

Student Exchange Program Information Sheet (Bilateral Agreement)

Information valid for semester	2023 Spring Semester
Name of University	Kagoshima University
University website	http://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/
Address of University	Kagoshima University 1-21-24 Korimoto, Kagoshima, 890-8580, JAPAN
General information about the university (location, number of students, faculties, etc)	<p>Kagoshima University was established in 1949 as a national university. The university has 9 faculties, 9 graduate schools with approximately 9,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students including 300 international students.</p> <p>Faculties: Faculty of Law Economics and Humanities, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Fisheries, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine</p> <p>Graduate Schools: Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Professional Graduate School of Clinical Psychology, United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine</p>
Our Campuses	<p>Kagoshima University has three campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Korimoto Campus (main campus) 2. Sakuragaoka Campus (Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kagoshima University Medical and Dental Hospital) 3. Shimoarata Campus (Faculty of Fisheries and Graduate School of Fisheries)
The number of exchange students to be accepted	<p>within the agreed number as written on our academic agreement</p> <p>* If immigration restrictions continue, we can't help limiting the number of exchange students accepted. In that case, 2022 Fall enrolled students whose admissions were postponed have priority. If admission of students in Spring Semester 2023 is allowed, we require the students to meet the following conditions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① The Japanese government permits the entry from the foreign country to Japan by the start of class in April 2023. ② If needed, isolation measures are completed by the start of class in April 2023. <p>Lodging expenses for isolation must be paid by the student.</p>

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Exchange duration	1. One Semester (Spring 2023: April 2023 - September 2023) 2. One Year (Spring 2023 and Fall 2023: April 2023 - March 2024)													
Semester periods	Spring Semester: April 1 to September 30 Fall Semester: October 1 to March 31													
Nomination & Application Deadlines	Spring Semester 2023: *Japan Standard Time Nomination: September 30, 2022 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) * Online Application: October 7, 2021 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.)* Fall Semester 2023: TBD													
Faculties available	All faculties accept exchange students at the undergraduate/graduate levels if they fulfill the requirements. *Except for the Graduate School of Education and Graduate School of Clinical Psychology													
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Course plan	Exchange students can take the following courses to earn credits. Please make a course plan according to your course type.	
	Points to note about taking courses	Language Requirements
	<p>【1】 Undergraduate/Graduate courses offered in Japanese Exchange students can take classes with the permission of the professor in charge. Please note that some courses are NOT open to exchange students, and some courses may have prerequisites.</p>	<p>※Please refer to "Application procedure/Required documents" about language proficiency certificates.</p> <p>Sufficient Japanese language proficiency is required: Students must be able to understand the classes, speak, and write assignments on their own. ※JLPT N2 or higher (JLPT N1 is preferred)</p>
	<p>【2】 Graduate courses offered in English Exchange students can take classes with the permission of the professor in charge. Please note that some courses are NOT open to exchange students, and some courses may have prerequisites. The following graduate schools offer classes in English.</p> <p>(Master's courses) Humanities and Social Sciences Economic and Social systems, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Foreign Student Program, Medical and Dental Sciences Global Course for Medical Sciences</p> <p>(Doctoral courses) Global Course for Medical and Dental Sciences, Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Science Course/Veterinary Specialization Course</p>	<p>Sufficient English language proficiency is required: Students must be able to understand the classes, speak, and write assignments on their own *Non-native speakers are required to submit TOEFL or other English test score certificate.</p>
<p>【3】 General education and undergraduate courses offered in English Exchange students can take classes with the permission of the professor in charge. Please note that some courses are NOT open to exchange students, and some courses may have prerequisites. *We have very few general education and undergraduate courses offered in English.</p>		

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【4】 Japanese Language and Culture Classes for International Students (SJP)

Exchange students need to take the placement test at the start of the Exchange Program. The result will determine the level you should be placed in. Students with beginner level or no Japanese language learning experience will automatically be placed in level 1.

Students can take classes according to their level, from the beginner level where you learn Japanese for the first time, up to the advanced level (equivalent to JLPT N1).

Japanese language proficiency is not required.
However, if you have not studied Japanese before, sufficient English proficiency is required.

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Course information	<p>■ Undergraduate (Only in Japanese) http://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/education/gakubu-kouengaiyou.html</p> <p>■ Graduate (Only in Japanese) https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/education/in-kouengaiyou.html</p> <p>■ Japanese Language and Culture Classes for International Students (Japanese/English)) http://www.gic.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/isd/english/ippan_class.html</p>
Selection check points	<p>We will decide admission of exchange applicants based on the following points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Academic motivation: Applicants should write their purposes and plans for study/research and activities at Kagoshima University clearly in detail. 2) Academic performance in the institution applicants belong to 3) Language ability related to their study/research plan
Application procedure Required documents	<p>① Nomination Kagoshima University must receive the nominations by the exchange coordinator/study abroad advisor at the sending university on behalf of each student seeking an exchange placement. Once nominations are approved, we will contact the nominated students (and cc Exchange Partners) regarding the online application process.</p> <p>② Online Application Students whose nomination is approved need to upload following (1)~(8) required documents online.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Application Form *Completed online (2) Reference Form (3) Official transcript in English (4) Certificate of Student Registration/Enrollment in English (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency (Japanese or English) JLPT, TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, etc. (6) Copy of Passport (7) ID Photo (8) Health Certificate Form in English <p>* (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency (Japanese or English) <Certificate of Japanese Proficiency></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of an official Japanese language proficiency test such as JLPT or JPT etc. must be submitted by the time of application. • If the applicants do not have the certificate of an official Japanese language proficiency test, please submit a document issued by your home university which proves your Japanese proficiency. <p><Certificate of English Proficiency></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of an official English language proficiency test such as TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, CET etc. must be submitted by the time of application. • Good command of English is required for all students with JLPT N5 level or without Japanese language learning experience at university, high school, or Japanese language school. • If the applicants do not have the certificate of an official English language proficiency test, please submit a document issued by the sending university which proves your English proficiency. <p>* (6) Copy of Passport and (8) Health Certificate can be submitted after the application deadline. Please submit by email .</p>

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Visa Information	<p>Before applying for a visa, students need to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) for resident status at the regional Immigration Service Agency of Japan. International Student Office will act as a proxy and apply for the CoE on behalf of the exchange students. The CoE will be sent with the original Letter of Admission (LoA) to the partner university as soon as it is issued. https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/residencevisa-procedures.html</p> <p>*All necessary information will be collected through the Kagoshima University Exchange Student Online Application process.</p>																																																
General Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must be enrolled at Kagoshima University's partner university at the time of application. Also, they must be continuously enrolled until the end of the exchange period. 2. Exchange students must cover their living expenses while in Japan (More than 70,000-80,000 JPY/month is needed.). 3. Extension or shortening of exchange period is not permitted after submitting application. 4. Exchange Students need to leave Japan as soon as classes finish. 																																																
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Issuance of transcript of records	<p>Students should apply for a transcript of records before going back home. When the transcript cannot be completed before you return home, it will be mailed to you at a later date.</p>																																																

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Accommodation	<p>Kagoshima University has 3 dormitories (International Residence Hall (IRH) bldgs. No.1-3) for international students. International Student Office will arrange one of the rooms (single rooms only) for all exchange students.</p> <p>Kagoshima University International Residence Hall: https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/kokusai/kuirhoutline.pdf</p> <p>* Smoking is prohibited in all Kagoshima University premises including International Residence Halls. *The International Residence Halls do not have car parking facilities.</p>
Expected fees	<p><u>Tuition</u>: Tuition fee, entrance examination fee and entrance fee will be waived.</p> <p><u>Accommodation, meals and daily expenses</u>: must be paid by the students.</p> <p><u>Living Expenses in Kagoshima</u>: https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/global-contents/living-expenses-in-kagoshima.html</p> <p><u>Insurance</u>: International students who stay in Japan more than 3 months must join the National Health Insurance. Once they are insured under the National Health Insurance, students need to pay only 30% of the actual cost. The premium is about 2,000 yen per month. In addition, it is mandatory to enrol in "Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS)" and "Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with "Gakkensai" for International Students (Inbound futai-gakuso)". They should also join overseas traveler's and health insurance programs available in their home countries. Students can register for the National Health Insurance, PAS and Inbound futai-gakuso after arriving in Kagoshima.</p> <p>(National Health Insurance) http://www.city.kagoshima.lg.jp/soumu/shichoshitu/kokusai/en/insurance/insurance.html</p> <p>(PAS) https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/kokusai/gakkensai_goannai_english.pdf</p> <p>(Inbound futai-gakuso) https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/kokusai/inbound_futai_gakuso.pdf</p>
Other information	<p>Please enjoy "KU Today" and you'll know more about Kagoshima University! https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/about/newsletter.html</p> <p>Kagoshima University International Student Handbook: https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/handbook2018.pdf</p> <p>Living Guide for International Student in Kagoshima by Kagoshima International Association: https://www.kiaweb.or.jp/upload/202004living_guide_en.pdf</p>
Contact Information for Student Exchange Program	<p>Administrative Staff Address: Kagoshima University International Student Office, 1-21-30 Korimoto, Kagoshima, 890-0065 JAPAN Telephone: +81-99-285-3015 E-mail: ryugaku@kuas.kagoshima-u.ac.jp Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 5:15PM</p>

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