culture through visits to places of cultural interest. You will take part in two half-day visits and one whole-day visit during the two-week programme.

Each visit will be preceded by a preparatory session that will help you to understand the cultural context of the visit.

Venues could be chosen from the following (subject to agreement with Kansai University) **Half-day trips**

- Stratford-upon-Avon, the town of Shakespeare's birth
- Black Country Living Museum, bringing the fascinating social and industrial history of the region to life
- The Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty and small villages
- Warwick Castle, one of the most exciting and impressive castles in Europe

Whole-day trips

- Oxford, the beautiful old University town
- Bath, world famous city founded in Roman times 2000 years ago
- London, the capital city with its wide range of museums and other attractions

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation will be offered in carefully-vetted, high-quality homestays within easy travelling distance of the University. You will live with hosts on a half-board basis during the week, and this will include meals at weekends if you are at home. You will have a private study bedroom. In this way you will gain invaluable personal experience of contemporary British life and culture in a private home setting. This will serve as valuable preparation for a more independent living experience when term starts.

Weekly Timetable

A weekly timetable of approximately 15 taught hours will be arranged. There will be taught sessions between 9.00am and 12.30pm every weekday morning. On some afternoons there will be half-day cultural visits, independent study, and sport or leisure opportunities.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

4. SUMMER TERM

In this term you will receive a full-time programme of English language (with an emphasis on academic study), study skills, British culture and intercultural communication. You will join the all-year-round Pre-sessional for most of your course, studying alongside other international students in the Centre, but will have 5.5 hours per week of dedicated Kansai-only classes focussing on UK culture and intercultural communication. This part of the programme is designed to allow you to become a more independent and confident user of English in an academic context. You will develop the skills to self-correct and self-audit your own writing and speaking, as well as to listen to and read English with the accuracy and ease needed for intensive study. We teach you in small groups to ensure you have the maximum opportunity to practice and improve your English language skills. The course will also introduce you to relevant aspects of British life, culture and institutions.

You will also undertake an extended project involving some background research and a survey, leading to a written report and a presentation. There will also be a trip to a place of cultural interest.

Please note that during this term and throughout your whole programme each Kansai student will have a Personal Tutor who is responsible for your general well-being, as well as your academic study. This tutor is likely to be the Programme Manager, Nigel Prentice.

At the end of the Summer Term you will have the opportunity to take a short break. This will allow you to explore the UK or make a trip to Europe if you wish.

1. PRE-SESSIONAL COURSE

This course is divided into two Phases of 4 and 6 weeks. Because the Pre-sessional course is designed for international students who are going to follow full-time study courses from October, you will be in study groups which contain students from other countries.

In Phase Four (4 weeks) you will follow a language course which focuses on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills for general academic study purposes.

Phase Five is much larger: there will probably be more than 500 students in total and many study groups (maximum size 17). As far as possible you will be placed in a group on the basis of your academic interests. In Phase Five you will produce a short written project over the six weeks, based

on your reading and research and supervised by your tutor. You will also practise seminar speaking skills and produce a final presentation on a topic of your choice. Both your project and your presentation will be assessed. The Pre-session course also includes some social activities in the evenings and Saturday trips to places of cultural interest.

During this period – while following the Pre-session course - you will have the option of taking an IELTS test in order to meet the language entry requirements of the Centre's two BA programmes, in Language, Culture and Communication, and in English Language and Linguistics (see 6.2 below). If you meet these requirements (IELTS 6.5, with a minimum of 6.0 in any component), you will be able to take three assessed modules from these courses in the autumn term and gain higher credits (assuming that you complete the assessed work). We will help and support you with your IELTS preparation if you choose to take the test. If you do not choose to follow this route or fail to meet the BA IELTS entry requirement, you will follow the autumn Pre-session in the regular way.

After the July-September Pre-Session course you will have a two-week break from study during which time you may wish to travel a little more.

6. FURTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT MODULES

Autumn Term

There are two possible routes that you will follow in this term.

6.1 Further English Language Skills Development

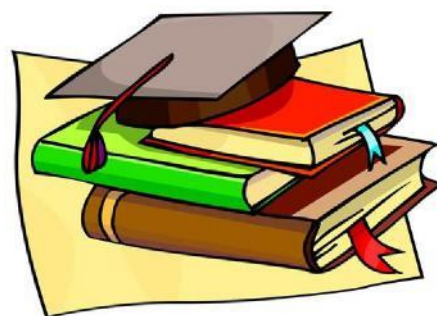
You will receive a full-time programme of English language and culture, studying alongside a new cohort of international students on the all-year-round Pre-session course. This programme is designed to allow you to further develop your independence and confidence in using English in an academic context. There are modules in reading skills, integrated academic skills, vocabulary and grammar development, and general topic-based integrated skills. Again, you will be taught in small groups to ensure you have the maximum opportunity to practice and improve your English language skills. As in summer, you will have 5.5 hours per week of Kansai-only classes, when you will follow a module entitled 'English Language, Society and Context'.

You will also undertake another extended project involving some background research and a survey, leading to a written report and a presentation.

6.2 BA programmes: Language, Culture and Communication; or English Language and Linguistics

For those students that reach the required level of English by September (IELTS 6.5) there will be the opportunity to study alongside BA students in the Centre on three of the following modules:

- Linguistics: Understanding Language
- Research, Academic and Professional Skills
- Culture, Cognition and Society
- Describing English Language
- History and Spread of English



7. CHOOSING WARWICK ACCOMMODATION

You will need to apply for your accommodation separately. Your accommodation will run from 24 April to 6 December 2019.

In your offer letter, we will provide you with your personal Student ID number, together with a link to the online accommodation form.

Your accommodation is normally arranged in 3 stages, but you will only have to make 2 applications (for the summer term and the autumn term, but not for the Pre-session course).

For the period 24 April - 28 June 2019 (summer term) you will be required to complete a 2018/19 online application form as soon as you receive an offer letter.

For the period 8 July - 13 September 2019 (Pre-session Course) accommodation will be booked for you alongside other pre-session students. You do not need to book this independently.

For the period 14 September - 6 December 2019 (autumn term) you will need to complete a 2019/2020 online application form. We will advise you when to do this.

If you have any queries or any problems applying, please contact Gareth McConnell at Warwick Accommodation. His email address is: Gareth.McConnell@warwick.ac.uk, telephone number +44 (0)24 7652 3772.

Please always state that you are a Kansai student when you make an enquiry.

8. NHS

The NHS (National Health Service) is the UK's state health service, which provides treatment for UK residents through a wide range of health care services. Some services are free for some students, while others may attract a fee. You will need to register at the University Health Centre as soon as you arrive in the UK.

The following NHS treatment is free for everyone:

- some emergency treatment (but not follow-up treatment)
- family planning services
- treatment of certain communicable diseases
- compulsory psychiatric treatment

The UK also has reciprocal health care agreements with some countries. If you are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement you may be eligible for NHS treatment; however, you should check whether additional insurance cover is still necessary. If you already have medical insurance in your home country, you may be able to extend it to cover you in the UK. Alternatively, you can inquire with UK insurers such as Endsleigh (www.endsleigh.co.uk)

For further information:

UKCISA Health and healthcare

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Living-in-the-UK/Health-and-healthcare#layer-3209>



The Office for Global Engagement (Warwick's International Office):

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/international>

University of Warwick Health Centre: <http://www.uwhc.org.uk/>

9. CHECKLIST FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF YOUR COURSE

Have you ...?



- Completed the initial online University enrolment process? This must be done before you leave Japan. We will send you instructions on how to do this.
- Paid your accommodation charges (by the end of week 2 of the summer term at the latest)?
- Set up your university email account? We will help you to do this. We will use this Warwick email address when we need to contact you, so if you prefer to use another email, such as yahoo, you should set up a forwarding instruction to your Warwick University email account.
- Joined any sports clubs or student societies that have interested you? This is the best way to meet British students! See <http://www.warwicksu.com/societies/soclist> for a list of societies.
- Registered with the University Health Centre?
- Opened a bank account? You will need a student status letter from Senate House in order to do this.
- Notified your family of your current term-time address and an emergency telephone number? - +44 24 76524315 or 76572845 for Applied Linguistics during office hours and +44 24 7652 3523 emergency University number outside office hours?

10. DID YOU KNOW..... ??

- There are shops, banks and other facilities available on campus – these include a post office, a pharmacy, a supermarket, a bookshop, banks, coffee shops, travel agents and hairdressers.
- If you would like to open a bank account we would recommend that you visit the campus banks for information, decide which bank you would like to choose, then ask at Senate House for a ‘student status’ letter to help open an account.
- There are many student societies that you can join whilst you are here, including a Japanese Society. Joining a society is one of the best ways to get to know other Warwick students. For further information, visit the Students’ Union building or check their website at <http://www.sunion.warwick.ac.uk>
- There is a temps agency on-campus (Unitemps) where students can apply to do part-time work. Details are available at <https://www.unitemps.com/>
- There is a Volunteers agency on campus (Warwick Volunteers) where students can apply to do voluntary work in the local community. Details are available at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/community/volunteers/>
- The Sports Centre facilities can be viewed on their website at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/sport> You can join Warwick Sport as a member or pay one-off charges when you wish to use the facilities. Please see the Warwick Sport webpages for full information or visit the Sports Centre in person.
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/sport/memberships>
- There are various places to eat on campus if you do not wish to cook for yourself. Alternatively you can buy groceries at the supermarket on campus, or at Tesco supermarket at Cannon Park Shopping Centre, just 10 minutes’ walk away. Both are open 7 days a week
- The Office for Global Engagement (Warwick’s International Office) organises trips for international students throughout the year to local towns and places of interest. Information about these can be found on the “Current Students” section of our International Office webpages at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/international/students/trips/> and tickets for such trips and events can be obtained from the International Office reception desk, on the first floor of University House.

11. CONTACTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

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