

## *The Structure of the KIBER Program*

### SECOND YEAR: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

#### ➤ **Module: Business Communication I & II**

**Lecturer:** Mark FIELDEN (1 credit each)

**Learning Objective:** To develop presentation, analytical and argumentation skills relevant to studying business

#### ➤ **Module: Academic Reading and Writing for Business I & II**

**Lecturer:** Michael BENNETT (1 credit each)

**Learning Objective:** To improve skills of reading, discussing and writing academic texts for business

#### ➤ **Module: International Business Law I**

**Lecturer:** Cristian IMAZU (1 credit)

**Learning Objective:** To develop a basic understanding of legal concepts relevant to the study and practice of international business

#### ➤ **Module: Global Communication**

**Lecturer:** Berlitz (1 credit)

**Learning Objective:** To prepare students for internationally recognized qualifications in academic English: e.g., TOEFL

#### ➤ **Module: Business Debate & Case Study**

#### ➤ **Module: Business Presentation & Case Study**

**Lecturer:** NISHIMURA Yukihiro (4 credits each)

**Learning Objectives:** (1) To improve student skills of thinking and learning independently, individually and through group work, (2) To give KIBER students the opportunity to study in English with international exchange students from partner universities abroad of School of Business Administration, Kobe University

### Notes:

- All KIBER students are required to attend each of the modules listed above in order to gain credits and complete the Program.



### THIRD YEAR: 1<sup>st</sup> semester

#### ➤ **Module: Dissertation Research Seminars for KIBER Program students**

- Students taking research seminars designed for KIBER students can graduate in 4 years. Those taking non-KIBER seminars can graduate in 5 years.
- In 2017, the following professors offered the KIBER research seminars in 2018:  
Professors Abe, Goto, Hara, K.Hirano, Hoda, Horiguchi, Kajiwara, Kakamu, Kitagawa, Kou, Ma, Matsui, Miyao, Mori, Sanko, Shoji, Suehiro, K. Suzuki, Takada, Yamasaki and Yosano.



### THIRD YEAR: 2<sup>nd</sup> semester ~

### FOURTH YEAR: 1<sup>st</sup> semester

- KIBER students study at one of our partner universities abroad.
- Many partner universities require KIBER students to provide a TOEFL (iBT) score of usually 80 or above. Students need to have achieved this score by the end of October in the third quarter.
- Partner universities in the United Kingdom (e.g., Cardiff University) ask for an IELTS score, usually of 6.5.
- No additional tuition fees are charged to KIBER students who study at partner universities. However, it is important that KIBER students and their families know that they will be responsible for expenses related to traveling, living, insurance, and other out of pocket expenses during their stay period abroad. They should recognize also that living costs vary depending on which partner university KIBER students are assigned to.
- KIBER students can apply for scholarships and other sources of financial support, including JASSO, HUMAP, TOBITATE NEXT JAPAN, GYOMU SUPER JAPAN DREAM and Kobe University Fund.

### FOURTH YEAR: 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

#### ➤ **Module: Dissertation Research Seminars for KIBER Program students**

- KIBER students complete the dissertation research.

## Our Partner Universities

- University of Washington (USA)



- Cardiff University (UK)

- National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland)



- KEDGE Business School (France)

- ESSEC Business School (France)



- Ghent University (Belgium)

- University of Liege (Belgium)



- WHU (Germany)

- EBS University (Germany)



- University of Goettingen (Germany)

- University of Kiel (Germany)



- Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria)

- Norwegian School of Economics (Norway)



- University of Gothenburg (Sweden)

- Budapest Business School (Hungary)
- University of Parma (Italy)
- Koc University (Turkey)
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
- National Taiwan University (Taiwan)
- Korea University (Korea)
- Chungnam National University (Korea)
- Peking University (China)

### How to apply

- The KIBER Program is designed to support 30 to 40 students each year.
- Application procedures may vary from year to year; please check the current procedure on the bulletin board of the Graduate School of Business Administration.

### Contact

- Any questions about the KIBER Program should be addressed to Professor Yukihiro NISHIMURA ([nishimura-y@b.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:nishimura-y@b.kobe-u.ac.jp)).

# Kobe International Business Education and Research (KIBER) Program



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Since 2011, increasing numbers of students from Kobe University School of Business Administration have used the KIBER Program to prepare for successful study visits outside Japan and to develop their profile as individuals with experience of researching and working internationally. Taught exclusively in English, the KIBER Program has three main aims:

- To train students in academic skills for successful study and research at universities outside Japan.
- To train students in communication skills relevant to working with international business and research partners in Japan and abroad.
- To develop students as individuals who are confident and enthusiastic about working and studying in international environments for education and employment.