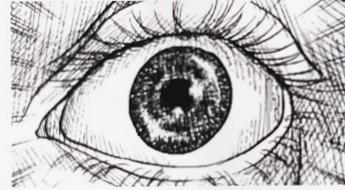


2026 FACT SHEET



MANGA ART

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SPECIAL FEATURES

01 | Superb Location

Kansai Gaidai is located in the city of Hirakata in Osaka prefecture. Located midway between Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolis, and Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan (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.



02 | Program Timeline

WEEK 1	Dates
Writing for Manga	Jun 23 - Jul 18 4 weeks
From its narrative structure to storyboarding, dive deep into what makes manga a unique storytelling form.	
WEEK 2	
Design and Illustration	Design original characters and become familiar using traditional manga tools.
WEEK 3	
Studio Practice for Manga	Hear industry insights from special guest lectures and begin creating your manga.
WEEK 4	
Presentation and Promotion	Gain convention practice by showing off your original work at a student exhibition on campus

03 | Tuition JPY 600,000

What's included?



Interactive Classroom



Housing



Field Trips



Access to Wi-Fi



Manga Production Tools

04 | Housing

Residence Hall | Global Commons Yui

- All single rooms
- Kitchen facilities available
- Lounge



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligibility: MAI is open to students who are studying at a university exchange partner of the Asian Studies Program at Kansai Gaidai University or alumni of the program. It'll also be open to those currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. To apply, please fill out the online application (see the following QR code) where applicants will be asked to fill out basic information, answer personal statements, and provide a work portfolio. For the 2026 MAI program, 30 students will be accepted.



Application Period
Jan 22 - Mar 15

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