

AFLSP@KU Enrichment Program 2024

AFLSP@KU Committee

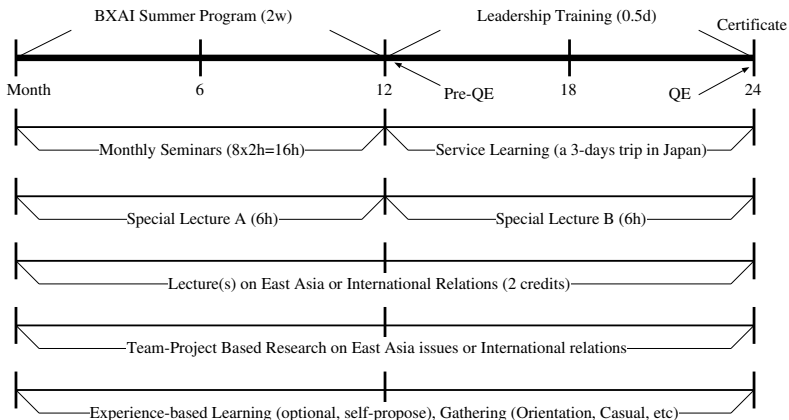
Kyoto University

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Program at a glance



- QE = Qualification Examination
- Japanese language is optional but strongly encouraged.
- Note: BXAI Summer Program is provided by BXAI.



Certificate of completion

- Proof of the completion of the program including
 - ① Orientation in the same year of the enrollment
 - ② Monthly Seminars (16h or more, mainly in the 1st year)
 - ③ BXAI Summer Program (provided by BXAI)
 - ④ Special Lectures (6h/y × 2y)
 - ⑤ 2-credits Lecture on intl. relations (Asia-focused) or comparative studies of cross-cultural issues in CJK
 - ⑥ Service Learning (SL)
 - ⑦ Leadership Training
 - ⑧ Team-Project Based Research (T-PBR)
 - ⑨ Pre-QE (first year) & QE (second year)
- (Optional) Experience-based learning (alternative for SL), Selected Lecture/Seminar (alternative for Special Lecture), casual gathering, Japanese language, etc



1. Orientation

- About BXAI

<https://www.bxai.org/who-we-are/about-us/about-bxai/>

- About Kyoto University

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/profile/ideals/>

- Program introduction

- Meet with committee members and alumni

- Please submit a “Commitment Plan” (A4, 1 page) to our office with the following content in one week.

- Your Name
- Why you are here with AFLSP@KU (your thinking)
- How you will commit to AFLSP@KU (in the 1st year, the 2nd year, and in the future)



2. Monthly Seminar

- Purpose: Help understand the diversity, identify issues, communicate with others and execute
- Duty to scholars in the 1st year; recommended to 2nd year
- Eight times \times 2h = 16h (Usually 10am-12am, Sat)
- Usually each time two personal talks ($2 \times 45 = 90$ minutes) + T-PBR group reports (30 minutes in total).
- A personal talk shall consist of report on research (at least half time) and cultural/social activities.
- Others shall consider together with the speaker and discuss after the presentation (interdisciplinary study!).



3. BXA Summer Program (provided by BXA)

Aug 3rd (Saturday) to 18th (Sunday)
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China.



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4. Special Lectures

- Purpose: Help understand the diversity and consider issues relevant to East Asia.
- 6h/year × 2 years
- Special Lectures are lectures or seminars specially designed for scholars, thus are mandatory program.
- Who missed a Special Lecture (with a strong reason) can propose an alternative lecture/seminar (called Selected Lecture/Seminar) if it is approved by the committee.



5. 2-credits Lecture

- 2-credits Lecture(s) provided by Kyoto University
- On intl. relations (Asia-focused) or comparative studies of cross-cultural issues in East Asia (China, Japan, Korea)
- Should select one from the list provided by AFLSP@KU or propose one and get approval by the committee before the lecture registration.



6. Service Learning (SL)

- Purpose: Discover culture diversity, communicate with others, identify issues and propose appropriate solutions.
- Mainly for 2nd year scholars but 1st year scholars are also welcome.
- Submit an individual research paper on East Asia or intl. relations after the trip (can be a result of a group work).
- Who missed it (with a strong reason) can propose an Experience-Based Learning as alternative (requires the approval by the committee).



7. Leadership Training

- Purpose: Help discover and develop oneself
- Mainly for 2nd year scholars but 1st year scholars are also welcome.



8. Team-Project Based Research (T-PBR) in general

- Study social issues on East Asia and/or Intl. Relations
- Purpose: (Main) Shared Leadership practice and interdisciplinary research on solving social problems
- Topic: Will be decided at the first Monthly Seminar
- Goal: Publication (finally \Rightarrow “Think Tank AFLSP@KU”) Three reports published so far on KURENAI.
- Suggest to consider to start from a previous T-PBR study
- Report length: 6–12 pages preferred (Pre-QE/QE)
- Provide financial support
- Supervisors will provide advices if asked.



Model and evaluation for T-PBR

- Model: 3Cs model for shared leadership (Xu & Zhao'22)
- Evaluation:
 - ① Appropriate organization (cleared in the team-building stage): 2–5 scholars including 1+ senior & 1+ junior, plus 1 Japanese student & 1 supervisor (professor)
 - ② Clear common goal
 - ③ Quality of the achievement
 - ④ Cohesive support: work as a cohesive team
 - ⑤ Complementary expertise: every member contributes in a unique and necessary way
- In 2024, max 4 teams (as there are only 4 supervisors)



9. Pre-QE & QE (Qualification Examination)

- 1st year: Pre-QE, 2nd year: QE
- Winter for April enrollment and Summer for October
- Who failed Pre-QE may lose the scholarship.
- Evaluation by annual activities with the following criteria
 - Quality of research (evaluated by supervisor)
 - Academic performance (by board members, including GPA, research achievement, presentation ability, etc)
 - Bird's view on issues in the world (Asia preferred)
 - Sociality (culture, intl. relation, communication etc)
 - Leadership (self-leadership, group leadership, etc)
- Team-Based Project Research is reported in teams.
- All scholars are required to join the event.



Experience-Based Learning (EBL)

- Optional but recommended.
- Purpose: same as SL, thus can be an alternative of SL
- Funding: To be decided.
- Submit your proposal one month before departure using the designated application form
- Can be combined with a business trip or national/oversea internship
- Submit an individual research paper on East Asia or intl. relations after the trip (can be a result of a group work).



AFLSP@KU Management and Offline Support

- Committee consists of nine members from different graduate schools including four core members.
- Office/Coordinator: TEL 075-753-5408, FAX 075-753-5680, Email AFLSP@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

AFLSP@KU Online Resource

WWW	www.aflsp.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Wiki	www.aflsp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wiki/



Important information

- Schedule in 2024
 - Monthly Seminar (10am–12pm, Sat): April 20, May 18, June 22, July 20, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 25.
 - QE/Pre-QE (afternoon of Sat): July 27 and Feb 1.
 - Leadership training: To be decided (TBD)
 - Service Learning: TBD
 - Special Lectures: #1 June 22 and #2 TBD
 - Funding for T-PBR, EBL (max 2 persons till August 31), and language test (for each person, once in two years).
- Username/Password for the Wiki site

