History of the Japan Exchange Programs

Kansai Gaidai University

Beloit College and Kansai Gaidai University concluded an exchange agreement 1990, with initial activity involving five Beloit students studying at Kansai Gaidai’s Asian Studies Program and one Japanese student coming to Beloit. Most recently, Kansai Gaidai University have come to Beloit College for the final two years of their studies, earning degrees from both institutions. Since 1990, over 100 Beloit students and 80 Kansai Gaidai have participated in the exchange program.

Akita International University

The first Beloit College student studied at Akita International University in fall 2009, following a visit by a small Akita International University delegation to Beloit in the previous academic year. This visit was followed by a visit to Akita by a Beloit College delegation in October 2009. The two institutions began a reciprocal exchange of students in spring 2010, with a formal cooperation agreement to take effect in 2010/11.