



# KAGAWA UNIVERSITY (Kagawa Prefecture)



Community based university that focuses on their students

## ■ Introduction of university

### ① Characteristic 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 the professional MBA master program. Doctoral programs are offered in the Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture faculties.



### ② International Exchange

As of November 2016, KU has 54 international exchange agreements with overseas universities signed at the university level, and 26 similar agreements signed at the faculty level. In addition, KU has concluded international agreements with 4 institutions other than universities.



Joint Symposium (Thailand)



Student Exchange Program & International Seminar (Indonesia)

### ③ The number of international students in recent years are as follows

2016. 10. 247students Japanese Lang. & Culture Program: 2 students  
 2015. 267students Japanese Lang. & Culture Program: 2 students  
 2014.250 students Japanese Lang. & Culture Program: 2  
 Lang. & Culture student each from Myanmar, Mexico and Poland have entered Kagawa.

### ④ Geographical characteristic

香川

Kagawa Prefecture is situated on the north east of Shikoku. It faces the Seto Inland Sea, has four seasons with little rain and comparatively warm winters. The most famous product of Kagawa is probably 'udon', a thick noodle made from wheat, but she is also well known for olives and fans.

Takamatsu city, where KU is located, is 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. The climate of Kagawa is not harsh and international students find it 'easy' to adapt to.



Fans

Udon

Olives



## ■ Course Outline

### ① Research aim

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

### ② Course characteristic

This course focuses on expanding the theoretical and practical knowledge base of students in the area of Japanese culture and issues related to Kagawa Prefecture. Along this line, the course also offers opportunity for students to improve their Japanese Language ability.

### ③ Number of students accepted

5 (3 by the embassy recommendation and 2 by the university recommendation)

### 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 Target to achieve

Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N1 or above.

Practical presentation skills in the Japanese Language Compile a report on any aspect of interest in relation with Kagawa.

### ⑥ Program period

1st October 2017 – 31st August 2018.

A 'Completion Ceremony' shall be held in August.

## ⑥ 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 and parcel of the program and offers excellent opportunities for international students to enhance on the language ability.

### 3) Elective course

\* 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 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, so it is highly advised that students discuss with their supervisors before making a decision.



## ⑦ Annual calendar

October	• Opening ceremony, Guidance, Welcome Party
November	• University festival • One-day field trip
December	• Reception Party for International Students • Japanese home visit • Lecture on Japanese Business Manners
January	• Sanuki New Year event
February	• Visit to Japanese company
July	• One-day trip to island in Seto Inland Sea
September	• Farewell Party (for students graduating in September)

The above information is tentative and is subjected to changes.



Reception Party for International Students



One-day trip



### ⑧ 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.

### ⑨ Requirement 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 the 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)



Around Yashima



Somen-noodles 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 concerned.

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

Furthermore, returning students can log into the SNS to keep abreast with the happenings at KU.

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