



Kagoshima University (Kagoshima)



At the southern tip of Kyushu island, join our fundamental program for future Japanese Studies.

■ University Overview

① Characteristics and outline of the University

1) Characteristics and history

Kagoshima University is a national university, consisting of nine faculties, ten graduate schools and Education & Research Institutions such as Global Initiative Center and Research Center for the Pacific Islands.

Established in 1949 with four faculties of Liberal Arts, Education, Agriculture and Fisheries, it developed to with the foundation of faculties of Medicine, Engineering, Dentistry, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Graduate schools, etc. Literary studies are conducted in the Faculty of Law, Economics, and Humanities and the Faculty of Education in which there are professors of many different research fields. Please refer to the URL page of each faculty for details.

Welcome to Kagoshima!!



2) Number of Students and Staffs

Undergraduate Students (International Students)	9,025 (119)
Graduate Students (International Students)	1,516 (175)
Teaching Staff	1,055
Administration Staff	1,487

② International Exchange

Among 9,025 undergraduate students, 119 students are international students, and 175 students out of 1,516 graduate students. Among these students, some returned to the university as a research student or a graduate student and received Master's degree.

Past Nationality: U.S.A, Indonesia, Australia, Singapore, Korea, China, Germany, Vietnam, Poland, Mongol, Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Spain, Kirghiz, Costa Rica and Turkey etc.

Field of Studies: Japanese Linguistics, Japanese History, Japanese Literature, Politics, Sociolinguistics, Japanese Culture, etc.

③ The number of trainee students in the past three years

	International students	Trainee students
2016 FY	294	2
2015FY	282	4
2014 FY	277	4

④ Kagoshima City

Kagoshima City has a population of about 600,000 and has a long history of international exchange and trade, such as Francis Xavier's arrival in 1549. Students were sent to Britain in 1865 to learn, even though the government had banned foreign travel in that period.

Kagoshima City with a view of Mt. Sakurajima has sister city relationships with Naples, Perth, Changsha, Miami.

The climate of Kagoshima is mild and comfortable throughout the year, guaranteeing a pleasant environment for student life.



■ Outline of Program

① Purpose of the Program

The main purpose is to improve Japanese language ability. The secondary goal is acquiring general knowledge about Japan and its culture.

② Characteristics of the Program

- This program is intended for the students
 - who want to improve their Japanese language abilities (listening, speaking, reading and writing).
 - who want to conduct comprehensive studies covering Japanese culture, literature, society and intercultural communication.
 - who plan to develop their interest in regional culture and history of Kagoshima as a research theme.
 - who want to be guided for data collecting and thesis writing based on a specific theme for their graduation paper.

2) This program provides assistance to the students according to their language ability.

Furthermore, after learning about the history, geography and culture of the Kagoshima region, students have the opportunity to visit various places and carry out cultural exchange with local people, thus acquiring a deeper understanding of Japan and Kagoshima.

③ Number of Trainee Students to be accepted: up to 6 (Embassy Recommendation 3, University Recommendation 3)

④ Qualification

(a) Candidates should be a senior or higher grade student of overseas universities majoring in Japanese culture, literature or society.

(b) Candidates should have N 3 or higher level in Japanese language proficiency test.

⑤ Goals and Objectives

The main objective is passing a JLPT level at least a grade higher than the one possessed at the time of arrival in Japan. Participating in the poster session (held in Japanese) as well as writing a final report are also among the goals of this program.

⑥ Length of the Program

October 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
Graduation Ceremony will be held in August .

⑦ Outline of the Subjects
(Semester, Content, Credit, Hours.)

In principle, the lectures are provided for 15 weeks in each semester.

Students will either enter **Japanese Training Course** or **The Japanese Language & Culture Research Course**. The choice of which course to enter will be made after taking a placement test as well as consultations with the Global Initiative Center’s teachers.

Japanese Training Course

Study of Japanese language and culture within the Global Initiative Center

Subjects	Classes	Credits	Time
Japanese Lang.	6	10 CP	300hrs
Cultural Studies	2	4 CP	60hrs
Final Report Poster Session	2	4 CP	120hrs
Electives	2 +	2 CP +	60hrs +
Activities	1	N/A	60hrs
Requirements for Completion	13 +	20 CP +	600hrs +

Japanese Language & Culture Research Course

Global Initiative Center Japanese language classes, specialized subjects within other departments and culture classes within the General Education Department.

Subjects	Classes	Credits	Time
Japanese Lang.	2	2 CP	60hrs
Cultural Studies	3	6 CP	90hrs
Final Report Poster Session	2	4 CP	120hrs
Electives Specialized Subjects	6 +	12 +	180hrs +
Activities	1	N/A	60hrs
Requirements for Completion	14	24 +	510hrs +

1) Required Subjects

The following outlines the subjects in the Japanese language and cultural studies courses. Students must first sit a placement, all classes are conducted in Japanese.

Global Initiative Center

Speaking: Conversation and partner activities

Reading: Grammar, vocabulary and reading skills

Writing: Foundation skills and report writing.

Plus emails and writing letters using polite speech.

Cultural Studies

Introduction to Japanese culture. Cultural understanding

General Education

Japanese Language: Levels 1 – 4

(Academic Japanese necessary for University life)

Cultural Studies: Current Japan A, B

Definition of culture, manners and customs, Kagoshima history, periods in time, cross-cultural survival, study abroad, geography, education, politics, traditions and folk tales, contemporary literature, religion and human relations.

Specialized Subjects

Students can take subjects relating to their own major or field of study/research in the relevant department. Subjects will be chosen after consultation with their academic advisor.

2) Outside Activities and Local Exchange Events.

Practical Course in Intercultural Studies (2CP 30hrs)

‘Learn About Kagoshima with Japanese Students’ is the theme of this course, as both foreign and Japanese students form study groups to research and present about Kagoshima. (a weekly class with one field trip)

Local Activities (no CP)

Students participate in local international exchange events and produce a report on their experiences.



Yakushima cross-cultural seminar (no CP)

After learning about the nature and region of the World Natural Heritage island of Yakushima, a 3-day visit is organized. It is also an opportunity to interact with Yakushima residents and junior high school students.

- Students can also take electives in other departments relating to their major.

⑧ Yearly Activities

Oct.: Autumn Orientation

Nov.: School Festival, International Night
Cross Cultural Seminar in Yakushima.

Feb.: 2 night trip to Kyoto

Apr.: Spring Orientation

Aug.: Poster Session,

⑨ Supervision

1) Professors responsible for the program

Name (Title)	Faculty	Major field
Prof Reiko Wada	Global Initiative Center	Japanese Language
AP Hikaru Umezaki	Faculty of Education	Japanese Linguistics Historical Studies of Japanese
AP Sachiko Nakajima	Faculty of Education	Japanese Language, Intercultural Communication
INST Yukiko Ichishima	Global Initiative Center	Japanese Language

2) Supervisor

A supervisor from the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities will be selected in accordance with each student's research field, and will give regular study guidance

⑩ Completion requirements and the issue of certificate

Final report and poster presentation. We will issue a certificate of completion and grade report if requested. Credits will be acknowledged based on the results of grading. The transfer of credits to be decided by the home university.



■ Accommodation

- International Residence Hall (of Kagoshima University)
It takes 20 minutes to the main campus on foot.
 - 122 Single rooms 122 (Monthly rent: 4,700 ~ 25,000yen)
 - 7 Couple rooms 7 (Monthly rent: 9,500 ~ 11,900yen)
 - 4 Family rooms (Monthly rent: 14,200yen)
- * Energy and utility bills will be charged separately.
- * Request on room assignment may not be accommodated.

• Accommodation for Japanese Studies Students

Year	Number of Students	Accommodation
2016	2	International Residence Hall
2015	4	International Residence Hall
2014	4	International Residence Hall



■ Follow-up for graduates

- Even after the students have returned to their home countries, the Program committee will remain in touch and maintain communication when necessary. The Kagoshima University Newsletter will be sent as well.
- A Graduate's Career Choice (examples)
 - Enrolment in a graduate school in Japan or their home country
 - Return to Japan for employment
 - Employment in Japan-related businesses in their home country

■ Reference to

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