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Student Exchange Program Information Sheet (Bilateral Agreement)

Information valid for semester	2027 Spring Semester
Exchange duration	1. One Semester (Spring 2027: April 2027 - September 2027) 2. One Year (Spring 2027 and Fall 2027: April 2027 - March 2028)

I University Outline

Name	Kagoshima University
Address	Kagoshima University 1-21-24 Korimoto, Kagoshima, 890-8580, JAPAN
Website	Kagoshima University (KU) https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/ International Student Office (ISO) https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/student-exchange-program-inbound.html Global Initiative Centre (GIC) https://gic.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/
Semester periods	Spring Semester: April 1 to September 30 Fall Semester: October 1 to March 31
General information	Kagoshima University was established in 1949 as a national university. The university has 9 faculties, 9 graduate schools with approximately 9,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students including 350 international students.
Our Campuses	Kagoshima University has three campuses: 1. Korimoto Campus [main campus] (ISO, GIC) 2. Sakuragaoka Campus (Medical and Dental Sciences Area, Kagoshima University Hospital) 3. Shimoarata Campus (Research Field in Fisheries)
Faculties and Graduate Schools	<u>Faculties</u> Faculty of Law Economics and Humanities, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Fisheries, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine <u>Graduate Schools</u> Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Professional Graduate School of Clinical Psychology, United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine
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II Exchange Program Outline and Application Method

Available Faculties and Graduate Schools	Exchange students are accepted in all faculties and graduate schools except the following: - Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Education and Graduate School of Clinical Psychology	
Number of Available Spots	Up to the number specified in the Memorandum of Understanding or Student Exchange Agreement with Kagoshima University	
Schedule	All times are in Japan Standard Time (JST)	
	Nomination	July 15 to August 15, 2026, by 5:00 pm (JST) <i>Deadline Strictly Observed</i>
	Application	July 15 to September 1, 2026, by 5:00 pm (JST) <i>Deadline Strictly Observed</i>
	Screening	September to December 2026
	Results Announcement	Mid-December 2026
	CoE Issuance	Late February to early March 2027 *Subject to approval by the Immigration Services Agency
	Recommended Arrival Period	Late March to the first week of April 2027 (Tentative) *Details will be provided with the announcement of results.
	Start of Classes	Around the second week of April 2027
Academic Calendar	https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/education/nittei.html (Japanese only) *The academic calendar is scheduled to be released in early 2027.	
Application Requirements	1. Be enrolled as full-time students at their home university that has an academic exchange agreement with Kagoshima University and must remain enrolled throughout the entire period of their exchange program 2. Have an excellent academic record 3. Have a clear purpose of study, motivation, and a study plan at Kagoshima University 4. Demonstrate the required language proficiency for the chosen study course *Please submit an official language proficiency certificate upon application.	
Application Method	<u>Nomination</u> Nomination instructions will be sent to the exchange program coordinator at your home university, who must submit the nomination(s) via the designated Microsoft Forms based on the exchange quota. Once the nomination is received, application instructions will be sent to the nominated students, with the coordinator in CC. <u>Application</u> Nominated students must complete and submit the application (1) via the online system, and upload the documents (2) to (8) listed below. Please note that the application forms for (2) and (8) are available on the system.	

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Application Documents	(1) Application Form *To be completed online (2) Reference Form (3) Official Transcript in English *The grading system/scale must be attached (4) Certificate of Student Registration/Enrollment in English (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency (either in Japanese or English) (English) TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, CET etc. (Japanese) JLPT, JPT, J.TEST etc. (6) Copy of Passport (7) ID Photo (8) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (CoE) ("Student") Notes: ● Regarding (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency, <u>certificates issued by your home university will not be accepted for this application.</u> Native English speakers or those who have received their education in English are exempt from this requirement. ● Regarding (6) Copy of Passport, if you cannot obtain your passport by the application deadline, please notify the ISO and submit the copy to us via email as soon as you receive it.
Screening	The selection committee will review all applications based on the requirements and make admission decisions. Please note that applicants may not be accepted if they do not meet these requirements.
Notes	● Failure to complete the application process or submit the required documents by the deadline will be regarded as a withdrawal of the application. ● Due to visa and residence status requirements, applicants may not be eligible to participate in the exchange program in the following cases: - If sufficient financial capacity to cover living expenses during the exchange program (approximately 100,000 yen per month) cannot be verified. - If application documents do not demonstrate the required proficiency in either Japanese or English. ● No extensions of the exchange program will be allowed after the application is completed. ● Upon completion of the exchange program, exchange students are required to return to their home university immediately.

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III Study Track

Study Track	Course Registration The courses available for exchange students are as follows: 1. Study Japan Program (SJP): Japanese language and cultural studies courses designed for international students 2. General education courses: Liberal arts courses for first- and second-year undergraduate students 3. Undergraduate courses: Specialized courses for undergraduate students who have entered their major fields of study (mainly third- and fourth-year students) 4. Graduate courses: Specialized courses for master's and doctoral students (available for graduate students only) ● As course information (for 1, 2, 3, and 4) will be released approximately three to four weeks prior to the start of the semester, it is difficult to determine your course selection before arriving in Japan. ● For 1. SJP, class levels will be determined based on a placement test conducted after arrival in Japan. You can take classes suited to your proficiency, ranging from the introductory level for absolute beginners to the advanced level (equivalent to JLPT N2). Beginners with no prior Japanese language experience will be automatically placed in Level 1. ● Instructor permission is required to register for 2, 3, and 4 courses. ● Due to course prerequisites, there are courses in 2, 3, and 4 that exchange students are not eligible to take. ● Very few courses in 2, 3, and 4 (Humanities and Social Sciences) are conducted in English. ● To meet the requirements of your status of residence, exchange students must register for at least 10 hours of classes per week. Study Track Please choose one of the study tracks (A, B, or C) that best suits your goals, plan your studies, and complete your application. A Japanese Language Study Track: Designed for students who wish to experience life in Japan and deepen their knowledge of the Japanese language and culture - Eligible Students: This track is open to students ranging from absolute beginners to those at the JLPT N2 level. - Prerequisites: ● Your major at your home university and your current Japanese language proficiency are not restricted. ● Proof of English proficiency at CEFR B1 or higher is required. ● In particular, students at the introductory Japanese level must submit proof of English proficiency at CEFR B2 or higher. - Course Registration: ● Students will primarily take 1. SJP courses, and credits can be earned. ● If 2, 3, or 4 courses are conducted in English, students with CEFR B2 or higher English proficiency may register for them. However, <u>please note that there are very few courses conducted in English that undergraduate students are eligible to take.</u> - Important Note: Students with JLPT N1 or higher are not eligible to apply for Track A. Please apply for one of the other tracks.
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Study Track	B Specialized Study Track: Designed for students who wish to further study and deepen their knowledge in their major field of study. - Eligible Students: This track is open to students who have a background of academic study in their major field and have high language proficiency. -Prerequisites: ● To study in Japanese: Proof of Japanese proficiency at JLPT N1 is required. ● To study in English: Proof of English proficiency at CEFR B2 or higher is required. - Course Registration: ● Undergraduate students will primarily take 3. Undergraduate courses, and graduate students will primarily take 4. Graduate courses. Credits can be earned. ● For undergraduate students, <u>please note that the number of 3. Undergraduate courses conducted in English is extremely limited.</u> ● Students studying in English may also take 1. SJP courses if they are interested. - Important Note: In your application documents, please explain in detail how your proposed study plan at Kagoshima University closely relates to the specialized field you are currently majoring in at your home university. Reference ● 1. Study Japan Program (SJP) https://gic.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/isd/sjp/ ● Syllabus for 2. General education, 3. Undergraduate, and 4. Graduate courses https://syllabus11.kuas.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/showSearch ● Courses conducted in English (URL to be provided at a later date) C Research Track: Designed for students who wish to receive research supervision in their specialized field. <u>(Graduate students only)</u> - Eligible Students: As a general rule, you may select Track C if there is an existing collaborative relationship between your supervisor at your home university and a faculty member at Kagoshima University, and you wish to study abroad as part of research-related exchange. - Prerequisites: You must submit a detailed research plan and proof of language proficiency required for receiving research supervision (as a guide, CEFR B2 or higher is expected). - Course Registration: ● You cannot earn credits for specialized courses. ● You may take 1. SJP courses if you are interested. - Important Notes: ● In your application documents, you must explain in detail about your preferred research advisor and your research plan. ● Acceptance is limited to cases where the research field or topic you wish to pursue can be supervised at Kagoshima University.
Credits Available	Full-time students can earn 7 to 20 credits per semester (subject to Japanese language proficiency, etc.). Please note that to maintain student visa status, international students are required to take at least 10 hours of classes per week.

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Grades	Grading System & GP (Grade Points)							
	Grade・Descriptor	秀 (Shu)	優 (Yu)	良 (Ry o)	可 (Ka)	認定 (Nintei)	不可 (Fuka)	放棄 (Houki)
		A	B	C	D	P	F	-
		Excellent	Very good	Good	Passing	Approved	Failure	(Infomal withdrawal)
	Score	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	-	59-0	-
	Grade Point (GP)	4	3	2	1	-	0	0
	Pass/Fail	Pass					Fail	
Transcript	Transcripts will be sent directly to the exchange program coordinator at your home university after the exchange program ends. Please contact the international affairs office at your home university regarding how to receive them.							

IV Student life at Kagoshima University

Visa	Exchange students are required to obtain a "Student" visa by following the steps below: (1) Kagoshima University will apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan on your behalf. (2) Once the CoE is issued, a PDF copy of the CoE will be sent to you via email. (3) Please print out the CoE and submit it to the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your home country to apply for your visa. Notes: - Information provided in the online application for the exchange program will be used for the CoE application. Please note that the CoE application process will proceed alongside the student selection process. Exchange students must return to their home country immediately upon completing the program, even if the authorized period of stay in Japan has not yet expired. - To engage in part-time work, an application for "Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Status of Residence" must be submitted and approved after arriving in Japan. Reference https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/residencevisa-procedures.html
Accommodation	The International Residence Hall (Buildings 1 to 3) is available as a dormitory for international students. A single room is guaranteed for each exchange student. Upon move-in, <u>an initial fee of approximately 50,000 yen is required in addition to the monthly rent.</u> Kagoshima University International Residence Hall Outline https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/kokusai/kuirhoutline.pdf https://sites.google.com/view/ku-kaikan/home

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	Notes: ● Smoking is strictly prohibited on all Kagoshima University premises, including the International Residence Hall. ● No parking spaces are available on the premises of the International Residence Hall.
Expected fees	Academic Fees The entrance examination, admission and tuition fees are waived. Living Expenses The estimated living cost is approximately 100,000 yen per month, which must be covered individually. Living expenses include dormitory fees, utilities, food, and other personal expenses. Note: <u>Financial planning must not rely on potential income from part-time work during the study abroad period.</u> Sufficient funds to cover all living expenses in Japan must be secured in advance. Reference Living Expenses in Kagoshima: https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/global-contents/living-expenses-in-kagoshima.html
Insurance	National Health Insurance International students staying in Japan for three months or longer are required to enroll in the National Health Insurance system. Enrolling in the National Health Insurance system reduces the amount the individual has to pay for medical care to 30%. The insurance premium is approximately 2,000 yen per month. https://www.city.kagoshima.lg.jp/kurashi/hoken/hoken/index.html https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/life/insurance/ Accident Insurance Kagoshima University requires exchange students to enroll in both the “Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (学研災, Gakkensai)” and the “Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with “Gakkensai” for International Students (学研災付帯学総, Inbound Futai-Gakuso)”. It is also highly recommended to purchase overseas travel insurance prior to departure to cover the journey to Kagoshima. (Gakkensai) https://www.jees.or.jp/en/gakkensai-en/ (Inbound Futai-Gakuso) https://www.jees.or.jp/en/gakkensai-en/opt-inbound-en/
Other information	The following information is useful for studying at Kagoshima University; please review it in advance. ● Kagoshima University International Student Handbook https://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/kokusai/ryugakuseihandbook_2025.pdf ● Living Guide for International Student in Kagoshima by Kagoshima International Association: https://sites.google.com/view/ku-inter-sup/home ● Immigration Services Agency Videos for the Daily Life Orientation https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/support/coexistence/04_00078.html