Welcome to Kagoshima!!

University Overview

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 the four faculties of Liberal Arts, Education, Agriculture and Fisheries, it developed 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 web page of each faculty for details.

2) Number of Students and Staffs

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<td>(International Students)</td>
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International Exchange

Among 8,881 undergraduate students, 149 students are international students, and 170 students out of 1,596 graduate students. Some of these students expressed desire to return to our university as graduate students and others returned to seek employment in Kagoshima.

Past Nationalities: Sri Lanka, Egypt, Brazil, Korea, China, Vietnam, Poland, Ukraine, Latvia, Spain, Kirghiz, Costa Rica and Turkey etc.

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

The number of trainee students in the past three years

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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 and Miami.

The climate of Kagoshima is warm 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
1) 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) Qualifications
   - (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.
 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.

 Length of the Program
October 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020
Graduation Ceremony will be held in August (August 21, 2018)

 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. 2 CP 60hrs |
| Cultural Studies 1 CP 30hrs |
| Final Report Poster Session 2 CP 120hrs |
| Electives Specialized Subjects 16 CP 240hrs + |
| Activities N/A 60hrs |
| Requirements for Completion 24 CP 510hrs |

 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 Language 6 CP 300hrs |
| Cultural Studies 4 CP 60hrs |
| Final Report Poster Session 4 CP 120hrs |
| Electives Specialized Subjects 16 CP 240hrs + |
| Activities N/A 60hrs |
| Requirements for Completion 24 CP 510hrs |

 1) Required Subjects
The following outlines the subjects in the Japanese language and cultural studies courses. Students must first sit a placement exam, 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.

 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)

 Active Seminar (2CP 30hrs)
Students conduct a research survey of regional revitalization in certain areas together with Japanese students. After the lectures, discussions and field work, students have a final presentation.

 Local Activities (no CP)
Students participate in local international exchange events and produce a report on their experiences.

 3) Content of completion research
Japanese Training Course
After students take subjects of Final Report and Poster Session, they write final reports and participate in the poster session.

 Japanese Language & Culture Research Course
Under the guidance of academic supervisors, students conduct research in each special field, write a final report and participate in the poster session.

*Students write a final report and post it on Kagoshima University HP in both courses.

 4) Opportunity for studying with Japanese students
Students have many activities to learn mutual language and culture with Japanese students who wish to study abroad.

 5) Other subjects
Global Education Program
- Learning About Multicultural Societies in Kagoshima (2CP 30hrs)
- Kagoshima and Asia (2CP 30hrs)

 Yearly Activities
End of September: Arrival date
Oct.: Autumn Orientation
Nov.: School Festival
Dec.: International Night
Apr.: Spring Orientation
Aug.: Poster Session, Graduation Ceremony
End of August: Departure date
Accommodation

- International Residence Hall of Kagoshima University
  It takes 20 minutes to the main campus on foot.
  Single rooms (Monthly rent: 25,000yen)
  * Energy and utility bills will be charged separately.
  * Request on room assignment may not be accommodated.

Accommodation for Japanese Studies Students

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Supervision

1) Professors responsible for the program

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<td>Prof. Reiko Wada</td>
<td>Global Initiative Center</td>
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<td>Assoc. Prof. Sachiko Nakajima</td>
<td>Faculty of Law, Economics and the Humanities</td>
<td>Japanese Language, Intercultural Communication</td>
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<td>Assoc. Prof. Hikaru Umezaki</td>
<td>Faculty of Education</td>
<td>Japanese Linguistics Historical Studies of Japanese</td>
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<td>Assoc. Prof. Satoshi Udo</td>
<td>Faculty of Law, Economics and the Humanities</td>
<td>Comparative Culture and Literature</td>
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<td>Assoc. Prof. Yusuke Sakai</td>
<td>Faculty of Law, Economics and the Humanities</td>
<td>Area Studies Community Education</td>
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<td>Inst. Yukiko Ichishima</td>
<td>Global Initiative Center</td>
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2) Supervisor
A supervisor from the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Law, Economics and the Humanities will be selected in accordance with each student's research field, and will give regular study guidance.

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

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