

SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO A STUDENT EXCHANGE IN JAPAN ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

The University of Milan invites applications for an academic study period at:

- Kobe University – Faculty of Law and Graduate School of Law, in the frame of an academic agreement involving students of "Corso di laurea in Scienze Politiche/ Bachelor Program in Political Sciences- SPO" and "Corso di laurea in Scienze Sociali per la globalizzazione/ Bachelor Program in Social Sciences for Globalisation-GLO" or

- Waseda University- School of Political Science and Economics, in the frame of an academic agreement involving students of "Corso di laurea in Scienze Politiche/ Bachelor Program in Political Sciences- SPO".

Up to 2 students will be selected to spend a semester at Kobe University, approximately from October, 2020;

Up to 4 students will be selected to spend a semester at Waseda University, approximately from April 2020 to February 2021, as per Japanese academic calendar.

Study abroad provisions

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program.

The study plan to be carried out abroad will be agreed and formalized through a Learning Agreement signed between the academic coordinators of both Universities (Home and Host Institution) and the student prior to departure.

Admission requirements

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying.

For participation in the exchange program at Kobe University:

- applicants must be regular second-year students of SPO or GLO in the a.y. 2019/20;



- applicants' CFU credits must be no less than 48;
- applicants' weighted cumulative grade point average must be no less than 26/30;

For participation in the exchange program at Waseda University:

- applicants must be regular second-year students of SPO in the a.y. 2019/20;
- applicants' CFU credits must be no less than 48;
- applicants' weighted cumulative grade point average must be no less than 26/30

Applicants must prove their English proficiency (level B2 or higher).

If students do not have any valid language certification (IELTS, FCE, TOEFL, etc.), and if they do not hold a secondary school diploma in a course of study that uses English as primary language, they will prove their English language skills by providing the placement level or a certificate of level issued by <u>Servizio Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano - SLAM</u>.

English language skills will at any rate be further tested during the interview.

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regular students enrolled in one of the above mentioned study programs. They must keep being registered at the University of Milan all over their study period abroad.

Application procedure

Documents required for admission in the exchange program are the following:

- 1. curriculum vitae;
- 2. copy of the identity card or passport;

3. screenshot of the UNIMIA page with the grades obtained in all the exams taken, including the grade point average. Activities not yet registered on UNIMIA page must be enclosed as well (pdf/jpeg);



4. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad;

5. statement of purpose (a letter in English explaining the scope of the mobility);

6. English proficiency certificate or SLAM placement level/certificate of level.

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the online platform <u>elixForms</u>.

Deadline: January 30, 2020, at 2 pm (Italian local time).

Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Marco Giuliani and composed of Professors Ilaria Madama and Beatrice Magni.

On the basis of the applicants' dossiers, the committee will shortlist a number of candidates equal to no more than the double of the available places for each destination, and invite them to an interview that will take place on **February 12, 2020**, at **9.30 am**, at the seminar room of the Dipartimento di Scienze sociali e politiche (side via Passione – 2nd floor).

Applicants unable to attend the interview due to circumstances beyond their control must forward any relevant supporting documentation by e-mail to the academic coordinator, Prof. Marco Giuliani. The Committee may decide to interview such applicants via videoconference.

In order to be admitted to the interview, the committee will assign up to 60 points to each candidate, as follows:

- 10 points: *curriculum vitae*
- 30 points: academic career and grades
- 10 points: statement of purpose
- 10 points: proficiency in English

The interview is aimed at testing the applicants' motivation and discuss their study plan at the Partner Universities, and will further assign up to 40 points.



After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the candidates according to their merit on the overall 100 point scale.

The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website <u>here</u>, by **February 19**, **2020**. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicant in the first two positions of the ranking must formally accept to enter the program within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this <u>link</u>.

If the selected candidate's e-mail of acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate loses her/his right to enter the program.

Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione (Office) will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host University for final approval.

Upon partner University's acceptance, the Office will contact selected student for information on administrative issues.

Financial aspects

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees. The University of Milan will award a grant towards travel and living costs abroad.

Exchange students will be covered with civil liability insurance and accident insurance provided by the University of Milan during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Exchange students will personally provide for medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.

The university grant will be awarded according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti. The awarding criteria will be as follows:

ISEE	Monthly allowance
less or equal to 13.000 euros	700 euros
from 13.000 to 21.000 euros	650 euros



from 21.000 to 26.000 euros	600 euros
from 26.000 to 30.000 euros	550 euros
from 30.000 to 50.000 euros and further	350 euros

The grant final amount will correspond to the study period actually spent abroad. In case of students not spending their period abroad entirely, the amount will be calculated by multiplying the number of days actually spent abroad by 1/30 monthly allowance.

Confidentiality

According to GDPR 2016/679 the University of Milan shall fully respect the confidential nature of any information furnished by the candidates: said information will only be processed for the purposes of the selection call, the formalization of any relation between the University and the candidates and the management of the relation thereof.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator: <u>Prof. Marco</u> <u>Giuliani</u>.

General information about the partner universities are available on the <u>Kobe University – Faculty of</u> <u>Law and Graduate School of Law's website</u> (information about courses, to update, is available <u>here</u>) and on the <u>Waseda University website</u> (information about courses is available <u>here</u> -pages 51-58, syllabus here).

For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione, e-mail: <u>international.education@unimi.it</u>

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