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Student Exchange Program Information Sheet (Bilateral Agreement)

Information valid for semester	2026 Fall Semester
Website	KU https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/ ISO https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/student-exchange-program-inbound.html GIC https://gic.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/
Address	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	within the agreed number as written on our academic agreement
Exchange duration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Semester (Fall 2026: October 2026 – March 2027) 2. One Year (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027: October 2026 - September 2027)
Semester periods	<p>Spring Semester: April 1 to September 30</p> <p>Fall Semester: October 1 to March 31</p>
Nomination Deadline & Application Deadline	<p>Fall Semester 2026:</p> <p>Nomination: January 15, 2026 ~ February 15, 2026 (5:00 p.m.) *</p> <p>Application: January 15, 2026 ~ March 1, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)*</p> <p>*Japan Standard Time</p>
Faculties available	<p>All faculties accept exchange students at the undergraduate/graduate levels if they full fill the requirements.</p> <p>*Except for the Graduate School of Education and Graduate School of Clinical Psychology</p>

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Application Requirements (General)	<p>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.</p> <p>2. Exchange students must cover their living expenses while in Japan (Around 100,000 JPY/month is needed.).</p> <p>3. Exchange Students need to leave Japan as soon as classes finish.</p>												
Application Requirements (Language)	<p>CEFR B2 level or higher proficiency in either English or Japanese is required. Japanese: JLPT N2(Total score: 112 points) or higher etc. English: IELTS 5.5 or above, TOEFL iBT score of 72 or higher, etc.</p> <p>*Both Undergraduate and Graduate students who will primarily take Japanese Language and Culture classes mainly are not required to have Japanese language learning experience at university, high school, or Japanese language school.</p>												
Course type	<p>The following attendance patterns, as shown in A and B, are anticipated. Please fill out your application form's statement of purpose and study/research plan according to your preferred pattern. For information on the subjects you can take, please check the next section.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th><th style="width: 40%; text-align: center;">Course type A</th><th style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">Course type B</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Main purpose of study abroad</td><td>Learn more and deepen your knowledge in your field</td><td>Experience life in Japan and deepen your knowledge of the Japanese language and culture</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Course Contents</td><td>Focus on specialized courses in undergraduate and graduate schools</td><td>Focus on Japanese Language and Culture Classes for International Students, as well as general education and undergraduate courses offered in English.</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Field of Study</td><td>The content you wish to study at Kagoshima university must be closely related to the area of specialization you are studying in your home university at the time of application.</td><td>No restrictions.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*If there is a collaborative relationship between the laboratory/advisor at your home university and the laboratory/teacher at Kagoshima University, and you wish to participate in an exchange program as part of your research exchange, please explain the circumstances in detail in the application form.</p>		Course type A	Course type B	Main purpose of study abroad	Learn more and deepen your knowledge in your field	Experience life in Japan and deepen your knowledge of the Japanese language and culture	Course Contents	Focus on specialized courses in undergraduate and graduate schools	Focus on Japanese Language and Culture Classes for International Students, as well as general education and undergraduate courses offered in English.	Field of Study	The content you wish to study at Kagoshima university must be closely related to the area of specialization you are studying in your home university at the time of application.	No restrictions.
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Course plan
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Course information

Exchange students can take the following courses to earn credits. Please make a course plan according to your course type. Please note that Japanese language and culture classes for international students are assigned based on placement tests, and that undergraduate and graduate course offerings are announced only three to four weeks before classes begin, making it difficult to decide on courses before coming to Japan.

Points to note about taking courses	Language requirements.
<u>Undergraduate/Graduate courses offered in Japanese</u> 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.	Sufficient Japanese language proficiency is required: Students must be able to understand the classes, speak, and write assignments on their own. ※JLPT N2(Total score:112) or higher (JLPT N1 is preferred)
<u>General education and undergraduate courses offered in English</u> <i>*Almost no courses are offered exclusively in English.</i> 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.	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.
<u>Graduate courses offered in English</u> 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. (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 (Doctoral courses) Global Course for Medical and Dental Sciences, Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Science Course / Veterinary Specialization Course	
Course information ■ Undergraduate, Graduate https://syllabus11.kuas.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/showSearch	

<u>Japanese Language and Culture Classes for International Students (SJP)</u> 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. Sufficient English language proficiency (i.e., able to understand the classes, speak, and write assignments on their own.)
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Course information ■ Japanese Language and Culture Classes for International Students (Japanese/English)) https://gic.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/isd/sjp/

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Selection check points	<p>We will decide admission of exchange applicants based on the following points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reasons for application: 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 4) The number of people accepted may be limited due to the capacity of the student dormitory. <p>*We review your application documents through a selection committee and decide whether to admit you.</p>
Application procedure Required documents	<p>①Nomination 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>②Online 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 *must be attached grading systems or scales (4) Certificate of Student Registration/Enrollment in English (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency(either in Japanese or English) *mandatory (English) TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, CET etc. (Japanese) JLPT, JPT, J.TEST etc. (6) Copy of Passport (7) ID Photo (8) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (CoE) ("Student") <p>* (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency (Japanese or English) 〈Certificate of Japanese Proficiency〉 ・ Certificate of an official Japanese language proficiency test such as JLPT or JPT etc. must be submitted by the time of application. ・ Only official examination certificates are accepted. (Certificates of Japanese language proficiency issued by your university will not be accepted for application.) 〈Certificate of English Proficiency〉 ・ 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 you are educated in English, you do not need to submit this document. ・ Only official examination certificates are accepted. (Certificates of Japanese language proficiency issued by your university will not be accepted for application.)</p> <p>* (6) Copy of Passport can be submitted after the application deadline. Please submit by email as soon as possible.</p>
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. Once the CoE has been issued, we will email the PDF file to the student. 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. Please note that visa application procedures will be conducted along with the acceptance selection process.</p>
Credits equivalent to full time studies	<p>Maximum 7-20 credits per semester (Depends on the faculty and the Japanese ability of the student)</p>

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Grades	Basic grading systems in KU are as follows:							
	Grade in Kanji	秀 (Shu)	優 (Yu)	良 (Ryo)	可 (Ka)	認定 (Nintei)	不可 (Fuka)	放棄 (Houki)
	Grade	A	B	C	D	P	F	-
	English Translation	Excellent	Very good	Good	Passing	Approved	Failure	(Infomal withdrawal)
	Score	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	-	59-0	-
	Grade Point (GP)	4	3	2	1	-	0	0
Pass/Fail	Pass						Fail	
Issuance of transcript of records	A transcript of records will be mailed to your university at a later date. Please contact the person in charge of the exchange program at your university.							
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 https://sites.google.com/view/ku-kaikan/home</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>: (Around 100,000 JPY/month is needed.) 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 (Gakkensai)" 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) *Please use a website translation as needed. https://www.city.kagoshima.lg.jp/shimin/shiminbunka/kokuho/kurashi/hoken/hoken/shikumi.html https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/life/insurance/</p> <p>(Gakkensai) https://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/pdf/2025_%E5%AD%A6%E7%A0%94%E7%81%BD%E3%81%94%E3%81%82%E3%82%93%E3%81%AA%E3%81%84B_%E8%8B%B1%E8%AA%9E.pdf</p> <p>(Inbound futai-gakuso) https://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/inbound.htm</p>							

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Other information	<p>Kagoshima University International Student Handbook: https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/kokusai/ryugakuseihandbook_2024.pdf</p> <p>Living Guide for International Student in Kagoshima by Kagoshima International Association: https://www.kiaweb.or.jp/2025/03/post-12.html</p> <p>After Arrival for New International Students https://sites.google.com/view/ku-inter-sup/home</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>