

KAGAWA UNIVERSITY (Kagawa Prefecture)



Community-based university focusing on students

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■ Introduction of university

① Characteristics and History

Kagawa University (hereafter, KU) was established in 1949 as a national university. In October 2003, KU merged with Kagawa Medical University to form the new comprehensive 'Kagawa University'. Currently, the university has six faculties (Education, Law, Economics, Medicine, Engineering, and Agriculture). All the six faculties have their respective master programs. In addition, the university also offers a professional MBA master program. Doctoral programs are offered in the Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture faculties.

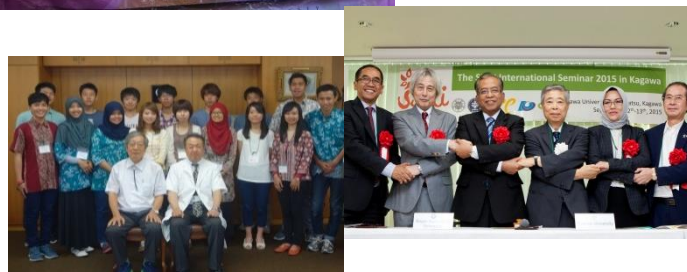


② International Exchanges

As of October 2017, KU has 56 international exchange agreements with overseas universities signed at the university level, and 27 agreements signed at the faculty level. In addition, KU has concluded 4 international agreements of collaboration with institutions and organizations.



Joint Symposium (Thailand)



Student Exchange Program & International Seminar (Indonesia)

③ Number of International Students in Recent Years

2017 272 students, Japanese Lang. & Culture Program: 1
(as of October)

2016 271 students, Japanese Lang. & Culture Program: 2
2015 267 students, Japanese Lang. & Culture Program: 2
Lang. & Culture students have come from Thailand, Myanmar, Mexico and Poland.

④ Geographical Characteristics

Kagawa Prefecture is situated on the north east part of Shikoku. It faces the Seto Inland Sea, and has four seasons with little rain and comparatively warm winters. The climate of Kagawa is not harsh and international students find it fairly easy to adapt to.

The most famous product of Kagawa is perhaps 'udon' – a thick noodle made from wheat – but Kagawa is also well known for olives and fans.

KU is located in Takamatsu city, a compact, mid-sized city that is bicycle-friendly. The city is reputed to have the longest shopping (pedestrian) arcade in Japan. This arcade is lined with many shops of interest to both the young and the old.



Fans

Udon

Olives



■ Course Outline

① Research Aim

The main aim is on Japanese culture and Japanese affairs, with supplementary emphasis on Japanese Language.

② Course Characteristic

This course focuses on expanding the theoretical and practical knowledge in the areas of Japanese culture and issues related to Kagawa Prefecture. The course also offers opportunities for students to improve their Japanese Language ability.

③ Number of Students Accepted

5 students (3 recommended by the embassy and 2 recommended by the university)

④ Eligibility and conditions

Candidates must possess Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N2 or above. Students coming in as 'Monbukagakusho' scholars should actively take part in activities organized by KU.

⑤ Course Objectives

Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N1 or above.
Practical presentation skills in the Japanese Language.
Compile a report on an aspect of interest related to Kagawa.

⑥ Program Period

1st October 2018 – 31st August 2019

A 'Completion Ceremony' shall be held in August.

⑦ Description of Courses

1) Mandatory courses

There is one mandatory course named Project Sanuki that is part of the Sanuki Program, an exchange program conducted by the International Student Center. Through this course, international students learn about Kagawa and Japan and write essays in Japanese.

2) Field trips, events with local community

Students who successfully applied to be 'Monbukagakusho' scholars are required to participate in the events as listed in the calendar.

These events are part of the program and offers excellent opportunities for international students to enhance on the language ability.

3) Elective courses

* Japanese Language classes / Japanese Culture classes

Students choose classes (Japanese Language, Japanese Culture, Business Japanese, etc.) that suit their language abilities and interests.

* General education classes

These classes are offered to all students regardless of faculty affiliation and are conducted in Japanese. International students undergo these classes together with Japanese students.

* Major courses in the respective faculties

Depending on the students' Japanese Language ability, students may opt to take these classes in faculties related to their major.

This program requires students to choose courses that suits them best. Thus, it is highly advised that students discuss with their supervisors before making a decision.



⑧ Annual Calendar

OCT • Opening ceremony, Guidance, Welcome Party

NOV • University festival

• One-day field trip

DEC • Reception Party for International Students

• Japanese home visit

• Lecture on Japanese Business Manners

JAN • Sanuki New Year event

FEB • Visit to Japanese company

JUL • One-day trip to island in Seto Inland Sea

SEP • Farewell Party

(for students graduating in September)

The above information is tentative and is subject to change.



Reception Party for International Students



One-Day Trip with Primary School Students

⑨ Supervision

Matters related to major studies shall be supervised by members from the appropriate faculty. Matters related to daily living are supervised by staff members from the International Office. In addition, student-supporters and student-tutors assist international students in the daily living and their studies.



⑩ Requirements for Completion

To successfully finish the program, students must submit a final report and complete the classes taken. Students must also make a presentation in Japanese (preferably focusing on Kagawa) based on their final report.

Students shall then receive a Certificate of Completion, as well as a transcript on their grades for classes taken.



■ Accommodation

KU currently manages three dormitories and apartments for international students. Students registering for this program are eligible to apply for this housing.

Depending on the accommodation type, the monthly rental ranges from 5,900 yen to 23,000 yen, excluding utilities.

Students may inquire on this during the application process.



KU Dormitory (Yashima Area)



View from Yashima



Somen-Noodle Party



Pan-Fried Dumpling Party

■ Follow-up for Graduates

This program is designed for one year. Students who wish to continue their studies at the graduate level should consult the supervisor at the faculty of interest.

For students returning to their home countries, KU has Alumni Associations in select countries.

Furthermore, returning students can use social media to keep abreast with happenings at KU.

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