



# 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 International Student 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)	8,953 (119)
Graduate Students (International Students)	1,545 (163)
Teaching Staff	1,037
Administration Staff	1,504

### ② International Exchange

Among 9,008 undergraduate students, 105 students are international students, and 172 students out of 1,569 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 and Spain 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
2015 FY	282	4
2014 FY	277	4
2013 FY	283	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 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 offers students a helpful assistance in accordance with their language abilities. Supervisors will assist thesis writing according to their proposed areas. There are plenty of elective subjects which students can register according to their research planning.

### ② Number of Trainee Students to be accepted: up to 6 (Embassy Recommendation 3, University Recommendation 3)

### ③ 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 2 or higher level in Japanese language proficiency test.

### ④ Goals and Objectives

Expected objectives: Passing N1 in JLPT; writing a short paper and giving a presentation focusing on a specific theme of Japanese culture.

⑤ Length of the Program

October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017  
Graduation Ceremony will be held in September.

⑥ 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 International Student Center’s teachers.

**Japanese Training Course**

Study of Japanese language and culture within the International Student 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	30hrs
Requirements for Completion	13 +	20 CP +	570hrs +



**Japanese Language & Culture Research Course**

International Student 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	30hrs
Requirements for Completion	14	24 +	480hrs +

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.

**International Student Center**

**Japanese Language Studies**

**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.



3) Other Lectures and Electives

**Example 1:** Each 2 CP, 30hrs

Sociolinguistics II , Understanding Foreign Cultures  
Introduction to Japanese Linguistics, The World of Kyogen, Japanese History, Finding News in Daily Life.

**Example 2:** Each 2 CP, 30hrs

Introduction to Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language, Introduction to Japanese Phonetics, Language and Society, Understanding Intercultural and Cross-Cultural Communication, Touring Kagoshima Culture.

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

⑦ Yearly Activities

Oct.: Autumn Orientation

Nov.: School Festival, International Night

Feb.: 2 night trip to Kyoto

Apr.: Spring Orientation

Aug.: Poster Session, Yakushima Homestay

## ⑧ Supervision

### 1) Professors responsible for the program

Name (Title)	Faculty	Major field
Prof Reiko Wada	International Student Center	Japanese Language
INST Yukiko Ichishima	International Student 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

### 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

## ⑨ 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: 4700 ~ 25000yen)
- 7 Couple rooms 7 (Monthly rent: 9500 ~ 11900yen)
- 4 Family rooms (Monthly rent: 14200yen)
- \* 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
2015	4	International Residence Hall
2014	4	International Residence Hall
2013	4	International Residence Hall



## ■ Follow-up for graduates

The university has keeps in touch with alumni by sending newsletters and e-mails. The university is due to delegate Kagoshima University ambassador to them to enhance the international exchange and public relation activities.

## ■ Reference to

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