

SANUKI PROGRAM

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International Student Center Kagawa University

An excellent opportunity to live & study in Kagawa!
Japanese Language classes + 'Sanuki' Culture
No prior knowledge of Japanese Language required!

A one-semester program
Spring Semester ⇒ April-early August
Fall Semester ⇒ October-mid February

For more details

<https://www.kagawa-u.ac.jp/kuio/isc/sanuki-program/>



Image of 11th batch students (Oct 2019 - Feb 2020)

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About Kagawa University



Kagawa University is a national, comprehensive university. The university has six faculties; Education, Economics, Law, Agriculture, Medicine, and Engineering. There are more than 6000 students studying here, of which, over 200 are international students.

About Takamatsu City

The university is situated in Takamatsu City (population over 400,000). It is a mid-sized city, with the main station (Takamatsu Station) beautifully located at a seafront space called Sunport. Takamatsu City is home to a well-known Japanese garden called 'Ritsurin Park'.

About Kagawa Prefecture

Kagawa Prefecture is the smallest prefecture in Japan, and has a population of about 1,000,000. The climate is Mediterranean-like, with pleasant temperatures throughout the year. Some summers, however, can be a little hot. The cost of living is considerably lower compared to other parts of Japan

About 'Sanuki'

'Sanuki' is the old name of Kagawa. This name is synonymous with 'udon', a thick wheat noodle that is wildly popular among the local population. Udon shops are ubiquitous in all of Kagawa and it is no wonder that Kagawa's nickname is 'Udon Prefecture'. In addition, Kagawa is number one in the production of olives, fans, and gloves. She takes pride in having the longest walking shopping arcade in Japan, the biggest man-made lake in Japan, and has the most number of sunny days compared to other prefectures in Japan.

About Transport

Takamatsu City is directly connected to Kansai International Airport by limousine bus. Domestic flights are available from Haneda Airport, Narita Airport, and Naha Airport. In addition, direct international flights connect Takamatsu Airport to Shanghai, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Taipei.

Program description



Sanuki Program offers an opportunity for undergraduate exchange students from our overseas partners to experience a semester of study at a Japanese university. Students can choose the classes to fit their level of Japanese Language ability. The 'flagship' course is 'Project Sanuki', whereby exchange students work with local students to research on specific issues related to 'Sanuki' or Kagawa. From 2020 onwards, students shall focus on environmental issues associated with the Seto Inland Sea.

Period of program



There are two intakes per academic year. The Spring intake is on April, and finishes in August. The Fall intake starts from October and ends in February the following year.

Target students



The program primarily targets undergraduate students who are enrolled full time at a university having an exchange agreement with Kagawa University. However, students from universities that do not have exchange agreements may also be considered as candidates. Students participating in the Sanuki Program should be those who are recommended by the home university on the basis of their academic performance, behavior and motivation. In addition, students should possess a certain level of oral communication skills in English and/or Japanese.

Language requirements & academic standing



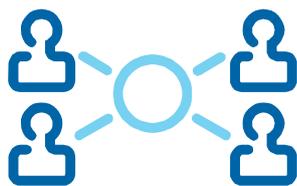
With regards to Japanese Language ability, Sanuki Program accepts students from elementary level to advanced level. However, students with Japanese Language elementary level should have a good command of English Language. All students should have a good academic standing and personal record at the home institution, and have earned a respectable GPA.

Courses in the program



Depending on the language ability, courses taken may differ from student to student. For beginners in Japanese language, we provide basic language instruction. For those with N2 or N1 in Japanese language, they can enroll for the 'regular' classes that are conducted in the Japanese language. All Sanuki Program students take some common courses that are conducted in both English and Japanese. Among them, a course called 'Project Sanuki' stands out as the 'flagship' course for the program.

Connection with the major courses



As noted above, students with N2 or N1 level of Japanese Language may be able to take 'regular' courses in their major field in the related faculties. KUIO shall try to coordinate with the appropriate faculty to assist students in enrolling for the classes. For these students, we recommend that they refer to our brochure in Japanese Language.

Application procedure



All applications must go through the international division at the applicant's university. Students first fill up application documents in electronic format. A Checklist is provided, and students can check the item boxes accordingly. When all the documents (including the Checklist itself) are properly prepared, hand over the electronic copies to the international division at your university.

Interview by Zoom



Where necessary, we may request students to undergo a 15 to 20 minute interview via Zoom as part of the application procedure. This is to allow us to verify the student's academic background, behavior, motivation, and oral communication skills (as mentioned in the previous page under 'Target students'). As an example, if a student is found to have significantly weak oral communication skills, the application may be declined.

Some important dates

	For Spring (April) entry	For Fall (October) entry
Application opens	early October	early April
Deadline to submit electronic copies of application documents	early November	early May
Deadline to submit original copies of application documents (via EMS)	early December	early June
Visa application at Japanese Embassy	January	July
Purchase of air ticket	February	August
Arrival at Japan	End of March/early April	End of September
Classes begin	First week of April	First week of October
Classes end	Early or mid August	Mid February

Timetable (example for students with Elementary Level Japanese Language)

		講義名 Classes	担当教員 Lecturer	備考 Miscellaneous
月 Mon	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	3	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	4	初級日本事情 Japanese current affairs	尾上 Onoe	Japanese students may also join. Class instruction in English.
	5	Leading Edge Issues at Kagawa University/Project Sanuki	IO教員 KUIO faculty members	Japanese students may join this course. Class instruction in both English and Japanese language.
火 Tue	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	3	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	4			
	5			
水 Wed	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	高水 Takamizu	
	3			
	4	Sanuki Program Weekly Meeting		
	5			
木 Thu	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	高水 Takamizu	
	3	Plastics, Global trade, and the Environment	ロン Lrong	A two-credit class conducted under the Faculty of Economics. Japanese students may join this class. Class instruction in English. Offered in only spring semester.
	4	初級日本事情 Japanese current affairs: Scrutinizing Kagawa	滝川 Takigawa	Japanese students may join this class. Class instruction in English.
	5			
金 Fri	1			
	2			
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Please note that this is only an example, and that some classes may not be offered in certain semesters.

Number of hours/classes in program



Japanese immigration laws require full-time international students to take at least 10 hours of classes per week. This translates to a minimum of 7 classes per week.

Course descriptions

Elementary Japanese classes

(Shioi, Takamizu), total 6 credits

Students can learn basic skills of the Japanese language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. By mastering Japanese alphabet and basic expressions, students can start communicating with Japanese people in Japanese, which will make your life in Japan easier and more comfortable both in campus and in a local community. These skills will also lead to a better understanding of Japanese culture and community.

Plastics, the environment and human society

(Lrong), 2 credits

This class consists of three parts. Part 1 introduces the world of plastics, from its invention to the current stage of production. Part 2 looks into the negative impact of plastic use on the environment from the viewpoint of marine, air, and land. Part 3 probes the role of plastic on human society, especially on the questionable effects on human diet and health.

Japanese current affairs

(Onoe), 2 credits

The aim of this course is to introduce Japan to international students through studying various areas of Kagawa. Overview of Shikoku and Kagawa, Overview of Japan (Politics and Economics), and Various aspects of development will be discussed.



Japanese current affairs

(Takigawa), 2 credits



This course aims to help international students deepen their understanding of Japan and spark their interest through looking at regional features of Kagawa, such as landscapes, geography, industries, environment, history, arts, and culture. The course consists of lectures as well as field activities in Kagawa. A few lectures are given by guest speakers who are specialists in specific fields.

Leading Edge Issues in Kagawa University

(Lrong, Takamizu, Shioi), 1 credit



This course presents a broad introduction to students to the 'leading edge' issues that is happening in the university. These issues cover the research, education, and contribution to the community conducted by the academic staff members of the university. The language used is English, and a different lecturer takes over the class in an omnibus system. Students include both the local Japanese students and those from abroad.

Project Sanuki

(Lrong, Takamizu, Shioi), 1 credit



'Project Sanuki' is a research based course whereby international students work with Japanese students on issues related to Sanuki/Kagawa. From 2020 onwards, the focus is on environmental issues surrounding the Japan Inland Sea. This focus fits ideally into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as espoused by the United Nations. We believe students will benefit tremendously from learning hands-on with members of the local community, the many issues/problems/prospects in relation to the Seto Inland Sea.

Plastics, Global Trade, and the Environment

(Lrong), 2 credits



This course revolves around the world of plastics, starting from its creation, to trade on the global arena, to the impact on the environment and on human lives. Topics are clustered accordingly into three segments. In the first segment, we look at how plastics came into being, how it was invented and how it is manufactured. We examine the merits of plastic as a raw material followed by the role plastics play in our daily lives, and the benefits it brings. In the second segment, we probe into the world of trade in plastic goods and plastic wastes. The third segment leads us to investigate the adverse sides of plastics in the environment and in the health of animals and human beings resulting from plastic-based garbage. Through the framework of Circular Economy, we explore ways to minimize the harmful effects of plastic-based garbage.

Assignment of supervisors



Each student is assigned a supervisor from KUIO. This supervisor guides the student in matters relating to daily living, and courses in the program. Depending on the situation and need, a supporting supervisor from the appropriate faculty may be assigned. This supervisor may advise the student in academic issues relating to the major subject.

Example of calendar

October	Start of autumn semester Guidance for living in Kagawa Welcome Party
November	University Festival One day visit to Japanese factories and culture spots Viewing of autumn leaves and making 'udon' noodles
December	Reception Party hosted by President for International Students Home Visit Program
January	Sanuki New Year Party
February	Final examinations Farewell Party
March	Graduation Ceremony Spring break
April	Start of spring semester University Entrance Ceremony Guidance for living in Kagawa Welcome Party
May	Japanese Tea Ceremony Study trip to Japanese factories and culture spots
June	Home Visit Program
July	Summer trip to island in Seto Inland Sea
August	Final examination Summer vacation World Gourmet Cooking
September	Summer vacation

Student supporters

All students in this program are paired with 'student supporters' who offer assistance in daily living. In addition, staff members at KUIO and other divisions (such as Health Clinic) are always ready to lend support to international students in times of need.



Extracurricular activities



The university organizes several field trips for international students. They include visits to factories, museums, and well known parks. In these field trips, students have the opportunity to learn about things like making Japanese sweets, Japanese fans, or udon noodles. The President of the university hosts a big reception party for international students at year end.

Student activities (KUFSA, ICES, student clubs)



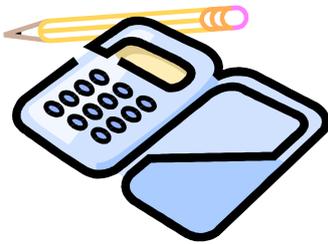
By default, all international students of the university belong to the Kagawa University Foreign Students Association (KUFSA). Together with a Japanese student club called Kagawa University Inter-Cultural Exchange Society (ICES), events are conducted throughout the year. These events include welcome and farewell parties, day trips to islands in the Seto Inland Sea, autumn leaves viewing, and traditional New Year events (see calendar above). In addition, ICES and KUFSA also conduct a series of 'Lunch Presentation Meetings'. International students may also join one of many student clubs such as Kendo, Tea Ceremony, or Japanese traditional music club.

Accommodation



University dormitories are available for the students. The rent ranges from 10000 to about 23000 yen per month. We shall assist students to apply for these rooms. However, due to the limited number of dormitory rooms, we may not be able to accommodate the desire of students. In such a case, we shall assist students to look for a room in private apartments.

Costs



Exchange students coming through the university exchange agreement shall have their tuition fees waived. However they are responsible for the air fares, room costs, living costs, health insurance costs, medical costs, and other incidentals such as internet and telephone. Depending on the individual lifestyle, living costs (including insurances) can range from about 30000 yen to 50000 yen or more per month.

Scholarship



Depending on the circumstance (year and budget), scholarships may be available for certain selected students. These scholarships may come from the Kagawa University International Foundation, or from Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). When appropriate, KUIO shall inform the parties concerned. However, students will only know if they can obtain the scholarship after arriving at Kagawa University.

Part-time job



Officially, we do not encourage students to take up part-time jobs especially as a way to earn money to support their daily living. At the outset, we advise students to secure sufficient funds to put them through the duration of the program without having to rely on part-time jobs.

Upon completion of the program



A closing ceremony is planned for students who successfully complete the program. Students shall be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Thereafter, KUIO shall send the transcripts to the university of the student for further processing.

Beyond the program



This program is designed for only one semester. Students who wish to continue studying for one more semester may consider registering as exchange students in the appropriate faculty for the remaining six months. However, please note that almost all classes in the undergraduate level are conducted in Japanese Language. Which means to say that students need to have achieved at least Level N2 to be able to sit in those classes.



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