



SELECTION CALL FOR STUDENT EXCHANGES
IN JAPAN
DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

The University of Milan – UNIMI invites applications for academic study periods at **Kobe University – Faculty of Law and Graduate School of Law (Kōbe)** and **Waseda University- School of Political Science and Economics (Tokyo)**, in the frame of a bilateral Student Exchange Agreement.

Up to **2** students will be selected to spend a semester at Kobe University, approximately from September- October, 2026;

Up to **4** students will be selected to spend a semester at Waseda University, approximately from September 2026 to February 2027, 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. A draft of Learning Agreement will be provided.

Admission requirements

Applicants must be regular students of the bachelor's programs in “International Politics Law and Economics – IPLE” or “International Studies and European Institutions – SIE” during the current academic year.

The available spots will be allocated as follows:

- for Kobe University: 1 IPLE + 1 SIE
- for Waseda University: 4 IPLE

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying as well:

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

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regular enrolled in the above-mentioned study programs for the a.y. 2026-2027. The status of student, guaranteed by the regular payment of UNIMI fees, must be maintained for the entire duration of the study period abroad.

Attention: should it not be allowed to reach the destination country, upon the consent of the Partner University, the exchange program will be held on a virtual basis.

Application procedure

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the online platform [elixForms](#).

Documents required are the following:

1. copy of a valid identity document, possibly a passport if already in the possession of the candidate (pdf);
2. curriculum vitae (pdf);
3. screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing matricola number, list of exams taken and average marks (pdf);
4. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad (pdf);
5. statement of purpose in English (a letter explaining the scope of the mobility- pdf);
6. English proficiency certificate or SLAM placement level (pdf);



Application deadline

All the documents required must be sent by **January 30, 2026 at 12 pm** (Italian local time), under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Marco Giuliani and composed by Professors Ginevra Greco and Filippo Dornetti.

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 **on February 19, 2026 at 9.30 in the Seminar Room of the Department of Social and Political Sciences (Building via Passione, 2nd floor)**.

Participation in the interview is mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.

The shortlisted applicants will receive an email before **February 15, 2026**, informing them about their admission to the interview, and with the instructions to access it on Microsoft Teams.

In order to be admitted to the interview, the committee will assign up to 60 points to each applicant, 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 applicants according to their merit on the overall 100-point scale.



Selection results

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website [here](#), by **February 24, 2026**.

No personal communication will be sent to the applicants.

The first two positions of the ranking for the exchange with Kobe University and the first four positions for the exchange with Waseda University will be automatically confirmed as selected candidates. Any withdrawal must be sent within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this [link](#).

Ufficio Mobilità internazionale e per la Promozione internazionale (Office) will contact any eligible student who will replace the renouncer in the ranking and will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host Universities for final approval.

All the information necessary for this purpose will be communicated by e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the selected student to carefully check the e-mail address communicated at the time of application: it is recommended to use an address clearly showing name and surname.

Insurance coverage

Exchange students will be covered with University of Milan civil liability insurance and accident insurance exclusively during the performance of their study activities at the Host University.

Accordingly, they will personally provide for a general civil liability and accident insurance as well as medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.

Mobility costs

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees. Travel and living costs (room and board, local transport, etc.), for the visa and health insurance will be borne by the student, except as indicated below.



Financial aspects

The University of Milan will award a grant according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti.

Students will also be given a travel grant based on the distance between the University and the destination country (a maximum amount per km).

Here below are specified the awarding criteria:

ISEE (€)	MONTHLY ALLOWANCE (€)	TRAVEL GRANT (€)
less or equal to 13.000	700	
from 13.000 to 21.000	650	
from 21.000 to 26.000	600	
from 26.000 to 30.000	550	1000
from 30.000 to 50.000 and further	350	

The amount of the grant corresponds to the actual period of mobility spent abroad. Should it last shorter than that established by the call will result in a partial refund of the grant itself.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please note that International students whose household resides and has their income abroad, are not required to submit their ISEE. Therefore, such students' ISEE value will correspond to the equivalent ISEE ("ISEE parificato") issued by the CAF - Tax Assistance Center. Once selected, students will be required to submit the "ISEE parificato".



Confidentiality

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 GDPR and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 and ss. mm. ii, with regard to the protection of personal data, the Institution undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the Participant: all data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to participation in the Program. Information on the implementation of legislation on the processing of personal data is available on the [University website](#) at: Home> University> Regulations> Privacy.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator, [Professor Caterina Filippini](#), and International Affairs Office DILHPS, internationalaffairsoffice.dilhps@unimi.it.

General information about the partner universities are available on the [Kobe University – Faculty of Law and Graduate School of Law's website](#) (information about the courses is available [here](#) and their syllabi [here](#)) and on the [Waseda University website](#) (information about courses is available [here](#) - pages 51-58, and their syllabi [here](#)).

For information on administrative issues related to the call and to all aspects relating to mobility, students are invited to consult our Guide to the Extra-European Mobility (available [here](#)). They may also get in touch with the Office at international.education@unimi.it.

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