Jan 18th - 23rd 2027

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Discover the history, brewing, and service of Japanese sake through the Winter Sake Education Institute (WSEI), a one-week immersive experience hosted at Kansai Gaidai University.

01 | PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- **Four guided tasting sessions** covering sake types, sake rice, brewing styles, and specialty sake
- **Two brewery field trips** to Kyoto and Nada
- **Food and sake pairing session** with a focus on hospitality applications
- **WSEI certificate** following a final exam in theory and tasting

02 | PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Housing Dates:** 01/16/27 to 01/25/27
- **Course Dates:** 01/18/27 to 01/23/27
- **Location:** Kansai Gaidai University
- **Duration:** 1 week (10 days including arrival and departure)
- **Primary Audience:** Hospitality students, age 20+, Asian Studies Program alumni and other adults
- **Capacity:** 16 participants

03 | TUITION ¥320,000

- **Includes:** Tuition, dormitory accommodation, tastings, and field trips
- **Does Not Include:** personal transportation and food

04 | CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- **Kyoto Arashiyama and Fushimi:** the God of Sake shrine and Sake Museum at Matsuo Taisha, sake breweries, the Okura Sake Museum, and Fushimi Sake Village
- **Nada, Hyogo:** four sake breweries, with lunch at a brewery

05 | COURSE SCHEDULE

MONDAY | JAN 18
Sake Fundamentals

TUESDAY | JAN 19
Sake Regions, Labels & Sake Rice

WEDNESDAY | JAN 20
Kyoto Arashiyama & Fushimi Field Trip

THURSDAY | JAN 21
Hospitality Applications and Food Pairings

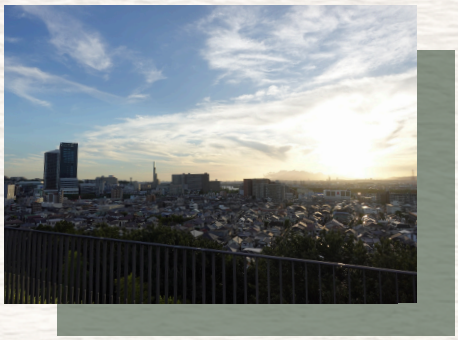
FRIDAY | JAN 22
Nada Breweries Field Trip

SATURDAY | JAN 23
Review, Exam, and Farewell Celebration

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06 | SUPERB LOCATION

Kansai Gaidai is located in the city of Hirakata in Osaka prefecture. Located mid-way between Osaka and Kyoto (both cities accessible by train within 30 minutes), Kansai Gaidai's campus is in the commercial and cultural heart of Japan. It is an excellent starting point to explore Japan.



07 | HOUSING

The program fee includes dormitory-style accommodation near the Kansai Gaidai Nakamiya campus. Continuing students already living in the YUI dorm remain in their current accommodation. There are several hotels near campus that can be booked as an alternative to the on-campus housing.



SINGLE ROOM



UNIT LOUNGE



UNIT KITCHEN

08 | INSTRUCTORS

Instructor: Momose Ayuchi, MBA

SSI Certified Sake Sommelier and SSI Certified Sake Instructor, with 27 years of working in the sake industry and teaching sake professionally. Graduate of Shinjuku Culinary Institute and one of roughly 100 people worldwide holding the Sake Samurai title.

Artist in Residence: Dr. Watson Baldwin, CCE, DHTM

Associate Professor of Culinary Arts, Kansai Gaidai University. WSET Level 2, Cicerone Level 1. Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Hotel and Tourism Management; graduate of the Culinary Institute of America.

09 | APPLICATION INFORMATION

- **Eligibility:** Hospitality students, age 20+, Asian Studies Program alumni and other adults
- **Application Fee:** ¥5,000
- **Application Period:** From November 1st, 2026 to December 15th, 2026
- **Admission Results:** On a rolling basis until class fills or December 15th
- **Non-refundable Payment Deadline:** Due one week after program acceptance

******The WSEI program is subject to cancellation if the minimum number of students is not met.******