



Kitasato University International Exchange Program 2025 Cross-cultural Interdisciplinary case study

Mission statement

- To expand the academic international exchange more interdisciplinary, and educate medical professionals with ability to expand their activity worldwide.
- To establish concrete and effective system for global education program across universities, which involves the “cross-cultural interdisciplinary case study”.

Cross-cultural Interdisciplinary case study

Information about Kitasato University and this program:

- Kitasato University <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzsTldWw-1M>
<https://www.kitasato-u.ac.jp/en/campuses/sagamihara.html>
- Discover Our 2023 & 2024 Programs: Watch the Highlights on YouTube (with English Subtitles)



(2023) <https://youtu.be/vCv4hu65JQA>



(2024) <https://youtu.be/bYJxxjVPqyU>



Objective:

1. This course lets the students exchange their most recent and evidence based skill and knowledge in health care, as well as sharing social values from an ethical standpoint across countries.
2. The experience of collaborating beyond background and disciplines let the students learn skills (cultural competency) to overcome the differences and work together as a healthcare team.
3. The students are encouraged to expand their activity in the diverse societal requirements and contribute to their medical and health care.

Issuance of Credit Certification:

Starting this year, Kitasato University will award a credit for this program. The English syllabus will be available online, and you can use it for scholarship applications in your home country. Additionally, a credit certificate will be issued once you submit your assignments by the university's deadline.

Procedure: The interdisciplinary case study is a group discussion (usually 9-10 students from different disciplinary) where each group will be assigned to a paper patient to discuss the following guiding questions and give a presentation regarding their opinion/ findings.

Guiding Questions (tentative): (1) Set a goal for the assigned patient with certain time period. (2) List the possible healthcare the patient should receive, and identify each profession's role. (3) Discuss the health insurance system, social value and an ethical standpoint across countries that may affect the care for the assigned patient.



Participated Universities: Announcement will be made after confirmed participants.

Participants From Kitasato University: Students from School of Allied Health Sciences (Medical Laboratory, Radiological Technology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Health Science, Clinical Engineering, Speech Therapy, Orthoptics and Visual Science, School of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy.

Program in 2025 (tentative): Date: March 10 to March 15 2025

Venue: Kitasato University Sagamihara Campus

1-15-1, Kitazato, Minami-ku, Sagamihara-shi Kanagawa 252-0373, Japan

Date	Event
March 9 (Sun)	Transfer to the hotel near Kitasato University
March 10 (Mon)	Orientation, icebreaker activity and keynote lecture
March 11-14 (Tues-Fri)	Cross-cultural Interdisciplinary case study (Discussion & Presentation), Shirokane Campus (Tokyo) tour
March 15 (Sat)	Cultural exchange/Sightseeing
March 16 (Sun)	Departure

Requirements / tasks for the students and prior confirmation

- 1) Students are required to give a 10-minute presentation about their university, curriculum, country and culture at the orientation. Please prepare a PowerPoint presentation beforehand. They may use video and/or audio if they wish.
- 2) Students from each university are fluent in English conversation and are able to present and discuss the medical/healthcare system in their country.
- 3) Students will need to do some research before discussing the case study. The Secretariat will send them the scenario as soon as it is ready.
- 4) Students will be required to complete the questionnaire and submit a reflection paper (1 page essay) after completing the program.
* A certificate of credit requires the submission of assignments **by Tuesday, March 18th, 23:59 (Japan Standard Time).** If not submitted, the certificate will not be issued under any circumstances.
- 5) Photos and videos will be taken during the program and will be used for the Kitasato University website and brochures.
- 6) Students must make their own arrangements for international travel insurance before entering Japan.
- 7) Have been vaccinated below (1) and (2) required by our university (if not vaccinated, provide documentation of antibody titers in advance). History of disease will not be accepted. All documents must be submitted in English.

(1) Proof of vaccination (at least two doses) against measles, rubella, mumps and varicella (chickenpox).



Or an antibody titer certificate that meets the requirement below.

(2) Proof of vaccination against Influenza (Only those vaccinated after October 2024 will be accepted).

***Antibody titer certificate:**

When submitting antibody titers, also provide documentation from a university hospital or medical institution certifying that you have acquired immunity.

**Note: This requirement is due to the fact that a student was unable to participate in the program due to the onset of an infectious disease after arriving in Japan. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

8) If dietary considerations are required due to allergies or religious beliefs, these should be noted on the checklist in the application form.

**Note: Please understand that depending on your request, it may be difficult to prepare the food in Japan into the form you require.*

9) Students who wish to request reasonable accommodation during this program are expected to notify using the application form.

10) Participants are responsible for arranging their own air tickets, but must stay at the Kitasato university-designated accommodation from March 9th(check-in) to March 16th(check-out). Participants must also manage their own schedules for the period before and after the program.

Financial support from Kitasato University:

- Partial Subsidy for Air tickets:

The subsidy is calculated based on the distance from Tokyo, assuming participants will depart from the location of their respective universities.

- More than 10,000 km from Tokyo: 120,000 yen/person (e.g., North America)
- Between 8,000 km and 10,000 km from Tokyo: 100,000 yen/person (e.g., Europe and the UK)
- Between 5,000 km and 8,000 km from Tokyo: 60,000 yen/person (e.g., Thailand)
- Between 2,000 km and 5,000 km from Tokyo: 40,000 yen/person (e.g., Taiwan)

- Accommodation: *Covers the period of the program from March 9th (check-in) to March 16th (check-out).*
- Meal expenses in Japan
- Subsidy for Cultural Exchange Activities

Documents to be submitted for the application *Additional documentation may be required.

- 1) Application form (ANNEX.1)
- 2) Copy of student's passport
- 3) Copy of Vaccination Certificate / Record OR Antibody Titer Certificate (endorsed by a medical institution)

Application Deadline: 13 December 2024 [Japan Standard Time]

Contact/Enquiry: Please contact your university designated office