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Official Mascot Character
“SATTSUN”



The mascot character was selected by the students through voting. The design was inspired by the hope that the students will be as active as the Sakurajima volcano and will develop their talents like the great men of Satsuma did in the past.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kagoshima University traces its origins to the Hangaku Zoshikan School, which was established in 1773. After the merger of several higher education institutions, including the Seventh Higher School established during the Meiji period (1868-1912), Kagoshima University was newly established in 1949 as a national university. Since then, as the highest academic institution in southern Kyushu, Kagoshima University has consistently contributed numerous outstanding individuals to society, and our graduates are thriving in diverse fields both in Japan and internationally. Currently, Kagoshima University has nine faculties and nine graduate schools, with approximately 9,000 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students, including 300 international students. Across our three campuses, all of our students are engaged in deepening their knowledge as they prepare to spread their wings and achieve success on the global stage.

Remaining faithful to the founding spirit of the Hangaku Zoshikan School, the university's mission is twofold: first, to contribute to society and the community by promoting academic freedom and diversity, while also supporting the spirit of self-sufficiency and enterprise; and second, to educate individuals who aspire to overcome challenges with a mindset of continuous self-improvement and contribute to global society. In line with this mission, we create a campus environment where students can focus on their studies. This includes promoting programs of studying and training abroad, volunteer activities and initiatives that embody and challenge the spirit of enterprise, and implementing scholarship and award systems to encourage students' motivation for self-improvement.

Kagoshima serves as a southern gateway open to Asia and regions across the world. Historically, it has been contributed many individuals who took initiative in introducing diverse cultures through international exchange, cultivated a rich foundation of culture and scholarship, and played a leading role in driving Japan's transformation and modernization. In addition to the two World Natural Heritage sites, Yakushima and Amami-Oshima/Tokunoshima, Kagoshima is also home to part of the World Heritage Site, "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution." Surrounded by a privileged environment rich in nature, culture, and history, we strive to nurture individuals who cultivate the spirit of enterprise, grow as well-rounded human beings, and take pride and confidence in what they have learned at our university. We also aim to equip them with a global perspective that will enable them to thrive on the international stage.

Spanning 600 kilometers from north to south, Kagoshima Prefecture itself serves as an extended campus for our university. Deeply rooted in the region's nature, history, climate, and industries, we are committed to advancing together with you. Drawing on both academic knowledge and practical wisdom, and guided by the spirit of enterprise, we aim to become a hub of education and research that addresses the future of both our region and the wider world.



IDO Akio
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Akio IDO". The signature is stylized and fluid.

IDO Akio
President

University Calendar

Academic Year

4/1 - 3/31 (April 1 - March 31)

Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays

First Semester

4/1 - 9/30

(April 1 - September 30)

Spring Vacation

4/1 - 4/10

(April 1 - April 10)

Summer Vacation

8/1 - 9/30

(August 1 - September 30)

Second Semester

10/1 - 3/31

(October 1 - March 31)

Anniversary of University Establishment

11/15

(November 15)

Winter Vacation

12/25 - 1/8

(December 25 - January 8)

Facts and Figures

As of May 1, 2026

● Undergraduate Faculties.....	9	● Total Student Body ..	10,266
● Graduate Schools	9	○ Undergraduates ..	8,608
● Institute for Education and Research	7	○ Master	1,054
● Joint-Use Facilities	11	○ Doctoral	604
● Faculty Staff	1,177	○ Foreign Students ...	348
● Administrative and Technical Staff ..	1,703		

Kagoshima University Fundamental Values

Kagoshima University is located on the southernmost main island of the Japanese archipelago. Two defining features of the geography of the area are its openness to the Asian region and its natural environment consisting of the sea, volcanoes, and islands. Our unique initiatives will be based not only on such geographical features but also on our inherited tradition of education and spirit. It was immersion in the unique education and spirit of our region that motivated local predecessors to support Japan's Meiji Era modernization. We aim to contribute to local, national, and international communities and to be a comprehensive university with an enterprising spirit of which all members of the university, graduates, and the local community can be proud.

As regards the fourth mid-term objectives and the planning period, we will continue to strengthen our functionality as a central hub for revitalization of the southern Kyushu and Nansei Islands regions while working toward the realization of a sustainable society. From the southern Kyushu region to the world, we wish to enhance flourishing through the fostering of human resources an enterprising spirit, a global perspective and an eagerness and initiative to take on difficult challenges. We will also work on the following fundamental objectives to enhance the university's value as a 'glocal' education and research hub.

Reforming Education to Develop 'Glocally-Minded' Human Resources

We will further internationalize the education we provide. This will be done by assuring its quality that reaches and maintains international standards and by utilizing various benefits from educational regulations and entrance examination systems. We will also facilitate expansion of collaborative learning with the local community and promote experience-based education and thereby making the most of the characteristics of the region. Our hope is, through these projects, to develop human resources who can play an active role in the community with a global perspective in mind. Additionally, we aim to produce human resources with an enterprising spirit. Measures to achieve this goal include building a flexible educational system that considers rapid changes in society while using the strengths of a comprehensive university that incorporates interdisciplinary studies from the arts and sciences. We will also work on educational reforms to expand student support.

Promotion of Academic Research That Utilize the Strengths and Uniqueness of the University

We will work on further developing research fields that take advantage of the university's strengths and regional advantages. Included are food and safety, advanced infection control, biodiversity, space and astronomy, and islands and the environment. Furthermore, we will utilize the various funds and grants available to us to enhance the support system for young researchers, basic research, and the arts and social sciences fields, which often struggle to retain competitive funding. We will also promote advanced interdisciplinary research aimed at creation of innovation.

Promoting Social Contribution and Industry–Academia Collaboration to Address Regional Issues

In collaboration with the local community and private sectors, we will enhance recurrent education programs that address local issues, engage in diverse activities to contribute to volcanic disaster countermeasures and other disaster prevention. We intend to work toward mitigation of problems in the region and address issues local private sector and local governments face. We will further support innovations within the region by promoting adaptation and implementation of research results in the real world. In addition, we will strengthen the hub functionality we have inherited. These include promotion of education, research, and activities contributing to society. This will be done based on our unique programs focused on the Pacific islands and the environmental studies of the region as a whole.

Providing High-Quality Medical Care to the Community

We will pursue our cutting-edge basic research and transitional research in order to provide advanced medical care to the local community. We will also provide practical training adapted to the remote islands and rural areas in our region with the aim of developing the next generation of local health care workers.

Managing and Improving Organization Based on Self-Analysis

Under the leadership of the President, we will promote governance reform of the university. This will entail enhancement of the IR system and audit function, conducting self-analysis and utilizing the evaluation results for reform projects to effectively improve the organization, promote cooperation with other institutions, and make university management efficient and transparent.

Established on 15 March 2018
by the Education and Research Council

Background

In 2007, Kagoshima University established a University Charter based on its basic philosophy of ‘enterprising spirit’, ‘gumption’ or ‘challenging mindset’ and laid out what Kagoshima University should do specifically under the philosophy. In the Charter, internationalization of Kagoshima University is defined as an effort of ‘deepening ties with Asia-Pacific countries; promoting two-way exchange of researchers and students; cooperation in international research and education; and contributing to the welfare of humanity, maintenance of world peace and conservation of the global environment’. To put this plan into practice, specific measures have been implemented. One of the basic goals during the 2nd mid-term objectives planning period starting in 2010 was ‘development of human resources who will contribute to the solution of international problems and who are able to make a difference in the age of globalization’. During the 3rd mid-term objectives planning period starting in 2016, ‘furthering the effort to develop human resources locally who will have a global perspective’ was one of the basic goals.

Basic Policy

(1) Establishment and enhancement of an educational system/educational environment conducive to the development of human resources who will have a global perspective

In order to internationalize Kagoshima University, it is necessary to internationalize the content of education offered to students. Therefore, we will further internationalize our educational system and environment. For Japanese students, we will provide an educational system and environment in which students may both spontaneously develop an interest in international affairs and different cultures of the world and use English and other foreign languages to grow into human resources with high skills in bidirectional communication. For non-Japanese students, we will build and offer a flexible education system so that they will be able to achieve their individual purposes of studying at Kagoshima University.

(2) Proactive internationalization of core research to turn Kagoshima University into a center of excellence for international education and research

Kagoshima University will promote world-class research efforts in which our strengths are brought into full play and accelerate academic exchange with overseas research institutions to recast the university as a center of excellence for international education and research. We will also enter into academic exchange agreements to accept more students from overseas academic institutions and send our high-performing undergraduate and graduate students to foreign academic institutions to develop human resources who will someday make a difference in the world.

(3) Development of high-quality human resources/organizations necessary to reinforce the internationalization of Kagoshima University

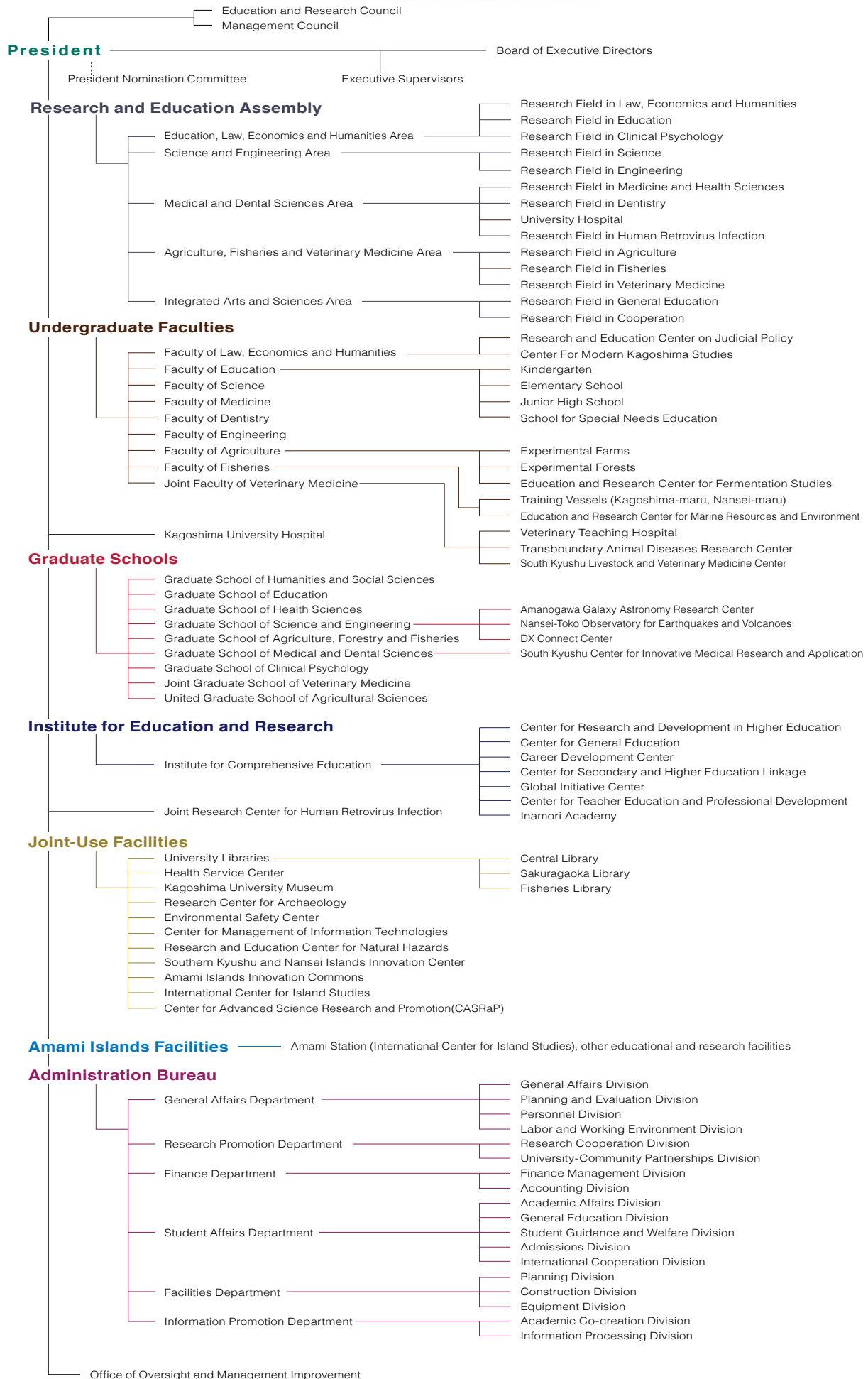
When a university internationalizes itself, it must make efforts across a wide spectrum of areas simultaneously, including education, research, social contribution, and control and management, and, in doing so, a flexible approach is often called for. In addition, faculty and university staff involved in international projects are required to have a certain level of language skills, and that is why organizations in charge of international projects are generally formed and operated independently from ordinary faculty and administrative organizations. However, it is necessary to make it understood across the university that human resources tasked with internationalization are not only such 'special staff' but also the whole faculty and staff of the university. At the same time, it is important to develop high-quality human resources and organizations within the university.

(4) Flexible and adequately focused budgeting and effective use of the budget on international projects

A substantial budget is required to carry out internationalization projects, and the university budget is too strained. To solve this problem, the university will submit, as part of its reform plan, an estimated budget necessary to implement internationalization projects and aggressively seek external funds. The university will also regularly evaluate the content and outcome of each project and reflect the results on the projects and budgets of the next year onward. Such evaluation will make it possible to formulate a budget flexibly with a clear focus and utilize it effectively on projects.



ORGANIZATION



STRATEGIC STUDY FIELDS

Research for Solving Regional Social Issues

The research policy of Kagoshima University promotes collaboration and expansion in order to meet regional demands. To the south of Kagoshima are the Nansei Islands, stretching over 600 km and including the famous island of Yakushima (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the biologically diverse Amami Islands. Additionally, the prefecture has a rich natural environment that includes active volcanoes, such as Mt. Sakurajima and the Kirishima Mountains. Kagoshima University develops cutting-edge research in order to utilize these regional features and solve challenges in revitalizing local communities. Cross-sectional and interdisciplinary research projects have been conducted in the following fields:

Islands

Kagoshima University aims to contribute to the development of the island communities and their globalization, their industrial development, the enhancement of medical welfare, environmental protection and the betterment of the educational, cultural and informational environment in southern Kyushu and the Asia-Pacific region.

Environment

Kagoshima University is conducting a project called the Kagoshima Environmental Studies Program to address environmental issues in the region, as well as a university-level research project on an innovative model fusing conservation of biological and cultural diversity with regional revitalization in the Amami archipelago, including Amami Oshima, which is registered as a World Natural Heritage Site. The university also supports efforts to manage the World Natural Heritage Sites of Amami Oshima and Tokunoshima.

Food and Health

The Food and Safety Project aims to contribute to food safety and healthy longevity by researching the functional properties of Kagoshima's foods and beverages and exploring better ways to utilize them, with a focus on preventing lifestyle-related diseases and age-related syndromes. This research is an interdisciplinary industry-academia collaboration project involving the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Agriculture, and Faculty of Fisheries, as well as multiple private companies both within and outside the prefecture. Currently, we are implementing projects about Kurozen, Shochu and Gettō.

Fisheries and marine resources, renewable energy

Kagoshima University conducts research activities related to SDGs, such as the development of systems related to smart fisheries, the development of high-efficiency renewable energy utilization systems in island areas, and the development of ocean plastic monitoring technology using AI and drones, contributing to local revitalization in Kagoshima Prefecture.

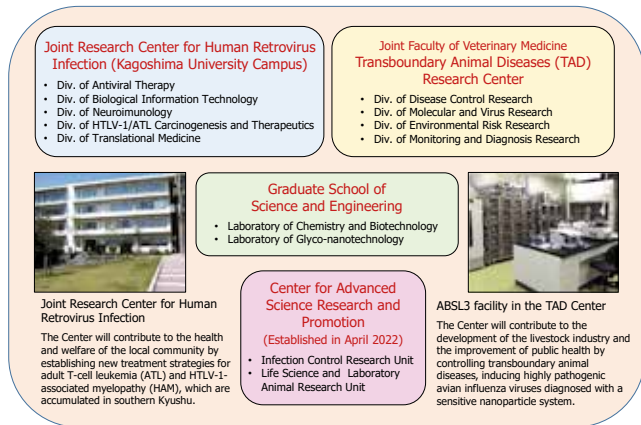


▲ Activities related to the JICA/JST SATREPS project, involving camera testing and technical guidance for plastic litter detection at an open dumping site in Thailand.

International-Standard Advanced Research

Kagoshima University is involved in international-standard advanced research on infection control, the Milky Way Galaxy, and intractable cancer.

Advanced Research on Infection Control



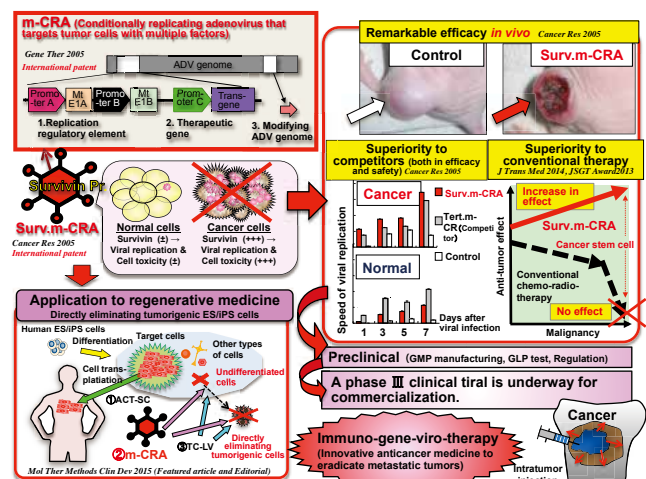
▲ The group is studying emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases including threatening pathogens in the Kagoshima area, such as HTLV-1 and avian influenza virus.

The Milky Way Galaxy



▲ A simulated view of the Milky Way Galaxy produced by the supercomputer, ATERUI II.
(Credit: Junichi Baba, Hirotaka Nakayama, NAOJ/4D2U)

Intractable Cancer



▲ Development of original gene-virotherapy as an innovative therapy for intractable cancers toward clinical and practical application

COURSES OFFERED BY KAGOSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Faculty	Department, Sub-Divisions and Courses	Degree	Starting Term	Course Duration (year)
Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities	Law, Economics and Sociology			
	Law	B	Apr	4
	Community Studies	B	Apr	4
	Economics	B	Apr	4
	Humanities			
	Area and Cultural Studies	B	Apr	4
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Psychology	B	Apr	4
	Law	M	Apr, Oct [※]	2
	Economic and Social Systems	M	Apr, Oct [※]	2
	Humanistic-Environmental Cultural Sciences	M	Apr, Oct [※]	2
	International Cultural Sciences	M	Apr, Oct [※]	2
	Social Sciences	D	Apr, Oct [※]	3
Graduate School of Clinical Psychology	Master of Clinical Psychology	P	Apr	2
Faculty of Education	School Teacher Training Program			
	School Education	B	Apr	4
	Psychological Science Education	B	Apr	4
	Japanese Education	B	Apr	4
	Social Science Education	B	Apr	4
	Mathematics Education	B	Apr	4
	Science Education	B	Apr	4
	Music Education	B	Apr	4
	Art Education	B	Apr	4
	Health and Physical Education	B	Apr	4
	Technology Education	B	Apr	4
	Domestic Science Education	B	Apr	4
	English Education	B	Apr	4
	Education for Children with Special Needs	B	Apr	4
Graduate School of Education	Professional Development Program for School Teachers	P	Apr	2
Faculty of Science	Department of Science			
	Mathematics and Informatics Program	B	Apr	4
	Physics and Astronomy Program	B	Apr	4
	Chemistry Program	B	Apr	4
	Biology Program	B	Apr	4
	Earth Science Program	B	Apr	4
Faculty of Engineering	Department of Advanced Engineering			
	Mechanical Engineering Program	B	Apr	4
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Program	B	Apr	4
	Ocean Civil Engineering Program	B	Apr	4
	Chemical Engineering Program	B	Apr	4
	Chemistry and Biotechnology Program	B	Apr	4
	Information Science and Biomedical Engineering Program	B	Apr	4
	Department of Architecture and Architectural Engineering			
Graduate School of Science and Engineering	Architecture and Architectural Engineering Program	B	Apr	4
	Department of Science			
	Physics and Astronomy Program	M	Apr	2
	Chemistry Program	M	Apr	2
	Biology Program	M	Apr	2
	Earth Science Program	M	Apr	2
	Department of Engineering			
	Mechanical Engineering Program	M	Apr	2
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Program	M	Apr	2
	Ocean Civil Engineering Program	M	Apr	2
	Chemical Engineering Program	M	Apr	2
	Chemistry and Biotechnology Program	M	Apr	2
	Architecture and Architectural Engineering Program	M	Apr, Oct	2
	Department of Informatics			
	Informatics Program			
	Mathematics and Informatics Course	M	Apr	2
	Biological Cognitive Informatics Course	M	Apr	2
	Collaborative Informatics Course	M	Apr	2
	Interdisciplinary Department of Science and Engineering	D	Apr, Oct	3

※ October Admission is available only for students from designated partnership universities.

Faculty	Department, Sub-Divisions and Courses	Degree	Starting Term	Course Duration (year)
Faculty of Medicine	School of Medicine	B	Apr	6
	School of Health Sciences			
	Department of Nursing	B	Apr	4
	Department of Physical Therapy	B	Apr	4
	Department of Occupational Therapy	B	Apr	4
Faculty of Dentistry	School of Dentistry	B	Apr	6
Graduate School of Health Sciences	Division of Nursing	M	Apr	2
	Division of Health Sciences	M	Apr	2
	Division of Health and Nursing	D	Apr	3
	Division of Neuromotor Science	D	Apr	3
	Division of Clinical Neuropsychiatry	D	Apr	3
Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences	Health Research	D	Apr, Oct	4
	Advanced Therapeutics	D	Apr, Oct	4
	Medical Sciences			
	Frontier Bioscience Course	M	Apr, Oct	2
	Advanced Medical Expert Course	M	Apr, Oct	2
	Global Master Course	M	Apr, Oct	2
Faculty of Agriculture	Department of Agriculture			
	Plant Production Resources Science Program	B	Apr	4
	Bioresource and Environmental Synergic Science Program	B	Apr	4
	Food and Life Sciences Program	B	Apr	4
	Agri-Food Industry and Regional Management Program	B	Apr	4
	Special Course in International Food and Resource Sciences			
Faculty of Fisheries	Agriculture-based sub-course	B	Apr	4
	Special Course in International Food and Resource Sciences	B	Apr	4
	Fisheries Science and Technology			
	Aquatic Sciences	B	Apr	4
	Fisheries Resource Sciences	B	Apr	4
	Food and Life Sciences	B	Apr	4
	Fisheries Economics	B	Apr	4
Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Aquatic Environment Conservation Sciences	B	Apr	4
	Agriculture, Natural Resources and Forestry	M	Apr	2
	Food Innovation Science	M	Apr	2
	Field Environment Science	M	Apr	2
	Fisheries Resource Science	M	Apr	2
United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences	Course of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Life Sciences	D	Apr, Oct	3
Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	Joint Department of Veterinary Medicine			
	Basic Veterinary Science	B	Apr	6
	Pathogenetic and Preventive Veterinary Science	B	Apr	6
	Clinical Veterinary Science	B	Apr	6
	Department of Animal Science and Welfare			
Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine	Department of Animal Science and Technology	B	Apr	4
	Basic Veterinary Science	D	Apr, Oct	4
	Pathogenetic and Preventive Veterinary Science	D	Apr, Oct	4
	Clinical Veterinary Science	D	Apr, Oct	4

B : Bachelor's Degree M : Master's Degree D : Doctoral Degree P : Professional Degree

UNDERGRADUATE FACULTIES

Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities

<https://kadai-houbun.jp/en/>

The multi-disciplined Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities aims to produce graduates capable of dealing with society's problems using an in-depth knowledge of social and cultural issues. The Department of Law, Economics and Sociology is comprised of three courses. The course of Law has a curriculum to foster versatile legal thinking and planning skills. The Course of Community Studies has a curriculum to find problems in community and to promote cooperating formation for solving them through residents' participation. The Course of Economics has a curriculum to foster policy planning ability and management capability for developing regional economy. Finally, the Department of Humanities is comprised of two courses, Psychology and Area and Cultural Studies, which aim to provide students with the knowledge and skills to understand the world we live in and help shape its future.

Faculty of Science

<https://sci-kagoshima-univ.jp/en/>

The Faculty of Science originated from Zoshikan middle school founded in 1884. It was reformed as the Seventh Higher School, Zoshikan, in 1901 and is the direct origin of the faculty. The present system has been established since 1965 and become an education and research center on fundamental natural sciences. It is one of the four faculties of science in Kyushu island. The faculty is currently composed of five programs: Mathematics and Informatics; Physics and Astronomy; Chemistry; Biology; and Earth Science. The educational aim of the faculty is understanding science beyond the knowledge and extending science concept and method to the human society. This faculty produces about 160 graduates every year, and they contribute to the society in various scientific fields.

Faculty of Dentistry

<https://w3.hal.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Faculty of Dentistry was established in 1977 in southern Kyushu, Japan, and has since contributed to both the local community and the global society as a center for dental education, research, and oral-health promotion. Our six-year program offers a comprehensive curriculum integrating dentistry, medicine, and related fields, emphasizing a holistic understanding of oral healthcare rather than a narrowly specialized view. Students gain diverse learning experiences, including research training, overseas study programs, and community oral-health activities in remote islands. Through outcome-based education, graduates develop strong humanistic values, the knowledge and skills to advance oral health locally and globally, and the flexible thinking needed to meet evolving healthcare needs.

Faculty of Education

<https://www2-edu.edu.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The origins of the Faculty of Education date back to the Normal School established in 1875. The current Faculty of Education consists of three courses within the School Teacher Training Program.

The Elementary Education Course offers specialized programs in ten subject areas, in addition to courses in education and psychology. The Secondary Education Course offers specialized programs covering the ten subjects taught in junior high and high schools, while the Special Needs Education Course offers programs focused on the development and disabilities of children and students requiring special support, as well as methods for their education and support. All curricula are designed to cultivate practical skills in addition to the specialized knowledge and skills required of school teachers.

Faculty of Medicine

<https://www.kufm.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Faculty of Medicine originated with a British-style medical school founded in 1869. Dr. William Willis, the first principal of that school, introduced western medicine to Kagoshima and trained many Japanese students. Today, the faculty is comprised of two schools, namely, the School of Medicine and the School of Health Sciences. The latter was established in 1998 with the aim of training medical technicians of the highest standard. The faculty cultivates highly qualified professionals and has made substantial contributions to the advancement of medical science and to the health and welfare of people across Japan. It aims to foster personnel who are highly studious, possess well-rounded character, contribute to the local community, and hold an international perspective on medicine and healthcare with progressive (enterprising) spirit.



Faculty of Engineering

<https://www.eng.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/english/>

The Faculty of Engineering provides substantive knowledge and professional skills to each student deeply interested in engineering, manufacturing, or technological development. Students will acquire the ability to solve many problems in today's global society, using their knowledge and skills practically. The faculty has been promoting educational reform to meet international standards and has been cultivating talent among its students, so that they may play active roles in the betterment of the world.

The Faculty of Engineering is composed of two departments with seven educational programs that cover the main fields of manufacturing. The Faculty is committed to training professional engineers, leading in social reform, creating intellectual infrastructure, and developing innovative manufacturing.

Faculty of Agriculture

<https://www.agri.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

Faculty of Agriculture established in 1909. The Faculty has reformed to one department since 2024. Department consists of four educational programs and a special course; Plant Production Resources Science Program, Bioresource and Environmental Synergic Science Program, Food and Life Sciences Program and Agri-Food Industry and Regional Management Program, and a special course of International Food Resources Sciences. In addition, there are four research and educational units: Experimental Farm, Experimental Forests, Education and Research Center for Fermentation Studies, and Smart Agriculture Research and Development Center in Kagoshima. The undergraduate course provides students with a wide-ranging basic education in agriculture, including field training, laboratory experiments and various research activities. For those who seek the Master degree of Agriculture, a two-year graduate course is available in Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Faculty of Fisheries

<https://www.fish.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Faculty of Fisheries is composed of five fields: Aquatic Sciences, Fisheries Resource Sciences, Food and Life Sciences, Fisheries Economics, and Aquatic Environment Conservation Sciences. The faculty has contributed to society considerably through its graduate production and applied research on issues ranging from the aquatic environment and resources to their industrial utilization and consumption. The faculty has focused on field-oriented education and research, as well as an agenda on sustainable development and rational utilization of fishery resources, conservation of aquatic environment and international contribution and engagement in local fisheries. Moving forward, the faculty hopes to maintain its status as a world-renowned fisheries education and research institution, encompassing the tropical and sub-tropical aquatic belt across the globe.

Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

<https://www.vet.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine consists of the Veterinary Medicine, and Animal Science and Welfare Departments. The Veterinary Medicine Department trains future animal doctors, through highly specialized lectures, with frequent use of simultaneously streamed classes in an expertise- sharing collaboration with Yamaguchi University, and hands-on training for small groups. Our veterinary education program is fully accredited by the Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA), and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE). The Department of Animal Science and Welfare trains future livestock technicians and animal caregivers, with a focus on sustainable husbandry, welfare, and food safety, from the perspective of *One World, One Health*. Our Joint Faculty also encompasses: a Veterinary Teaching Hospital, with separate centers dedicated to companion animals, large production animals, and horses; an Experimental Animal Center fully accredited by AAALAC International; a Transboundary Animal Disease (TAD) Research Center, which focuses on health threats from zoonotic pathogens; and the South Kyushu Livestock Veterinary Medicine (SKLV) Center, which offers comprehensive training and research on production animal husbandry and veterinary care in a functioning, real-world agricultural facility, the first of its kind in Japan.



GRADUATE SCHOOLS



Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

<https://gs.kadai-houbun.jp/en/>

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences offers four master's degree courses in Law, Economic and Social Systems, Humanistic-Environmental Cultural Sciences and International Cultural Sciences and a doctoral degree course in Social Sciences.

The school promotes a variety of research areas and has developed high quality postgraduate programs centered mainly on community-based subjects, which enhance students' practical expertise in their specialized fields. In order to meet the challenges of providing higher education that is accessible to mature students from the local community, classes are also offered in the evening to enable those with full-time jobs to enroll. Additionally, starting in 2024, an optional online teaching program will be available for students who have reasons not to commute to the university.



Graduate School of Health Sciences

<https://www.kufm.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/~g-health/en/>

The Graduate School of Health Sciences aims to develop professionals with highly advanced knowledge and skills in health sciences, and leading administrators who can carry out excellent educational and research activities. Additionally the school trains personnel who can both contribute to health care on remote islands and globally, and disseminate the results and data of educational research widely. In April 2003, a master's course was established, and in April 2005, a doctoral course was created. The department's educational goals are to develop high-quality educators and researchers to carry out original research and efficiently provide education to develop students' competencies. Moreover, the school focuses on the development of personnel who contribute to community health care in rural, island, and international settings.



Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

<https://acel.agri.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/agrifish/en/>

From April 2019, both the Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Fisheries joined to establish the 'Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries'. The purpose of research and education in this Graduate School is to award degrees to students who have advanced expertise in plant production science, animal science, local business, food distribution, aquaculture, production activities relating to food innovation, food and health as well as those fields that are underlying such as local environmental characteristics, sub-tropicalization, forestry management, disaster prevention, fishery resources and local ecology. The purpose of this Graduate School is to create graduates with the ability to propose solutions to challenges; and the practical skills to execute these solutions, thus developing human resources who can contribute to the regional areas as well as to the rest of the world.



Graduate School of Education

<https://edu.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/teaching/>

In April 2021, the master's course was integrated into the Professional Development Program for School Teachers. This restructured curriculum offers three elective research tracks—Curriculum and Instruction, School Management, and Special Needs Education—enabling students to align their research with specific career goals.

The mission is to cultivate pre-service and in-service teachers with strong leadership and development skills. These influential educators are expected to drive school improvement through active collaboration with families and local communities. Upon completing the required credits, students earn a Master of Education degree.

Additionally, students with a Type 1 Teacher's Certificate can obtain the Specialized Teacher's Certificate. This advanced qualification demonstrates enhanced expertise and professional excellence, providing a vital pathway for career advancement within the Japanese education system.



Graduate School of Science and Engineering

<https://grad.eng.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Graduate School of Science and Engineering aims to produce professionals who dedicate themselves to scientific pursuits, uphold high ethical standards, and take on difficult challenges. Students are provided with an education that meets the changing needs of contemporary society in both content and application. The curriculum includes theories ranging from basic to applied science and engineering, and students are supported through advanced studies. The Graduate School of Science and Engineering develops students into engineers, researchers, and other professionals that will positively contribute to the future of society. Such professionals will be required to make ethical judgments on sensitive issues, to be knowledgeable about the nature of the world, and to be responsive to the advancement and diversification of the natural sciences.



Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences

<https://www2.kufm.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences aims to respond quickly to the many demands of society and to carry out high level education and research efficiently, while placing priority on medical ethics. The school strives to apply a flexible and wide-ranging scope to medical and dental research and to the development of treatments for the cure and prevention of human disorders. As central goals, this school hopes to foster leading researchers and educators in life science fields and create a center of education and research in medicine, dentistry, and life science with particular relevance to the local region. In addition to graduates in the fields of medicine or dentistry, the school welcomes graduates from a diverse range of disciplines.

Graduate School of Clinical Psychology

<https://cp.leh.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

This graduate school was established in April 2007 as an independent graduate course offering a professional degree program specialized in training clinical psychologists. Based on a curriculum composed of lectures, seminars, and practical training, we provide advanced specialized education to foster clinical psychologists who can contribute to the mental health of the public.

Clinical training on campus takes place at the affiliated counseling center. Off-campus training will be held intermittently over two years across four fields: education, healthcare, welfare, and judicial and law. Fifteen graduate students complete the two-year program to obtain Master of Clinical Psychology degree. Graduates of this program enjoy a very high pass rate on the exam of Licensed Clinical Psychologist, and have a favorable advantage in gaining employment within Japan.

Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine

<http://jgsvm.vet.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/home-english/>

Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine was newly established at Kagoshima University in April, 2018. The doctoral program is operated by Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine at Kagoshima University and Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine at Yamaguchi University, building on the baccalaureate degree programs established collectively by Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Kagoshima University and Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Yamaguchi University. During the four-year course offered by this graduate school, students receive advanced postgraduate education corresponding to a variety of international demands.

United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

<https://homeugs.agri.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences (UGSAS) of Kagoshima University, a doctoral program, was established in 1988. The UGSAS is composed of the graduate schools of three allied universities : Saga University, Kagoshima University and the University of the Ryukyus. The aim of UGSAS is for students to master advanced agricultural or fisheries sciences through course work and research involving regional or international issues. Our doctoral research activities focus on food production and environmental conservation based on advanced life science or marine science. Successful graduates of this program are awarded a Doctorate Degree of Philosophy.



INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

INSTITUTE FOR COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

● Center for Research and Development in Higher Education

<https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/higheducenter/>

The Center for Research and Development in Higher Education undertakes research on higher education (including universities and other similar institutions) in Japan and overseas, and uses this research as a basis for surveys and investigations, based on accurate data, to develop an accurate picture of the current state of Kagoshima University.

● Center for General Education

<https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/educenter/>

The Center for General Education, first established in October of 2003, has undergone restructuring as of April 2017. The overall purpose of the Center for General Education is to further the enhancement and development of education at Kagoshima University through university-wide liaison and coordination to design, formulate and implement planning for both general education and curatorial courses.

Since the early days of the ‘Daishichikou school system’ (circa 1901), Kagoshima University has had a long tradition of providing a unique academic experience, attuned to and innately connected to the Kagoshima region. In addition to this, our freshman program, based upon the tenet of contributing in an increasingly globalized society, places particular focus on global studies, and on fostering the student’s ability to strive for a better society.

The cornerstone of our undergraduate education at Kagoshima is fostering graduates who will go on to positively contribute to civil society, both at home and abroad, based upon the principles of respect for truth and ethics, and to be well equipped to face whatever challenges might arise in the future.

● Career Development Center

<https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/career/>

After a restructure of the Career Support Center, the Career Development Center, was established in April 2020. The center’s purpose is to enhance career education across Kagoshima University and to raise awareness of career development amongst students from their first year, as well as assisting students and graduates in career planning and finding employment.

All the career building support programs, including internships, and services such as career counseling and advice on major choices offered by the center are designed to help students identify and develop their career goals throughout their university life.

● Center for Secondary and Higher Education Linkage

<https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/linkage/>

The Center for Secondary and Higher Education Linkage, originally established as the Admission Center, was reorganized in April 2023.

It aims to play a central role in educational activities to ensure a smooth transition to study at Kagoshima University, taking into account the diverse academic characteristics of incoming students. One of our missions is to improve our admission system through ongoing research and analysis of student learning outcomes by admission system. In addition, we will also focus on pre-education for prospective students to facilitate a seamless transition from secondary to higher education.

● Global Initiative Center

<https://www.gic.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>

The Global Initiative Center, established in April 2016, consists of the Planning and Network Division, the Study Abroad Division, and the International Student Division. It aims to promote the globalization of Kagoshima University in education and research. The Planning and Network Division promotes collaborative efforts in research and education with overseas universities and research institutions and provides information on our university internationally. The Study Abroad Division organizes P-SEG Interactive, an educational program that provides students with necessary skills and knowledge in global contexts and information on study abroad sessions. The International Student Division is responsible for the “Study Japan Program,” offering Japanese language and cultural education, counseling for academic and non-academic affairs, and promoting exchange activities among international students, Japanese students, and the local society.

● Center for Teacher Education and Professional Development

The Center for Teacher Education and Professional Development was established in April 2024 with the aim of enhancing the management of the university’s teacher training curriculum, establishing an organized guidance system, and promoting teacher training support and quality assurance of the university’s teacher training courses in collaboration with the local community. The center works in three areas: Educational Practice Research provides consultation with schools and joint research with teachers from the university’s affiliated schools and faculty members in their specialist fields; Pre-Service Teacher Training Support promotes teaching practice and practical teacher training and provides teaching support to all students at the university who are aiming to become teachers; and In-Service Teacher Training Support plans and implements teacher training in Kagoshima schools and provides support for solving educational issues.

● Inamori Academy

<https://www.inamori.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/english.html>

The Inamori Academy is endowed by generous donations from Kyocera Corporation and its founder and Chairman Emeritus, alumnus Dr.INAMORI Kazuo. The academy was originally established in 2005 as the Inamori Academy of Management & Technology and expanded in 2008 to provide courses containing lectures on Dr. Inamori’s works and philosophy to undergraduate students via general education. The central mission of the Inamori Academy is to develop leadership potentials and skills of university students, based on Inamori Philosophy, toward to 21st Century Citizenship and Spirit of Enterprise.

JOINT - USE FACILITIES

● University Library

<https://www.lib.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en>



The University Library consists of three libraries: Central Library, Sakuragaoka Library (Medical Library), and Fisheries Library. The aim of the University Library is to provide academic materials and a range of services, including electronic information services, to assist university students, faculty, and staff with their studies, research, and teaching. Electronic information services can be used to locate books and journals in the collections and find information in a variety of databases throughout the campus network.

Central Library houses the Tamazato Bunko, a valuable collection of manuscripts and xylographic books from the pre-Meiji era that originally belonged to the Regent of Satsuma, SHIMADZU Hisamitsu.

● Health Service Center

<https://hsc.kuas.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>



The Kagoshima University Health Service Center is staffed with medical doctors, nurses, counselors, and social workers for the physical, mental, and educational well-being of Kagoshima University community.

It offers regular general check-ups, health counseling, advice on health maintenance, and first aid treatment. Provided that they have a valid and accepted university ID, the Health Service Center's services are usually free of charge.

● Kagoshima University Museum

<https://www.museum.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>



The Kagoshima University Museum (KAUM) was established in 2001 as the seventh national university museum in Japan. For the last half-century, Kagoshima University researchers have collected samples and artifacts related to humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The aims of KAUM are to preserve these important objects for use in education and research, and to make a new collection from fields. KAUM also introduces the research activities of Kagoshima University through exhibitions, public lectures and publications. The Exhibition Room is open to the public as a permanent display. It consists of four sections: 1) archaeological sites in Kagoshima University, 2) education and research history of Kagoshima University, 3) mineral resources of the earth, and 4) marine fossils from Kagoshima.

● Research Center for Archaeology

<https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/maibun/>



Kagoshima University has several archaeological sites on its campuses, including the Korimoto and Sakuragaoka Campuses, the Toso residence area, and the Ibusuki Botanical Experiment Station. The Research Center for Archaeology carries out preliminary investigations, such as rescue excavations, at sites affected by campus development projects. Results are published in excavation reports available to the public through the university library and online. Representative artifacts from these excavations are displayed at the Kagoshima University Museum and occasionally loaned to outside museums. Through these activities, the Center promotes the preservation and public understanding of the buried cultural heritage on the university campuses.

● Environmental Safety Center

<https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/haieki>



Universities are institutions where advanced and specialized research and educational activities are carried out and contribute to the development of society through new discoveries, beneficial results, and development of new talent. However, at the same time, these research activities generate various kinds of waste, including highly toxic and dangerous ones. All university students, researchers, and staff are required to treat these wastes safely and properly. Nevertheless, when an accident occurs involving hazardous wastes, it is necessary to respond quickly and appropriately, investigate the cause, and make great efforts to prevent any reoccurrence.

The Environmental Safety Center contributes to accident prevention by preparing a system for the safe and appropriate management of the hazardous wastes. By providing safety education, guidance, and advice to students and faculty members, the center also contributes to the development of human resources with a high level of specialized training and safety awareness, thus ensuring a safe environment not only for the university but also for society.

● Center for Management of Information Technologies

<https://www.cc.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>



The Center for Management of Information Technologies (restructured from the Computing and Communications Center in April 2022), promotes digital transformation (DX) at Kagoshima University. The center actively supports the local community with DX and reinforces the development of the university's communication infrastructure.

The center provides computer rooms installed with 190 computers for classes and self-study. Those who possess a Kagoshima University ID can use the computers throughout the academic year (Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 18:00).

The center implements the Information Security Management System and provides highly secure information services based on international information security standards. In addition, the Kagoshima University Computer Security Incident Response Team (KU-CSIRT) was established in 2016 to bolster security countermeasures and strategies for the continuation of projects; raise awareness about information security, and develop a system for a rapid response to emergency security incidents.

● Research and Education Center for Natural Hazards

<https://bousai.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>



Established in June 2011, The Research and Education Center for Natural Hazards investigates the mechanisms and causes of natural disasters and examines measures for disaster prevention in Southern Kyushu and the Nanseishoto island chain. Within the center there are three divisions: 1) The Research Division conducts research on natural hazards, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, radiation, disaster management, emergency evacuations, mental health, medical care, and reconstruction. 2) The Education Division plans and manages disaster prevention lectures and training for general and specialized course students, as well as holding an open seminar and symposium on natural disaster prevention. In addition, the center supports the training of human resources who will serve as the core of regional disaster prevention. 3) The Regional Cooperation Division provides proposals and cooperates with local government, communities, and media to prevent and mitigate disasters.

● Center for Advanced Science Research and Promotion(CASRaP)

<https://gene4.knit.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/casrap/>



The Center for Advanced Science Research and Promotion (CASRaP) was established in April 2022 as a result of reorganizing the former Research Support Center and the former Center for Advanced Biomedical Science and Swine Research and addition of a new organization for promoting advanced infection control. CASRaP is organized into three research units with seven divisions spread throughout the units: (1) Infection Control Research Unit (Division of Infection Control Research); (2) Life Science and Laboratory Animal Research Unit (Division of Laboratory Animal Resources and Research, Division of Experimental Large Animal Research, Division of Advanced Biomedical Science and Swine Research); and (3) Research Support Unit (Division of Gene Research, Division of Instrumental Analysis, Division of Low Temperature and Isotope Science, Division of Biobank). CASRaP aims to promote and support research and educational activities in all areas of the natural sciences, especially life science, environmental science, and material science.

● Southern Kyushu and Nansei Islands Innovation Center

<https://www.krcc.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>



The Southern Kyushu and Nansei Islands Innovation Center aims to realize the goal of having Kagoshima University function as a “Core Base for Regional Revitalization for the Southern Kyushu and Nansei Islands Region” as stated in the university’s Fourth Medium-term Plan.

The Center is taking steps to help generate regional innovation through collaborative research and commissioned research with local governments and local businesses on addressing issues such as disaster preparedness, healthcare, tourism, energy, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, aquaculture, etc. The Center comprises two units; the Research and Innovation Unit and the Intellectual Property and Risk Management Unit.

The Research and Innovation Unit is staffed by a University Research Administrator (a specialist engaged in support services for research activities and management of researchers) and an Industry-University Collaboration Coordinator, and supports research activities, matches university research activity with social

needs, promotes technology transfer for incubation of entrepreneurial business ventures based on academic research, and entrepreneurship education.

The Intellectual Property and Risk Management Unit is staffed by patent attorneys. This unit promotes and manages the discovery, protection, maintenance, and utilization of intellectual property generated as a result of the university’s research activities.

● International Center for Island Studies

<http://cpi.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>



The International Center for Island Studies promotes interdisciplinary research on island-related issues across the Asia-Pacific region. Supported by a network of researchers from Kagoshima University and other domestic and international institutions, the Center operates through three primary, interrelated projects: (1) the sustainability of island natural and social environments; (2) development challenges concerning healthcare, information technology, and social change; and (3) the promotion of self-sustaining communities through advancements in agriculture, fisheries, and education. Our research fosters a comprehensive understanding of island ecosystems and enhances the welfare of their inhabitants. Additionally, the Center maintains a field station on Amami-Oshima Island, which facilitates regional research, educational initiatives, and the advancement of local community goals.

● Amami Islands Innovation Commons

The Amami Islands Innovation Commons was established to develop and operate the Tsumugu Amami Campus, a higher education hub created in partnership with municipalities across the Amami Islands. Working closely with the university’s departments, the Commons also brings together and strengthens education, research, and regional collaboration initiatives related to the islands.

At the Tsumugu Amami Campus, we offer medium- to long-term, residency-based practical education programs for university students. These programs focus on areas such as regional healthcare, school and social education, agriculture and fisheries, and wildlife veterinary medicine, with the aim of developing highly skilled professionals with strong practical expertise. At the same time, the campus expands access to higher education for people of all generations in the region, supports local development that draws on the unique strengths of the Amami Islands, and contributes to regional revitalization by increasing engagement with people from outside the island communities.

By enabling students to live and study on the islands for extended periods, the campus also creates meaningful opportunities for interaction with local schoolchildren and community members. These exchanges help young people envision their future, spark interest in higher education, and encourage them to pursue university study—contributing to higher enrolment rates and the development of future community leaders. In addition, the Commons provides opportunities for recurrent education and reskilling for working adults and professionals in the region. Through these initiatives, it supports the development of local talent and encourages people to move to, or return to, the islands. Together, these efforts contribute to sustainable regional revitalization.

FACILITIES

Kagoshima University International Residence Hall

Kagoshima University International Residence Hall provides accommodations for overseas students and academics engaged in study or research at Kagoshima University. It is also intended as a setting for international cultural exchange.

With a fine view to the east of the Sakurajima volcano, the hall is situated in a quiet residential district adjacent to the Faculty of Fisheries. Public transport is within easy reach, with the nearest streetcar stop five minutes away on foot and the nearest bus stop just a minute away. It is a 15-minute walk to the Korimoto campus.



Kagoshima University International Lodge

Kagoshima University International Lodge was constructed in December 2003 in the Shimo-arata district, adjacent to the Faculty of Fisheries. It was a donation for Kagoshima University's 50th Anniversary, for the use of visiting overseas scholars and guests. It is a two-story building, on a steel framework, and consists of two types of 16 single rooms for long and short term stay. Its total floor area is 502m² and each room is equipped with a TV, refrigerator, and other necessary furniture.



Inamori Hall

Dr. INAMORI Kazuo, a former Bachelor of Engineering graduate and the first honorary doctoral recipient of Kagoshima University, donated Inamori Hall to this university in 2019 as a place where one can learn from his philosophy and be a catalyst for creative thinking, thereby encouraging talented people to take an active role in the international domain as well as in strengthening regional and industrial cooperation.

There is an IT Plaza with power outlets and Wi-Fi connectivity, a food court and a restaurant available for students and staff to use.

Also, within the building, the “Inamori Library” and the “Kyoto Prize Library” installation have been added to introduce and expose visitors to the history and philosophy of Dr. INAMORI Kazuo.



Inamori Auditorium

The Inamori Auditorium was constructed in 1994 with a special donation by alumnus Dr. INAMORI Kazuo and was designed by renowned architect Tadao Ando. Its large lecture hall, named after Dr. Inamori's parents, Kimi and Kesa, is widely used for university lectures and events.



Veterinary Teaching Hospital <http://www.vet.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/KUVTH/>

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is affiliated with Kagoshima University's Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine as a medical institution dedicated to the education of veterinarians of the future. It serves both as the core hospital for the medical care of animals in our region of Japan, and as a research institution advancing diagnosis and treatment in veterinary medicine. Currently, the hospital provides medical care for both livestock and companion animals. The Equine Medical Center since 2008, it has provided comprehensive veterinary care for horses, and in 2017, our Small and Large Animal Medical Centers were renovated. As part of its mission, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital also provides both local veterinarians and students with opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills in clinical veterinary medicine through engagement in the care and treatment of animals.



Kagoshima University Hospital <https://www.hosp.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>

Kagoshima University Hospital consists of 17 clinical centers and provides comprehensive medical and dental services. As the leading medical institution in Kagoshima Prefecture, we specialize in the treatment of cancer, infectious diseases, emergency and critical conditions, liver diseases, epilepsy, intractable diseases, and dementia.

Our mission is to offer safe, secure, and cutting-edge medical care, delivered by dedicated and compassionate healthcare professionals. In addition to clinical services, we are deeply committed to training the next generation of medical personnel. We have established a Post-graduate Clinical Training Program for medical doctors in partnership with affiliated hospitals, and a Training Institution for Specified Practice Training for nurses. With our major redevelopment project nearing completion, the hospital now boasts a fully renovated, state-of-the-art facility, offering an integrated and enhanced environment for both patient care and medical education.



Center for Modern Kagoshima Studies

<https://kadai-kingendai.jp/>

Affiliated with Kagoshima University's Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities, the center was established in October 2022. Its primary goal is to gather materials related to the history, culture and nature of Kagoshima from the modern era to the present, digitize them, and create a database for education and research purposes. The center also hosts events such as symposiums and workshops, disseminating its findings to the local and global community. Additionally, it is involved in addressing various regional issues through collaborations such as with local governments, companies, schools, and citizens, not just university researchers. Through these activities, the center is part of Kagoshima University's contribution to society.



Core Educational Facility for Shared Use: T/V Kagoshima-maru, Training Vessel of Faculty of Fisheries

The training vessel, Kagoshima-maru (IV) was completed on March 30, 2012 and put into commission in the 2012 academic year. T/V Kagoshima-maru is one of the latest academic vessels, which has unique high-maneuvrability, e.g. diagonal transfer and pin-point turn around with no forward motion. It enables experiments and oceanographic surveys which used to be difficult on rough seas, and enriches new education and research, due to the installation of the latest observation devices onboard. This vessel is the successor of the last T/V Kagoshima-maru (III) which had been authorized as the first 'Core Educational Facility for Sharing Use (CEFSU)' by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports Science and Technology, and is designated as 'CEFSU for on-board education on tropical and sub-tropical waters.' This authorisation reflects the excellently accumulated achievements by T/V Kagoshima-maru and Kagoshima University, which have been active around the concerned region for many years. Because of the designation, T/V Kagoshima-maru is now responsible to educate students of not only Kagoshima University but also other institutions. Students of other institutions have become able to receive high quality on-board training and attain credits. T/V Kagoshima-maru is expected to play a role as the center of education in the seas, including Southeast Asian and Pacific waters.



Core Educational Facility for Shared Use: Takakuma Experimental Forest

In 1909, the Takakuma University Forest (Tarumizu City) was established in the Kagoshima College of Agriculture and Forestry, a predecessor of Kagoshima University, as a place for forestry education and research. The total area is about 3,000ha which is the equivalent to about 19% of the area of Tarumizu City and accounts for 84% of the land property owned by Kagoshima University. The planted trees originate from the 100 year old endeavors of our predecessors. At present, the planted trees (consisting of Japanese Cedar and Japanese Cypress originally derived from 'Yakusugi') occupy approximately one-third of Takakuma Experimental Forest, while the remainder is covered in the native lush evergreen trees common to southern Kyushu.

The forest is used mainly for students taking courses in forest science and courses for practical training and research. Since the year 2000, the forest has also been used for courses in general education (such as non-agriculture and forestry related university courses) by Kagoshima University and also by other universities. By providing education programs for young students and forest technician training for adults, the forest has made a significant regional contribution as well as leveraging other uses for the forest.

Based on these previous accomplishments, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has recognized the Takakuma Experimental Forest as a Joint Usage Educational Center since 2014, in order to further develop effective practical uses of the forest. Between 2014-2024, a total of 5,240 people from 48 universities have visited the forest (As of February 2025).

From 2024, the third term of the joint usage base has started as "A forest base for learning and encounters where you can refine your skills with people from various generations and diverse backgrounds". It is currently used by many universities in various fields such as forestry, environmental education, flora, and fauna, disaster prevention, and local communities.



OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Joint Research Center for Human Retrovirus Infection (Kagoshima University Campus)

<https://ccvd.kufm.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/>

In April 2019, a new research center called the Joint Research Center for Human Retrovirus Infection was established. This was formed by reorganizing and merging Kumamoto University's AIDS Research Center and Kagoshima University's Center for Chronic Viral Diseases. Prior to this merger, for over 20 years, the Center for Chronic Viral Diseases has been conducting research mainly into Human T-cell Leukemia Virus Type 1 (HTLV-1), while the AIDS Research Center mainly into Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1). Both HTLV-1 and HIV-1 are classified as human retroviruses. In addition to joint research on human retroviruses, the joint research center will also conduct research into the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), which has not been classified as a retrovirus. These three viruses all carry the specific enzyme "reverse transcriptase" which is extremely difficult to eliminate from the body of infected patients. The center is aiming to develop novel treatments based on ideas that have not been examined before. The joint research center will be able to make efficient use of its resources and research personnel, and introduce specialized research equipment. Thus, this new model of the joint research center between different national universities will be able to conduct research not previously possible in the conventional joint research model.

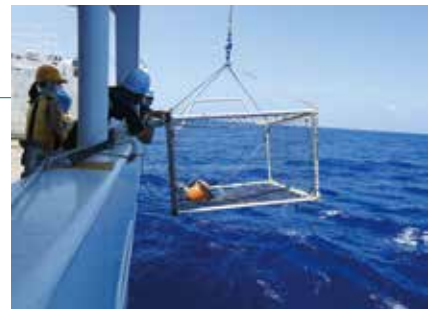


Nansei-Toko Observatory for Earthquakes and Volcanoes

https://grad.eng.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/composition_e/nansei_e/

As a research unit within the Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Kagoshima University, the Nansei-Toko Observatory conducts research on, and monitors phenomena related to earthquakes and volcanic activities. Eleven seismic observation stations are operated in order to observe microearthquakes, and the seismic waveform data at these stations are also used for hypocenter determination at the Japan Meteorological Agency.

We investigate on slow earthquake activities in the northern part of Nansei islands under the 'Third Earthquake and Volcano Hazards Observation and Research Program' project sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Through this research deformations of volcano edifices have been detected and reported by Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and tilt change observations at Kirishima Volcanoes.



Research and Education Center on Judicial Policy

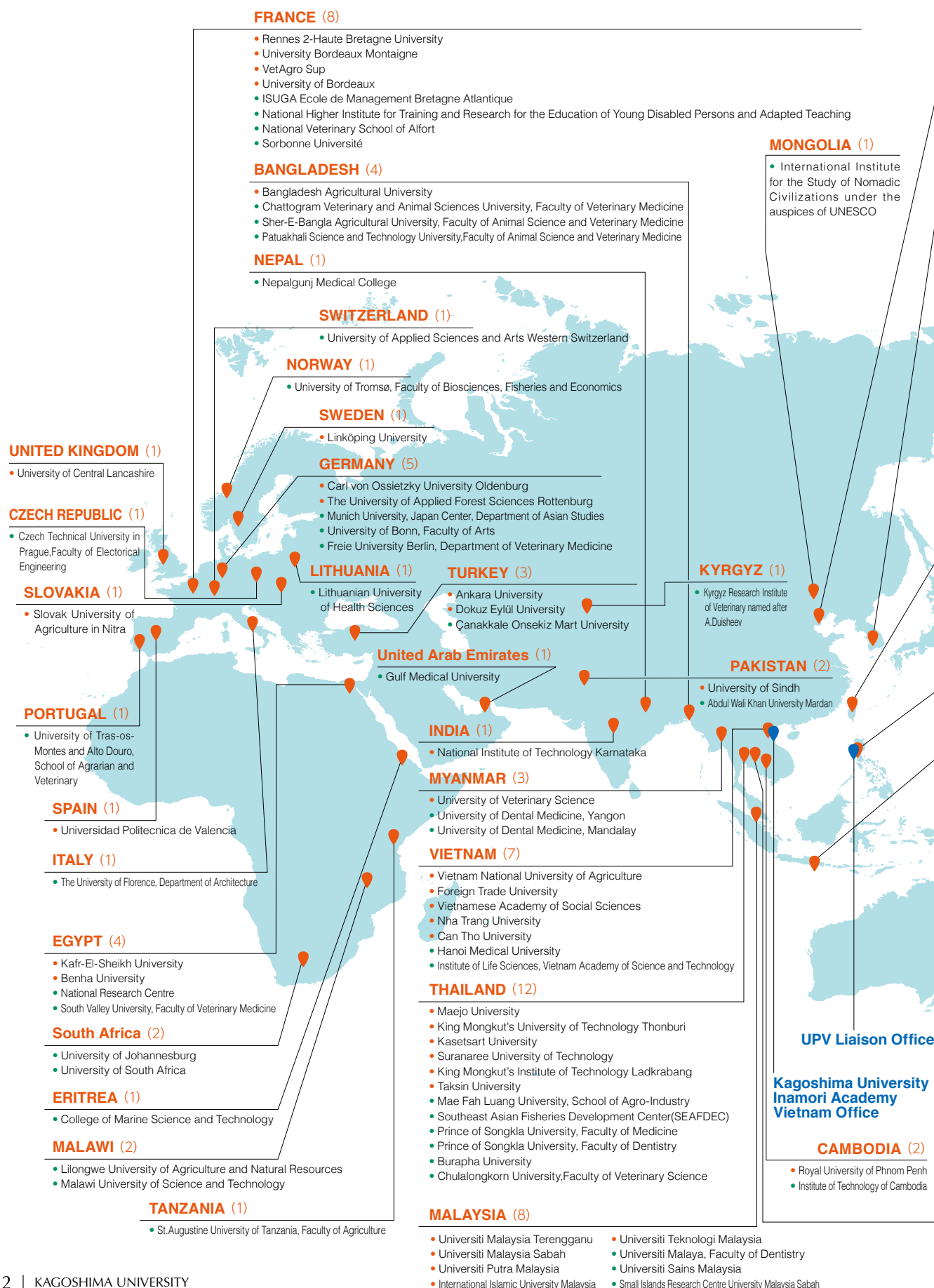
<https://lawcenter.ls.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/>

The Research and Education Center on Judicial Policy was founded in 2016. Its activities encompass a wide range of fields related to law and political science, with each project being both fulfilling and unique. We maintain various legal information databases and make them available within the university. Additionally, we operate multiple remote conference systems and support collaborative activities with other organizations. We host seminars for legal professionals focused on recurrent training and career development. Moreover, we assist individuals aspiring to become legal professionals by offering guidance through interview sessions and explanatory sessions about law schools. The center has garnered high praise for providing a web-based database of local government regulations and for conducting legal counseling activities in regions lacking adequate legal support.



Academic Exchange Agreements with 188 Institutions in 44 Countries and Regions and 2 Overseas Offices

Kagoshima University has partnered with a number of overseas institutions in order to advance education, research, and student exchange. It also has two overseas offices in Philippines and Vietnam which promote academic exchange between these countries and Kagoshima University.



KOREA (16)

- Pukyong National University
- Chonbuk National University
- Kunsan National University
- Jeju National University
- Kangwon National University
- Mokpo National University
- Sangmyung University
- Chungbuk National University
- Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
- Kookmin University
- Chung-Ang University, Red Cross College of Nursing
- Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology
- Chung-Ang University Hospital
- Kyung Hee University, School of Dentistry
- Jeju Research Institute, Center for Jeju Studies
- College of Health Science, Dong-A University

TAIWAN (18)

- Tamkang University
- National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology
- National Chung Hsing University
- National University of Kaohsiung
- National Cheng Kung University
- National Taiwan Ocean University
- National Central University
- National Pingtung University
- National Ilan University
- National Taiwan Normal University
- National Chi Nan University, College of Humanities
- National Taipei University of Education
- Taipei Municipal Dazhi Junior High School
- Kaohsiung Medical University, College of Dental Medicine
- National Yang-Ming University, School of Dentistry
- Chinese Culture University, College of Agriculture
- National Chiayi University, College of Life Sciences
- National Taiwan University College of Science

PHILIPPINES (5)

- University of the Philippines
- Polytechnic University of the Philippines
- University of San Carlos, College of Arts and Sciences
- Cavite State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- University of the Philippines Visayas

INDONESIA (16)

- Andalas University
- University of Indonesia
- Bogor Agricultural University
- Diponegoro University
- Institut Teknologi Bandung
- Sam Ratulangi University
- Pattimura University
- Sriwijaya University
- Universitas Airlangga
- Hasanuddin University, Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries
- University of Jember, Faculty of Medicine
- Universitas Brawijaya, Faculty of Dentistry
- Airlangga University, Faculty of Dental Medicine
- Pattimura University, Agriculture Faculty
- Mataram University
- Brawijaya University, Faculty of Medicine

FIJI (1)

- University of South Pacific

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (1)

- The University of Papua New Guinea

AUSTRALIA (4)

- The University of New England
- University of Technology Sydney
- Central Queensland University
- Flinders University

LAOS (1)

- National University of Laos, Faculty of Forest Science

CHINA (32)

- Xiangtan University
- Yunnan Agricultural University
- Hunan Agricultural University
- Central South University
- China Medical University
- Nanjing University of Technology
- Northeast Normal University
- Northeastern University
- Chongqing University
- Shandong Normal University
- Shanghai Ocean University
- Capital University of Economics and Business
- East China University of Political Science and Law
- Dalian Maritime University
- Sichuan University Jinjiang collage
- Shanxi Normal University
- Qufu Normal University
- Tsinghua University
- Inner Mongolia University, School of Ethnology and Sociology
- Inner Mongolia Normal University, School of Foreign Language Education
- Dalian Ocean University
- Zhejiang Ocean University
- Ministry of Natural Resources, Second Institute of Oceanography
- Shanghai Maritime University, Foreign Language College
- Huazhong Agricultural University
- Huazhong Agricultural University, College of Fisheries
- Xuzhou Medical University
- Yangtze University, School of Foreign Studies
- Hainan University, College of Foreign Languages
- The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Dentistry
- Zhejiang Gongshang University
- Jiangsu Normal University

• University Level

• Faculty Level

CANADA (1)

- The University of British Columbia, Faculty of Dentistry

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (9)

- University of Georgia
- University of Guam
- San Jose State University
- North Dakota State University
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- University of Wisconsin La Crosse
- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- University of Washington
- Berea College

MEXICO (2)

- Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon
- University of Monterrey

COLOMBIA (1)

- Universidad del Magdalena

BRAZIL (2)

- Federal University of São Carlos
- University of Amazonas Foundation

OTHER PARTNERSHIP**Double Master Degree Programs**

- Hunan Agricultural University, China
- Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
- Thaksin University, Thailand

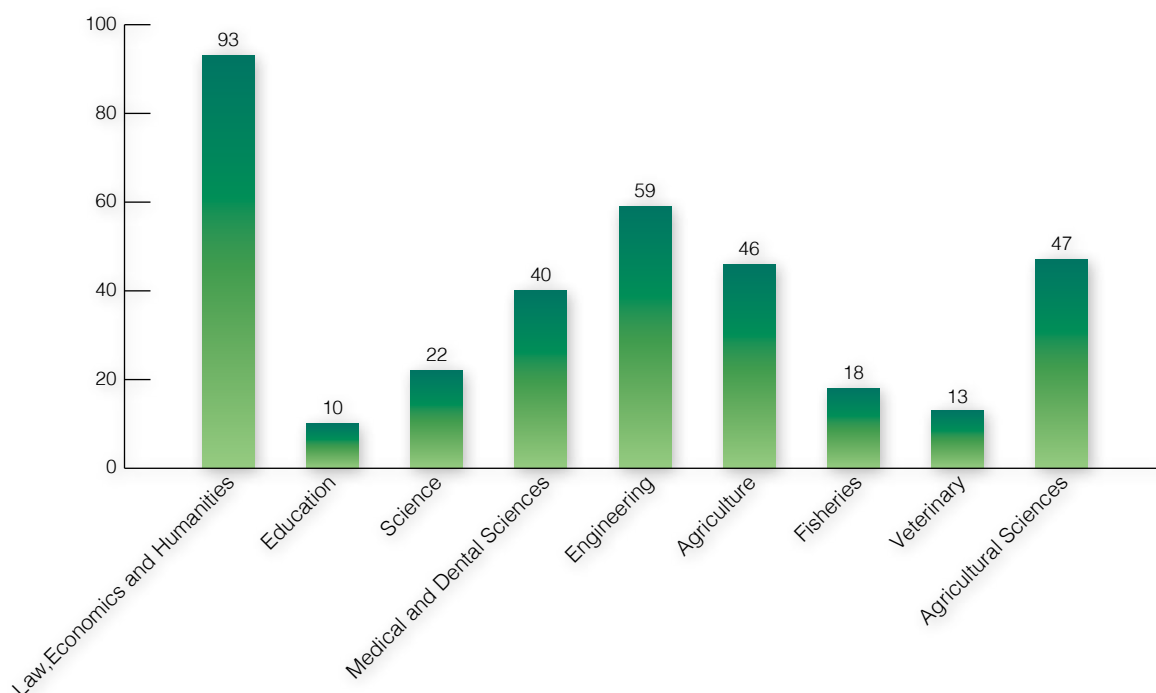
Memorandum of Understanding for Establishment of Postgraduate (Master) Program on Tropical Fisheries with International Linkage

- Sam Ratulangi University, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science, Indonesia
- University of Philippines Visayas, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Philippines
- Kasetsart University, Faculty of Fisheries, Thailand
- Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, School of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, Malaysia
- Nha Trang University, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Vietnam
- Bogor Agricultural University, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences, Indonesia
- National Chiayi University, Taiwan

Other Programs

- Xiangya School of Medicine of Central South University, China
- The University of Western Australia, Australia
- University College London, United Kingdom
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan

According to Field of Study



According to Nationality

Asia	China	160	Korea	26	Vietnam	9	Indonesia	25	Bangladesh	12
	Taiwan	8	Malaysia	11	Sri Lanka	10	Thailand	4	Myanmar	3
	Pakistan	7	India	2	Philippines	6	Cambodia	6		

Middle East	Turkey	4	Iran	1
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Africa	Tanzania	5	Zimbabwe	1	Sierra Leone	2	Cameroon	1	Malawi	1
	Ethiopia	2	South Soudan	1	Uganda	1	Nigeria	2	Mozambique	1
	Namibia	1								

Oceania	Fiji	3	Australia	3
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Americas	Brazil	3	Peru	7	Belize	1	Mexico	2	El Salvador	1
	United States	2								

Europe	France	5	Spain	1	Germany	3	Norway	3	Switzerland	1
	Czech	1								



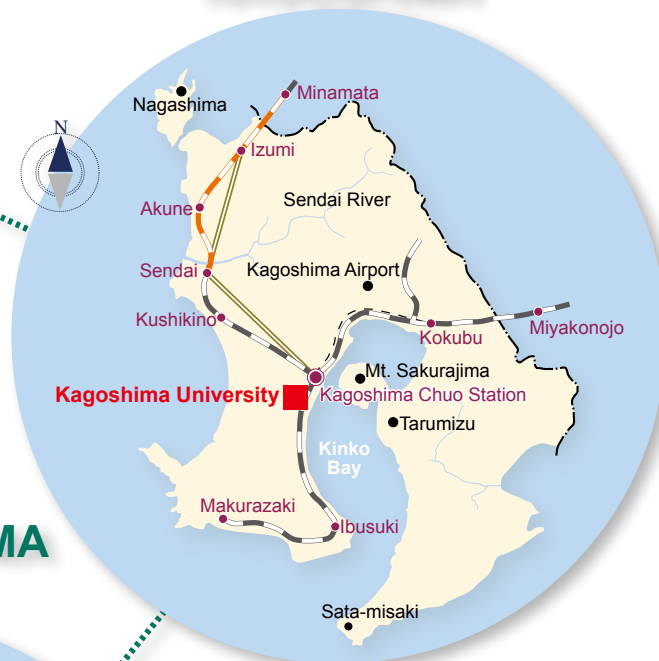
CAMPUS GUIDE

The campuses of Kagoshima University are located in Kagoshima City, which has a population of more than half a million and is the most populous urban area in the southernmost part of Japan.

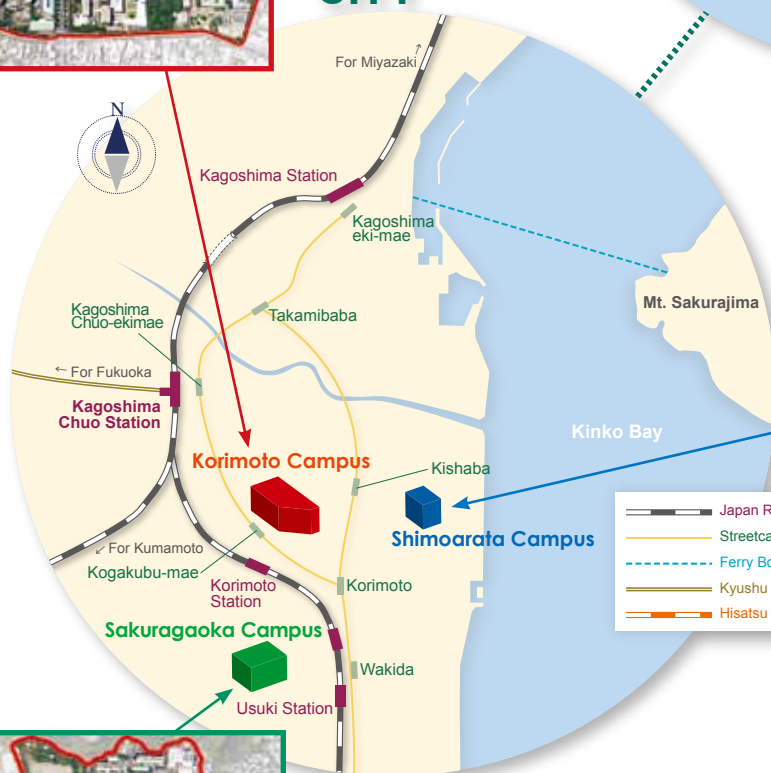
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University Emblem

The university emblem was established to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the university. The emblem is designed so that the first letter *K* of KAGOSHIMA is made to look like a phoenix about to take flight. It is a symbol of our graduating students leaving the campus of Kagoshima University, with its rich history and tradition, and soaring high above onto the world stage.



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