



Kumamoto University

Short-Term
Exchange Program
2021

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About Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program

熊本大学短期留学制度について

Objective

The Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program is designed for full-time foreign undergraduate students of universities that have a student exchange agreement with Kumamoto University. The program offers courses on Japanese language, Japanese and Asian society and culture, and advanced science and technology. At Kumamoto University, there are both half- and full-year programs, and students retain full-time student status at their home universities. This program encourages promotion of cultural and academic interactions between Kumamoto University and partner university students.

Available Courses

E Course (Program in English)

Students in this course mainly take Short-Term Exchange Program classes taught in English, and Japanese language classes if the students meet the language level requirement of JLPT N3 or better*. Specialized subjects offered by each faculty and general education classes are not in the program completion requirements. (NOTE: Specialized subjects and general education classes are taught in Japanese.)

J Course (Program in Japanese)

Students in this course mainly take classes in specialized subjects for undergraduate students offered by each faculty, as well as Japanese language classes. Also, they can take general education classes and Short-Term Exchange Program classes taught in English.

Period of Acceptance

Students are accepted for a term of a half a year or one full year that starts in either October or April of any given calendar year.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicants should currently be full-time third year undergraduate students at universities that have a student exchange agreement with Kumamoto University, and must have foreign citizenship as general.
2. Applicants should be physically and mentally capable of completing their studies for entire chosen period.

E Course (Program in English)

Having English ability equivalent to TOEFL iBT score of 61 or better.

J Course (Program in Japanese)

Having Japanese ability equivalent to JLPT N3* or better.

※ From 2022 Fall acceptance, it will be changed to N2 level.

Transcript and Program Certificate

Passed classes will be accredited and approved as the credits of Kumamoto University. Also, academic transcripts will be issued, as well as program completion certificate to those who meet its completion requirements.

Tuition Fee

Admission, examination, and tuition fees payable to Kumamoto University will be waived for the maximum number of students allowed by university level student exchange agreements.

■目的

熊本大学短期留学制度は、大学間交流協定を締結している外国の大学の正規課程に在籍する外国籍の学部学生を対象とした制度で、日本語習得、日本及びアジアの社会文化、先端の科学技術、諸外国の学生との交流等に関心を持つ学部レベルの外国人学生に、母校に在籍のまま1年間を最長とする短期留学の機会を提供しています。また、諸外国の学生や日本人学生との交流を育むことを目的としています。

■コース

Eコース（英語によるプログラム）

主に、英語による短期留学プログラム科目を受講します。また、日本語科目も日本語能力試験 N3 相当以上の日本語能力を有していれば受講できます。各学部開講専門科目や教養教育科目は修了要件には含まれません。（注：専門科目及び教養教育科目は基本的に日本語で行われます。）

Jコース（日本語によるプログラム）

主に、各学部開講専門科目及び日本語科目を受講します。また、教養教育科目及び英語による短期留学プログラム科目も受講できます。

■受入期間

10月または4月から半年または1年間とします。

■出願資格

1. 本学と大学間交流協定を締結している外国の大学の正規課程に在籍し、原則として学部3年次の外国籍の学生であること。
2. 心身ともに学業に支障がないこと。

Eコース（英語によるプログラム）

TOEFL iBT 61点相当以上の英語能力を有していること。

Jコース（日本語によるプログラム）

日本語能力試験N3*相当以上の日本語能力を有していること。※2022年度10月受け入れからN2相当以上へ変更となります。

■単位の認定

取得した単位については、熊本大学の単位として認定し成績証明書を発行します。また、修了要件を満たした学生のみ修了証書を発行します。

■授業料

大学間学生交流協定校の学生で、本学との学生交流で定められた人数枠内の学生については、入学料、検定料、授業料は不徴収となります。

Application Procedure for Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program 熊本大学短期留学プログラム出願手続きについて

Required Documents

- ① Application for Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program
- ② Application for Certificate of Eligibility
- ③ Application to Rent a Room at the Kumamoto University International House
- ④ Certificate of Enrollment (Issued by home university)
- ⑤ Academic Transcript (Official home university transcript)
- ⑥ Letter of Recommendation
- ⑦ Health Certificate
- ⑧ Certificate of Financial Support (certificate of bank account balance, certificate of income, etc.)
- ⑨ Four photographs (40mm x 30mm)(Name of University and Full name written on the back)
- ⑩ Copy of first page of applicant's passport
- ⑪ Required Documents related to Language Proficiency.
E Course applicants: All non-native English speakers must submit a TOEFL iBT score card of 61 or higher, or a score of other internationally recognized English exam.
J Course applicants: Japanese- Language Proficiency Test Certificate and Scores of level N3 or higher. *N2 level will be needed as of October, 2022 application.
*Students should acquire above application forms ①, ②, ③, and ⑦ from the person in charge of outbound mobility at their university.

■出願書類

- ① 熊本大学短期留学プログラム申請書
- ② 在留資格認定証明書交付申請書
- ③ 熊本大学国際交流会館入居許可申請書
- ④ 在学証明書
- ⑤ 成績証明書
- ⑥ 推薦状
- ⑦ 健康診断書
- ⑧ 経済支弁証明書類
- ⑨ 写真4枚(40mm×30mm)
- ⑩ パスポートの写し
- ⑪ 語学力を証明する書類
Eコース選択希望者: TOEFLのスコア(英語を母国語としない者) TOEFL iBT 61点相当以上
Jコース選択希望者: 日本語能力試験の成績通知書 N3以上の写し ※2020年10月より N2
※上記①②③⑦は、所属大学より入手してください。

Deadline for Submission of Applications

- ・Application for Fall Semester 2021: April 16, 2021
- ・Application for Spring Semester 2022: November 12, 2021

■出願期間

- ・2021年10月渡日の場合、2021年4月16日までに出願
- ・2022年4月渡日の場合、2021年11月12日までに出願

Where to submit all required forms and documents

(Be sure to send the above documents to the following address through the person in charge of the overseas study programs at the applicant's host university; otherwise, the application will not be accepted.)

Kumamoto University International Student Office
2-40-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-city 860-8555 Japan
TEL +81-96-342-2103
FAX +81-96-342-2130
E-mail gji-ryugaku@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

■出願書類提出先

必ず、原籍大学の留学担当部署から下記の住所へ出願書類を郵送して下さい。学生個人からの郵便は受け付けません。
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国際教育課
TEL: 81-96-342-2103
FAX: 81-96-342-2130
E-mail: gji-ryugaku@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

Screening Schedule

For those who plan to come in October 2021

February to April 2021	Submission of application materials
May to June	Screening of applicants
August	Successful applicants will be sent a Letter of Acceptance and enrollment materials
End of September	Successful applicants come to Kumamoto, Japan Orientation Start of the Fall term

For those who plan to come in April 2022

September to November, 2021	Submission of application materials
November to December	Screening of applicants
February 2022	Successful applicants will be sent a Letter of Acceptance and enrollment materials
Early April	Successful applicants come to Kumamoto, Japan Orientation Start of the Spring term

■選考スケジュール

2021年10月渡日の場合

2021年2月～4月

	出願書類受付
5月～6月	選考
8月	受入許可書および入学手続書類の送付
9月下旬	渡日 留学生オリエンテーション 秋学期授業開始

2022年4月渡日の場合

2021年9月～11月

	出願書類受付
11月～12月	選考
2022年2月	受入許可書および入学手続書類の送付
4月初旬	渡日 留学生オリエンテーション 春学期授業開始

Taking Classes for Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program

熊本大学短期留学プログラム履修について

Required credits to complete the program

E Course (Program in English)

Subject	Required Credits
Short-Term Exchange Program classes taught in English	Students must earn a total of at least 20 credits from Short-Term Exchange Program taught in English within a year. (Students who stay for a half year must earn a total of at least 10 credits, which at least 6 credits are from the classes in English.)
Japanese Language classes (Limited to 7 units per semester)	

※ Students must take at least 7 classes per week and 10 credits each semester.
※ No under N3 level classes are provided.

J Course (Program in Japanese)

Subject	Required Credits
Specialized classes for undergraduate students in each faculty	Students must earn a total of at least 20 credits within a year. (Students who stay for a half year must earn at least 10 credits.)
Japanese language classes (Limited to 7 units per semester)	
General education classes conducted in Japanese	
Short-Term Exchange Program classes taught in English	

※ Students must take at least 7 classes per week and 10 credits each semester.

Credits

One class is 90 minutes long. If you take classes of a semester system, 2 credits for each subject (1 credits per Japanese language class) will be given to those students who attend 15 classes within a semester and pass the exam. If you take classes of a term system, 1 credit for each subject will be given to those students who attend 8 classes within a term and pass the exam.

Timetable

Classes are held from Monday to Friday. There are no classes on Saturdays and Sundays.

The timetable for classes is as follow:

1st period 8:40 - 10:10
2nd period 10:25 - 11:55
3rd period 12:55 - 14:25
4th period 14:40 - 16:10
5th period 16:25 - 17:55

プログラム修了要件

E コース 英語によるプログラム

科目名	単位数
英語による短期留学プログラム科目	英語による短期留学プログラム科目 12 単位以上を含め、1 年間で合計 20 単位以上を修得すること。(半年間の場合は、英語による科目を6 単位以上、合計 10 単位以上を修得すること。)
日本語科目 (半年間で7単位まで)	

※週 7 コマ以上を履修し、1 学期 10 単位以上を履修すること。
※ N3 以下の授業はありません。

J コース 日本語によるプログラム

科目名	単位数
各学部開講専門科目	1 年間で合計 20 単位以上を修得すること。(半年間の場合は合計 10 単位以上を修得すること。)
日本語科目 (半年間で7単位まで)	
教養教育科目	
英語による短期留学プログラム科目	

※週 7 コマ以上を履修し、1 学期 10 単位以上を履修すること。

■ 単位について

授業は 1 コマ 90 分で行われます。セメスター制の場合、1 学期に授業を 15 回受講し、試験に合格すると、2 単位 (日本語クラスは 1 単位) 与えられます。ターム制の場合、1 タームに授業を 8 回受講し、試験に合格すると、1 単位与えられます。

■ 時間割

授業は月曜日から金曜日まで行われ、土曜日と日曜日には授業はありません。

授業時間は次のとおりです。

1 限目 8:40 - 10:10
2 限目 10:25 - 11:55
3 限目 12:55 - 14:25
4 限目 14:40 - 16:10
5 限目 16:25 - 17:55



■ Semester System (15 times in total) Classes セメスター制(全15回)科目

The list below is the expected classes of the academic year 2021. These classes might be subject to change
2021 年度に開講が予定される科目です。これらの開講科目は変更になる場合があります。

Subjects	Details	Credit	Term
Advanced Engineering Mathematics	This course mainly treats "the variational problem" -- in other words, critical value problems in finite and infinite space dimensions. This kind of problems sometimes appear in determining the best shape of things, for example, cakes covered with chocolate, partitions for smoking area, the shortest route between 2 houses located in some complex field situation and a tent of smallest surface area, etc. The former part of this course will review the application of the Taylor expansion for multi-variable functions of finite number of variables. The latter part will introduce the extended theory of Taylor expansion to "infinite" space-dimension and its application to the variational problem -- the typical example is to find the smallest surface area with fixed boundary.	2	Fall
Communication in English I	The course combines cooperative learning activities with intense individual work online to achieve a balance between individual skill practice and pair communication. Films are used extensively in both classroom and online activities to provide virtual experience, input and topics for interaction.	2	Spring
Cross-cultural Understanding I	We will focus on such matters as facial communication, gestures, space and distance, attitudes toward time, gender and communication style. What follows is a tentative schedule which may be changed at the discretion of the instructor.	2	Fall
Cultures and Societies of the World	This course looks at a variety of cultures and societies around the world and will explore fundamental topics in both classic and contemporary anthropological literature. Throughout the semester students will carry out local research projects using ethnographic methods.	2	Spring Fall
Digital Signal Processing	In "Digital Signal Processing," students will study the various basics of signal processing such as signal expression, signal processing system, z transform, transfer function, frequency analysis and related basic concepts from digital expression.	2	Spring
Earth Material Science	Physics and chemistry of condensed matter in the Earth. Property and structure under extreme conditions. Lectures will be focused on the frontiers of scientific research and technology. Basic concepts, applications and topics on properties of the Earth's interior and planetary materials, local structure in condensed matter, structure determination under extreme conditions will be discussed.	2	Fall
Extreme-Condition Materials Processing	The background of several kinds of extreme condition materials science are overviewed. Lecture will be focused on the generation and measurement under shock compression, static compression and strong gravitational field, and further the phase changes, physical properties and chemical reaction. The research forefront and application to materials science, solid state physics, chemical process, earth & planet science, etc. will be covered. The synthesis methods and structure analytical methods of crystals, melt state, random structure, etc. are also lectured.	2	Spring
Fundamental study on thermal fluid flow and introduction of advanced renewable energy	Introduction of greenhouse effect and its solution, i.e., renewable energy. After that, introduction of the fundamental study on the corresponding solution methods.	2	Fall
Health and health promotion among Japanese people	This course includes 5 classes provide some basic information about the people or their works that have supported Japanese people's health, 7 classes cover important roles of radiological technologist on various fields of health science, and 3 classes cover three representing issues in clinical laboratory medicine.	2	Fall
Introduction to Game Theory	Game theory is a tool to analyze what behavior will take place in a strategic situation in which two or more people determine their own behavior while predicting the other's. Game theory is not simply theory, but provides various insights applicable to actual situations. Today, it is used in many academic fields both in social and natural sciences. The aim of this class is for students to understand game theory and be able to apply it to actual cases.	1	Fall
Lessons learnt from Minamata incident: the mass methylmercury poisoning happened in the period of Japan's rapid economic growth	This course will begin with a consideration of overall structure of the Japanese society. The nature of the so-called "Okami Ishiki," people in Japan's tradition of reliance on government, will be critically assessed. As a specific subject, we would consider issues involving the environmental pollutions which took place in the period of Japan's rapid economic growth. Especially, problems concerning Minamata disease, a methylmercury poisoning found in southern part of Kumamoto, would be examined.	2	Fall
Lubricated System in Mechanical Engineering	By learning the lubrication mechanisms in machine product and within an organism, students is able to present most appropriate lubrication system in each system.	2	Spring
Visual Culture	This course is designed to explore how visual media can be used as a tool for analysis and the impacts of films and photography on society. Students will have the opportunity to engage in their own photo essay or video documentary projects throughout the semester.	2	Spring Fall

※ Spring: April - August (4月 - 8月) — Fall: September - February (9月 - 2月)

■ Term System (15 times in total) Classes ターム制(全15回)科目

※ two classes in a week.

※ 1 週間に 2 回授業があります。

Subjects	Details	Credit	Term
Advanced Geoenvironmental Engineering	Based on the study of contaminant transfer under a landfill, we will study mathematical model of mass transfer including, diffusion, advection and sorption	2	Fall 1
Advanced Multimedia Signal Processing	Online contents are delivered on e-Learning system on various topics related to the multidimensional information processing. Course will be operated as a seminar style using e-Learning contents with face-to-face lecture and discussion as well as online st	2	Fall 1

■ Intensive Class 集中講義

Subjects	Details	Credit	Term
Volcanology I・II ※ Must take both I・II	Volcanism played an important role in the history and development of our home planet Earth. The main focus of volcanology is the transportation of magma from source to shallow reservoir, then to the surface. The eruption of volcanoes often accompanies explosive phenomena, and causes various disasters. Disaster mitigation has been a main focus of volcanology. Volcanic resources are becoming another aspect.	2	Intensive class

※ Fall 1: September - November (9月 - 11月)
Fall 2: November- February (11月 - 2月)



■ Term System (8 times in total) Classes ターム制(全 8 回)科目

The list below is for the year 2021. Classes are subject to change.

2021 年度の予定です。開講科目は変更になる場合があります。

Subjects	Details	Credit	Term
A Multidisciplinary Approach to Humanitarianism	Individual and large-scale projects to promote human welfare in areas afflicted by war or famine have a long and rich history and form the basis of many contemporary political discussions. This course will examine several different case studies concerning historical, political, scientific and other areas of humanitarian efforts.	1	Spring 2
Advanced English Communication	First, students will be introduced to world of English debate. Then, we will learn effective research techniques to construct solid arguments. Finally, we will practice real-time communication and critical thinking through debate practice.	1	Spring 2 Fall 2
Advanced Themes in Anthropology	This class aims to provide students with an overview of the major social and political theorists and their work in order to better understand of the ideas that have shaped the world in which we live. Coursework will be geared towards connecting the material of classic and modern theorists to contemporary issues relevant in our everyday lives.	1	Spring 2 Fall 2
Advanced Topics in Modern Japanese Politics	This course will include a lot of hot topics in today's Japan, such as 1955 system, political reform, consumption tax and so on.	1	Spring 1 Fall 1
American Society and Culture	This course will examine the various aspects of American Society to give students a general overview.	1	Spring 2 Fall 2
Bridging Science, Business and Industries	From scientific invention to patent application, leading into a new business. The students will be introduced to the science-related business procedures and related terminologies.	1	Spring 1・2 Fall 1
Challenges in Japanese Society	This course will explore various challenges facing Japanese society. This course aims to enhance cultural sensitivity and lead students to go beyond their own stereotypes and achieve a deeper conceptual understanding of Japanese social worlds.	1	Fall 2
Chemical Reaction Processes Made Simple	The course starts by introducing basic elements of a chemical reactor, its design and analysis of reaction. This is followed by a discussion of the different industry and environment-related chemical reaction processes. The emphasis of the course is on basic principles and concepts of chemical reaction useful in various industries.	1	Spring 1・2 Fall 2
Discovering the Middles Ages - East and West	One of the greatest benefits of studying history is that it allows us a chance to learn about who we and others came from. It is interesting to see how some of the thoughts or attitudes we know can be traced back to ancient times. This course approaches the period around 1000 A.D. We compare European and Japanese civilization taking up topics such as political authority, social hierarchy and values etc. and try to form a connection between the past and present.	1	Spring 2 Fall 1・2
Global Leader Seminar: Learning From Local Experts	This course invites speakers of different fields from the local community to provide discussions about their career paths, their insight into the opportunities, challenges, and skill sets required to work globally, and other career-related topics. The course offers options on how to "think globally and act locally".	1	Fall 2
Information and Communications Technology	This course will explore topics related to ICT from a multidisciplinary perspective, introduced by a diverse team of international instructors at the Center for International Education.	1	Fall 1
Introduction to Clean Energy & Renewable Energy	To introduce a few different renewable energy and to explain the corresponding basic study	1	Fall 2
Introduction to Renewable Energy Pertinent to Biomass	To introduce a few different renewable energy and to explain the corresponding basic study	1	Fall 1
Introduction to Japanese Politics	Media, especially the newspaper's influences on the political process in Japan, the prime ministers in Japanese history from Meiji Era to the present, the bilateral relations between Japan and China are the three main parts of this course.	1	Spring 1・2 Fall 1・2
Japan in the World: Water	This course looks at "water" from a multidisciplinary perspective and shows the importance of water and its manifestations in Japan. Students will examine a variety of cross-border topics in order to understand challenges around the world as well as potential solutions. The class will combine literature and theories from a variety of disciplines including anthropology, political science, natural sciences, history and development studies.	1	Spring 1 Fall 2
Leaders in Change - Meiji Japan and the Fifth High School	New international contacts after a long period of isolation forced the Japanese to change their world view and gave rise to leaders able to create a new reality. We will study the impact of modernization on Japanese society and the challenges of leadership during the first years of the Meiji period. We will have a comprehensive look at the education of the future elite at the Fifth High School also addressing the symbolism of the school's organization and architecture.	1	Spring 1・2 Fall 1・2
Multicultural Identity of Southeast Asia	This course covers the multicultural diversity in Southeast Asian, which has a fascinating mixture of cultures, languages and history. Efforts of turning this weakness in diversity into strength for collective development in the region will	1	Spring 2
Multidisciplinary Approach to a Sustainable Blue Community	This course tackles coastal sustainability issues in various disciplines such as history, political, social/cultural, ethical and science and technology taking into consideration possible contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) .	1	Fall 2
Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Life Longevity	This course looks at multidisciplinary perspectives on life longevity covering history, social/cultural issues, ethics and science of life-extensionism and the improvement of life quality.	1	Spring 1
Music and Culture	Students will listen to a variety of music from around the world and discuss their cultural meanings, while developing their own individual identity.	1	Spring 1 Fall 1

Subjects	Details	Credit	Term
Peoples and Cultures of the Modern Middle East	Popular media tends to present the area known as the Middle East as being rife with issues such as political conflict, however there are rich histories and complex social relations underlying the contemporary situations in this diverse area. This class will examine issues such as history, colonialism and culture to help students develop an understanding of the modern history and unfolding of current events in the region.	1	Spring 1 Fall 1
Perspectives on Biomass Utilization	This multidisciplinary and global team teaching approach will include basic topics such as raw materials, products and processes, and will be extended to the biorefinery concept related to the biofuel and chemical conversion. Process integration, optimization, bioeconomy and environmental issues associated with the use of biomass will also be covered. The emphasis of the course is on the basic principles and concepts of biomass utilization viewed on a global perspective.	1	Fall 1
Politics and Government: Advanced Topics in Political Ethics	Basic definitions and case studies about the political ethics.	1	Spring 2 Fall 2
Separation Essentials in Industries and Environment	The course starts by introducing fundamentals of separation processes. This is followed by a discussion of the different industry and environment-related separation processes. The emphasis of the course is on basic principles and concepts of separation useful in various industries. Separation processes happening in daily life activities are also explained by the principles and concepts.	1	Spring 1・2 Fall 2
Socio-Cultural Aspects of South Asia	This course will provide brief introduction about the historical and socio-cultural aspects in South Asia and elaborate how these socio-cultural issues are connected with the daily life, education, healthcare and scientific and technological advancements.	1	Spring 1
The Brothers Grimm - More than Fairy Tales!	As the title implies, the Brothers Grimm were more than collectors of folk tales. They were also cultural researchers, linguists and lexicographers and political interested citizens. We will not only read a folk tale, but also have a look at the Brother Grimm's wide-ranging activities on the background of the 19th century, an era of technical, economic, political and social transformation. At the end of the course, we discuss the global impact and cultural heritage of the Brothers Grimm's work.	1	Spring 1 Fall 1・2
The Study of Chinese Culture 1: The History of the Land-based Silk Road	The brief history of the cultural exchange through the land-based Silk Road from Han Dynasty to the next following 1000 years	1	Spring 2 Fall 2
The Study of Chinese Culture 2: The Rise and Fall of the Maritime Silk Road	The brief history of the cultural exchange through the maritime Silk Road from Tang Dynasty to Ming Dynasty	1	Spring 1 Fall 1
The Study of Political Ethics	By comparing the political ethical issues in both China and Japan, we want to help students to analyze the causes of this issue and government reforms.	1	Spring 1・2 Fall 1・2
Urban and Regional Studies in Dispute and Development	This class will combine peace building, history, environmental studies, sociology, political science together, by which the students can learn different perspectives of the studies in dispute and development.	1	Spring 2
Violence, Peace and Conflict	This course will address violence in the context of anthropological theory and will draw on examples from ethnographic research on a range of topics. Students will study violence as a phenomena ever present in our histories and our daily lives and also look at subjects such as trauma, social suffering and recovery.	1	Spring 2 Fall 2
World Culture and Geography	This is structured and an introductory geography class. Students will learn about various countries and regions around the world and the people who live in them.	1	Spring 1 Fall 1

※ Spring 1: April - June (4月 - 6月) Fall 1: September - November (9月 - 11月)
Spring 2: June - August (6月 - 8月) Fall 2: November - February (11月 - 2月)

Student cannot take the same class twice. 同じ授業科目を2回履修することはできません。



日本語ラーニング・コモンズ (課外活動)
"Learning Commons" in Japanese (Extracurricular Activity)



イングリッシュ・トークモン (課外活動)
"english TALK-mon" (Extracurricular Activity)

Japanese Language Courses 日本語科目

The list below is for the year 2021. Classes in 2021 are subject to change.
2021 年度の開講科目は変更になる場合があります。

Spring Term

Subject	Class Theme	Credit
Japanese A-1a	Advanced Oral Expressions II	
Japanese A-2b	Advanced Academic Writing	
Japanese B-1a	Advanced Listening Comprehension & Vocabulary II	
Japanese B-1b	Advanced Grammar A II	
Japanese C-1a	Advanced Grammar B II	
Japanese D-1a	Advanced Reading A II	
Japanese D-1b	Advanced Reading B II	
Japanese IV-1d	Pre-advanced Grammar II	
Japanese IV-2a	Pre-advanced Oral Expressions	
Japanese IV-1f	Pre-advanced Reading Strategies II	
Japanese IV-2m	Pre-advanced Introduction to Academic Reading	
Japanese IV-1r	Pre-advanced Listening Comprehension II	
Japanese IV-2s	Pre-advanced Writing	
Japanese III-1s	Upper-Intermediate Extensive Reading & Vocabulary II	
Japanese III-1h	Upper-Intermediate Grammar II	
Japanese III-1j	Upper-Intermediate Reading II	
Japanese III-1r	Upper-Intermediate Listening Comprehension II	
Japanese III-2a	Upper-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese	
Japanese III-2b	Upper-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese	
Japanese III-2t	Upper-Intermediate Oral Expressions	
Japanese III-2w	Upper-Intermediate Writing	
Japanese II-1h	Intermediate Listening Comprehension II	
Japanese II-2i	Intermediate Grammar	
Japanese IV-1w	Job Hunting in Japan A	
Japanese IV-1x1	Business Writing A	
Japanese IV-1y	Business Conversation A	
Japanese IV-1z	Collaborative Learning with Companies A	
Japanese III-1p	Introduction to Job Hunting in Japan	
Japanese IV-1o	Listening for JLPT N1 A	
Japanese IV-1p	Reading for JLPT N1 A	
Japanese IV-1u	Comprehensive Japanese for JLPT N1 A	

春学期(前期)

科目名	授業テーマ名	単位数
日本語 A-1a	上級 口頭表現 II	
日本語 A-2b	上級 レポート作成法	
日本語 B-1a	上級 聴解・語彙 II	
日本語 B-1b	上級 文法 A II	
日本語 C-1a	上級 文法 B II	
日本語 D-1a	上級 読解 A II	
日本語 D-1b	上級 読解 B II	
日本語 IV-1d	中上級 文法 II	
日本語 IV-2a	中上級 口頭表現	
日本語 IV-1f	中上級 ストラテジー読解 II	
日本語 IV-2m	中上級 論文読解入門	
日本語 IV-1r	中上級 聴解 II	
日本語 IV-2s	中上級 作文	
日本語 III-1s	中級後半 多読・語彙 II	
日本語 III-1h	中級後半 文法 II	
日本語 III-1j	中級後半 読解 II	
日本語 III-1r	中級後半 聴解 II	
日本語 III-2a	中級後半 総合	
日本語 III-2b	中級後半 総合	
日本語 III-2t	中級後半 口頭表現	
日本語 III-2w	中級後半 作文	
日本語 II-1h	中級前半 聴解 II	
日本語 II-2i	中級前半 文法	
日本語 IV-1w	ビジネス日本語 就活実践 A	
日本語 IV-1x1	ビジネス日本語 ライティングA	
日本語 IV-1y	ビジネス日本語 会話 A	
日本語 IV-1z	ビジネス日本語 企業協働学習A	
日本語 III-1p	ビジネス日本語 入門 A	
日本語 IV-1o	キャリア日本語 N1 聴解 A	
日本語 IV-1p	キャリア日本語 N1 読解 A	
日本語 IV-1u	キャリア日本語 N1 総合 A	



Fall Term

Subject	Class Theme	Credit
Japanese A-2a	Advanced Oral Expressions I	
Japanese A-2b	Advanced Academic Writing	
Japanese B-2a	Advanced Listening Comprehension & Vocabulary I	
Japanese B-2b	Advanced Grammar A I	
Japanese C-2a	Advanced Grammar B I	
Japanese D-2a	Advanced Reading A I	
Japanese D-2b	Advanced Reading B I	
Japanese IV-2d	Pre-advanced Grammar II	
Japanese IV-2a	Pre-advanced Oral Expressions	
Japanese IV-2f	Pre-advanced Reading Strategies I	
Japanese IV-2m	Pre-advanced Introduction to Academic Reading	
Japanese IV-2r	Pre-advanced Listening Comprehension I	
Japanese IV-2s	Pre-advanced Writing	
Japanese III-2s	Upper-Intermediate Extensive Reading & Vocabulary I	
Japanese III-2h	Upper-Intermediate Grammar I	
Japanese III-2j	Upper-Intermediate Reading I	
Japanese III-2r	Upper-Intermediate Listening Comprehension I	
Japanese III-2a	Upper-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese	
Japanese III-2b	Upper-Intermediate Comprehensive Japanese	
Japanese III-2t	Upper-Intermediate Oral Expressions	
Japanese III-2w	Upper-Intermediate Writing	
Japanese II-2h	Intermediate Listening Comprehension I	
Japanese II-2i	Intermediate Grammar	
Japanese II-2w	Job Hunting in Japan B	
Japanese II-2x1	Business Writing B	
Japanese II-2y	Business Conversation B	
Japanese II-2z	Collaborative Learning with Companies B	
Japanese III-2p	Introduction to Business Conversation	
Japanese IV-2o	Listening for JLPT N1 B	
Japanese IV-2p	Reading for JLPT N1 B	
Japanese IV-2u	Comprehensive Japanese for JLPT N1 B	

秋学期(後期)

科目名	授業テーマ名	単位数
日本語 A-2a	上級 口頭表現 I	
日本語 A-2b	上級 レポート作成法	
日本語 B-2a	上級 聴解・語彙 I	
日本語 B-2b	上級 文法A I	
日本語 C-2a	上級 文法B I	
日本語 D-2a	上級 読解 A I	
日本語 D-2b	上級 読解 B I	
日本語 IV-2d	中上級 文法 I	
日本語 IV-2a	中上級 口頭表現	
日本語 IV-2f	中上級 ストラテジー読解 I	
日本語 IV-2m	中上級 論文読解入門	
日本語 IV-2r	中上級 聴解 I	
日本語 IV-2s	中上級 作文	
日本語 III-2s	中級後半多読・語彙 I	
日本語 III-2h	中級後半文法 I	
日本語 III-2j	中級後半読解 I	
日本語 III-2r	中級後半聴解 I	
日本語 III-2a	中級後半総合	
日本語 III-2b	中級後半総合	
日本語 III-2t	中級後半 口頭表現	
日本語 III-2w	中級後半 作文	
日本語 II-2h	中級前半 聴解 I	
日本語 II-2i	中級前半 文法	
日本語 IV-2w	ビジネス日本語 就活実践 B	
日本語 IV-2x1	ビジネス日本語ライティング B	
日本語 IV-2y	ビジネス日本語 会話 B	
日本語 IV-2z	ビジネス日本語 企業協働学習B	
日本語 III-2p	ビジネス日本語 入門 B	
日本語 IV-2o	キャリア日本語 N1 聴解 B	
日本語 IV-2p	キャリア日本語 N1 読解 B	
日本語 IV-2u	キャリア日本語 N1 総合 B	

Campus Life キャンパスライフ

Since a variety of events are held in and out of the university throughout year, you can spend a fulfilling life in Kumamoto University. ※ This schedule is subject to change.

年間を通して大学の内外で様々なイベントがあり、充実した大学生活を送ることができます。※予定は変更になることがあります。

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Late September

Fall Term Starts

9月下旬：秋学期開始



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November 1

Anniversary of the Founding of Kumamoto University

11月1日：開学記念日

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Late September to Mid October

Registration for Classes

9月下旬～10月中旬：秋学期履修登録

Anniversary of the Founding of Kumamoto University

University Festival

開学記念日前後：大学祭



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Late December to Early January

Winter Break

12月下旬～1月上旬：冬季休業



1

Late January to Early February

Final Exams

1月下旬～2月上旬：秋学期定期試験

2

Late February

Closing Ceremony

2月下旬：短期留学プログラム閉講式

4

Early April

Spring Term Starts

4月上旬：春学期開始

Early April to Mid April

Registration for Classes

4月上旬～4月中旬：春学期履修登録

7

Late July to Early August

Final Exams

7月下旬～8月上旬：春学期定期試験

8

Early August

Closing Ceremony

8月上旬：短期留学プログラム閉講式



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Early August to Late September

Summer Break

8月上旬～9月下旬：夏季休業



その他、ウェルカムパーティ等が催されます。

Also, welcome parties and other events are held for the international students.



The Health Care Center



Center for International Education



Library

Support System

Tutor System

There is a tutor system available to help international students in terms of learning and living in Japan.

General Consultations

Students are welcome to seek advice from the faculty of Center for International Education and the staff of International Student Office about problems, such as academic studies or life in Japan.

Health Consultations

The Health Center staff offers health consultations for all students. They can give advice on how to cope mentally and physically with life in Japan and problems that may arise due to different life and food in Japan. They also offer basic medical treatments for minor illnesses and injuries. In addition, specialty physicians are also available for mental health counselings.

Career Development Program

With support from the Ministry of Education, the Career Development Program offers to train international students who wish to work and live in Japan (especially in Kumamoto Prefecture).

Exchange students are also eligible to attend parts of the program, such as business Japanese classes. In addition, students can receive prospective guidance on their future path before they enroll in a graduate program at Kumamoto University.

■生活支援

チューター制度

留学生の学習・日常生活を支援するためにチューターをつける制度があります。

生活相談

学業や生活のことなど、留学生のいろいろな悩みや問題について多言語文化総合教育センター教員および国際教育課スタッフに気軽に相談することができます。また、英語による相談もできます。

健康相談

保健センターでは留学生の健康相談を受け付けています。慣れない日本での生活や食事などで心や体のバランスを崩さないようにアドバイスをしたり、軽い病気や怪我をした場合には簡単な治療も行います。また、心の問題についても専門の医師が相談を受け付けています。

■留学生就職促進プログラム

文部科学省の支援により、日本での就職を希望する留学生を国内（特に県内）に就職できる人材に育成し、国内定着を図るプログラムがあります。交換留学生もビジネス日本語の授業など、プログラムの一部を受講することができます。また、将来的に熊本大学の大学院生として入学し、日本で就職するための支援を受けられます。

Extracurricular Activities



Kumamoto University offers various activities for international students to experience Japanese culture. In addition, a two-day overnight study trip is offered each year, which provides students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of Japanese tradition, history, nature, science, and technology.

International students can participate in such sport clubs as baseball, soccer, basketball, judo and kendo, as well as orchestra, chorus, drama and calligraphy clubs. In addition, some Japanese cultural events organized by volunteer groups are also open for the students to participate.

■課外活動等について

熊本大学では日本の文化に直接触れることができるよう、さまざまな活動を用意しているほか、旅行を通して日本の文化や歴史、自然に対する深い理解を得るために、1年に1回、1泊2日の留学生実地研修旅行を行っています。

課外活動では、野球部、サッカー部、バスケットボール部、柔道部、剣道部などの体育会系サークルのほか、オーケストラ部、合唱部、演劇部や書道部等の文化系サークルが活発に活動しています。その他、ボランティアサークルによる日本文化体験イベントへの参加もすることができます。



Dormitory

Students who enroll in Kumamoto University through the Kumamoto University Short-Term Exchange Program are given priority for accommodation in the Kumamoto University International House, the dormitory for international students that has a capacity of over 200 international students. Located about 1.5km east of the campus, it takes about 10 minutes by bicycle from the International House to the university.

Room type : Shared room / Single room

Shared room : One unit consists of 4 private rooms, and a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom.

Rent:

17,000 yen/month(Shared room)

*Including utilities and expenses for common facilities

17,000 yen/month (Single room)

*Not including utilities.

Residents must deposit 8,000 yen (Shared room)/18,000 yen (Single room) when they move in, and about 10,000 yen annually for bedding or Futon rental service. Residents who wish to have their own internet connection in their rooms must sign up with their choice of internet provider for themselves. It costs about 17,000 yen for 6months/ 32,000 yen for 1 year.

Facilities and Equipments

Air conditioner, bed, refrigerator, IH cooking heater, desk,e.t.c...

■宿舎について

熊本大学短期留学制度により入学する学生は、熊本大学国際交流会館へ優先的に入居することができます。キャンパスから東に1.5km離れたところに、留学生のための寮として、「熊本大学国際交流会館」があり、200人以上の留学生が住むことが可能です。宿舎から大学まで自転車で10分程度です。

部屋タイプ/ルームシェアタイプ、単身室

ルームシェアタイプ:1ユニットには、4つの個室と共有の居間、キッチン、バスルームがあります。

料金/月額17,000円(ルームシェアタイプ)

※水道・光熱・共益費を含む

月額17,000円(単身室)

※水道・光熱・共益費は別途実費

入居時には預託金として別途8,000円(ルームシェアタイプ)/18,000円(単身室)、ふとんリース代として、約10,000円/年が必要です。また、インターネットは個別契約となっており、利用する場合には半年契約で約17,000円、1年契約で約32,000円が必要です。

設備・備品

エアコン・ベッド・冷蔵庫・IHクッキングヒーター・机等



Student Dormitory, International House

Typical day of a student

学生の日



Natasha Nejo
ナターシャ・ニージョー
(England / イギリス)



On a week-day 平日

Getting up 起床 8:50
Getting ready & breakfast 準備・朝食 9:00

Leave for university 登校 10:00
Japanese class 日本語の授業 10:25

Lunch time & A short study session 12:00
昼食

Afternoon classes 午後の授業 14:40
E Course Class, or if no class then self study in library or CIE

Getting back to International House 寮へ戻る 18:00
(Cooking for dinner) 夕食調理 18:15
Dinner 夕食 19:00
Homework, Revision 宿題、復習 19:30

Relax time リラックスタイム 21:30

Going to bed 就寝 22:30

On a holiday 週末

Getting up 起床 10:00
Getting ready 準備 10:15
Relax Time リラックスタイム 10:45

Late Breakfast & Early Lunch ブランチ 11:30
Homework, Revision 宿題、復習 12:00

Clean Room 掃除など 13:30
Meet Friends, Late Lunch and Shopping 友人と昼ご飯、買い物 14:00

Dinner with Friends 友人と夕食 18:30

Homework, Revision 宿題、復習 22:00
Relax Time 読書 23:00

Going to bed 就寝 1:30



On a week-day 平日

Getting up 起床 8:30
Getting ready & breakfast 準備・朝食 9:00

Leave for university 登校 10:05
Japanese class 日本語の授業 10:25

Lunch time 昼食 12:00
Afternoon classes 12:55
午後の授業 または図書館で自習
米文学演習、ビジネス日本語 IV、
American Society and Culture, Music & Culture

Getting back to International House 14:30
寮へ戻る

Exercise (work out indoors when rainy) 17:00
運動 (雨の日は家で筋トレ)

Shopping grocery 夕食の買い物 18:00
Cooking for dinner 夕食調理 18:30

Dinner 夕食 19:30
Shower シャワー 20:30
Homework and review 自習時間、課題 21:00

Going to bed 就寝 24:00

On a holiday 週末

Getting up 起床 10:00

Prepare lunch 昼食の準備 11:00
Lunch 昼食 11:30

Going out, shopping, travel etc. 外出、旅行や買い物など趣味活動 12:30

Exercise (work out indoors when rainy) 18:00
運動(雨の日は家で筋トレ)

Cooking for dinner 夕食の準備 19:00
Eat dinner out 夕食(土曜日は外食) 19:30

Shower シャワー 20:30
Homework, prepare presentations 発表の準備や課題 21:00

Going to bed 就寝 24:00



李 曉真
イ・ヒョジン
(Korea / 韓国)





Q.1 How is your life in Kumamoto?

熊本での生活はどうですか？

A.1 Busy, but I like it here. It is not such a huge city but there is always a lot to do here and there is so much nice scenery in this prefecture. You can get to a lot of other places in Kyushu very easily from Kumamoto city because of its central location. There are also a lot of school trips to nearby cities, so it is quite easy to find people to travel with. Even in the city there is lots to see and a lot of festivals to go to, and the food here is amazing.

留学生活は忙しいですが、私は熊本が好きです。そんなに大きな都市ではありませんが、色々な活動が出来ますし、熊本県には素晴らしい景観の場所がたくさんあります。熊本市は九州の中央に位置しているので、九州の他の場所に行きやすいです。大学では近隣県への旅行をたくさん募集していますので、一緒に旅行する人を見つけるのはとても簡単です。熊本市内に限っても見どころは多く、お祭りもたくさんあります。そして、熊本の食べ物は素晴らしいです。

Q.2 What do you think of people in Kumamoto?

熊本の人はどうですか？

A.2 People here are very kind here and they talk to international students without a hesitation. I had a conversation with a stranger for more than 30 minutes in a supermarket!

みんなとても親切で、外国人でも気兼ねなく話しかけてくれます。スーパーマーケットで知らないおばさんと 30 分間話した時もありました。(笑)

Q.3 Are there any favorite places in Kumamoto ?

熊本の街で好きな場所は？

A.3 I like Kurokawa Hot Spring the best. The scenery is so beautiful that it became the background of the Ghibli movie "Spirited Away", so I recommend you to go there.

一番よかったのはやっぱり黒川温泉でした。ジブリの映画「千と千尋の神隠し」の背景になったほど景色がきれいなのでぜひ一度行ってみることをお勧めします。

I recommend seeing Kumamoto Castle, Aso, Downtown Kumamoto (Kamitori and Shimotori), as well as Hikari no Mori shopping centre. There are so many festivals in Kumamoto that I have enjoyed going to but I recommend the Yatsushiro Firework Festival and the Kyushu Festival (Matsuri in Kyushu). It is nice to get a sense of the culture by going to a festival.

熊本城、阿蘇、熊本繁華街（上通と下通）、ゆめタウン光の森（ショッピングモール）を見ることをお勧めします。また、熊本ではたくさんの祭りが楽しめますが、八代花火大会と「祭りアイランド九州」をお勧めします。祭りに行って土地の文化に触れるのはとても良い経験です。



Q.4 Are there any eating out recommendations?

熊本でぜひ食べてもらいたい食べ物は何ですか？

A.4 I definitely recommend Curry House Coco Ichibanya! It is a chain of restaurants that is all over Japan but I keep going to the one in Shimotori (Downtown), and the "Tori Chiki Zan Mai" is my favourite dish there. They have loads of food to choose from and it is all so delicious. I also recommend Torihiro, the karaage bento shop that has two locations next to the university Kurokami campus. I often get the Chilli Mayo Bento which comes with Karaage, Rice and some salad and it is really delicious and quite cheap. Kura Sushi is also a nice place to go; it is a conveyor-belt sushi restaurant and each plate is only 100 yen!

私は絶対にカレーハウスココ壹番屋をお勧めします！日本中にあるチェーン店ですが、私は下通（ダウンタウン）のお店に通っていて、トリチキ三昧は私の気に入りの料理です。メニューが豊富で、とても美味しいです。また、大学キャンパスのすぐそばに 2 つ店舗がある唐揚げ弁当店「鳥ひろ」もお勧めです。回転寿司レストランくら寿司もよいお店です。1皿はわずか 100 円です！

I recommend a restaurant called "Tsukemen GYORAI" on the way from Higo Bank to Toricho-suji. Discounts are available for university students, and tsukemen are very delicious. I highly recommend it.

私は肥後銀行から通町筋に行く途中にある「つけ麺魚雷」という食堂をお勧めします。大学生なら割引もできますし、つけ麺がとてもおいしいです。

Q.5 How much is your cost of living each month?

月の生活費はいくらですか？

A.5 60,000 ~ 80,000 yen.
60,000 円 ~ 80,000 円です。

Q.6 Is there anything to take special care of yourself in a different climate?

体調管理で気をつけていることは何かありますか？

A.6 When I arrived in Kumamoto it was very hot, and I now summer can get extremely hot, so I make sure to use sunscreen and also bug spray to protect from insect bites. In summer, light fabrics and long skirt are good for keeping cool, but in winter it gets quite cold, so thicker coats, or thermal layers would be a necessity. Don't forget gloves and a scarf, as even in Autumn, it gets quite cold after sunset.

9 月下旬に熊本に着いたときは非常に暑く、日焼け止めと虫除けスプレーは必須でした。夏には、軽い生地と長いスカートが涼しさを保つのに最適でしたが、冬にはかなり寒くなるので、分厚いコート、または上着が必要です。秋でも、日没後はかなり寒いので、手袋とマフラーも忘れないでください。

Q.7 How do you go to the University?

熊本大学まではどうやって通っていますか？

A.7 I walk to university and it takes 15-20 minutes from IH. But I know quite a lot of students cycle to university and that takes 5-10 minutes. Raincoat is a must, since it is rainy in summer.

私は大学まで 15 ~ 20 分かけて歩いて通っています。他の学生の多くは自転車で 5-10 分で通学しているようです。ちなみに夏は雨の日が多いですのでレインコートを用意した方がよいです。

Q.8 How is your life in the shared-room dormitory with friends from different countries?

寮(シェアルーム)での他の国の学生との生活はどうですか？

A.8 I like living in a shared room because everyone is from different countries and it is so interesting. I am from England, but my roommates are from China, Vietnam and Taiwan and it is so nice to find out about similarities and differences between all of our cultures and lifestyles. We usually speak Japanese when we are all together and at first I thought it will be hard because of the language barrier but we get on very well.

みんな違う国から来ていてとても興味深く、私はシェアルームの生活が好きです。私はイギリス出身ですが、ルームメイトは中国、ベトナム、台湾から来ており、みんなの文化とライフスタイルの類似点や相違点を見つけることができとても良い環境です。私たちは一緒にいる時いつも日本語で話します。最初は言葉の壁で難しかったなと思っていましたが、うまくいっています。

Q.9 Are there any recommended subjects?

オススメの科目はありますか？

A.9 I'm in the J course, and I recommend two classes from the Faculty of Letters, "Outline of Folklore Studies I" and "Seminar of American Literature". Japanese language classes are designed for international students, the teachers are very kind and make clear explanations. I recommend all Japanese classes.

Jコース：文学部の授業である「民俗学概論」や「米文学演習」をお勧めします。先生方もとても親切で、授業の内容も面白いので楽しい時間になると思います。日本語クラスは留学生向けなので先生方はみんな親切で授業の内容がよく理解できるように説明してくれます。どれもよいので好きな科目を選ぶことをお勧めします。

I'm in the E course and I would recommend taking Ms. Oshima's Cross Cultural Understanding class as it is a nice way to find out about other cultures and discuss differences in language and behaviour around the world.

Eコース：オオシマ先生の Cross Cultural Understanding のクラスを受講することをお勧めします。他の文化について学び、世界中の言語や行動の違いについて話し合う素晴らしい授業です。

Q.10 What are assignments like? How do you study for term exams?

宿題はどうですか。試験勉強はどのようにしていますか。

A.10 There are many presentations to prepare, so I tend to mumble all the time in my room. The central library of Kumamoto University is quiet and has a good study atmosphere, so I often study for exams there.

私が受けている授業は発表が多いので一人で部屋でぶつぶつ喋ってる時が多いです。熊本大学の図書館は静かで勉強する雰囲気がよくできていますので試験勉強をするときによく利用します。

Q.11 Is there any secret for improving your Japanese language proficiency?

日本語上達の秘訣はありますか。

A.11 The best way to improve your Japanese is to speak it and surround yourself with it as much as possible. Kumamoto is a good city to be in, as it is not as international as bigger cities, so you have plenty of chances to speak and hear Japanese in your daily life. The university also has language exchanges everyday in the General Education building which I often go to to practice speaking. I think watching Japanese programs and listening to Japanese music help too.

日本語を上達させるための最善の方法は、できるだけ日本語を話し、日本語環境に包まれることです。熊本はさほど国際化していないので、日常生活で日本語を話したり聞いたりする機会がたくさんあります。また、全学教育棟では毎日熊大生と日本語で話すラーニング・コモンズがあるので、私はよく会話の練習に行きます。また、日本のテレビ番組、音楽も役に立つと思います。

Q.12 Where is your favorite cafeteria in Kumamoto University? What is your favorite food from the menu?

熊本大学の食堂で一番のオススメはどこですか？何が一番好きですか？

A.12 Most of my classes are on North Campus so I tend to eat my lunch there most days. I love curry so I often get the Katsu Curry, but if not I get Rice and any meat and side dish that looks good from the main counter. There is a lot of delicious food on sale in the cafeteria.

授業のほとんどは黒髪北キャンパスで行われているので、大体は黒髪北生協の食堂で昼食を食べます。私はカレーが大好きなのでカツカレーをよく食べますが、メインカウンターでライスとお肉メインのおかずを買うときもあります。食堂ではおいしい食べ物がたくさん販売されています。

I love noodles, so I eat them a lot. I especially recommend all kinds of UDON!

麺類が好きなので麺類料理をよく食べます。特にうどん類は全部お勧めします(笑)。

Q.13 Do you have anything that you should have prepared before coming to Japan / Kumamoto ?

留学前に、事前に準備しておけばよかったと思うこと、思う物はありませんか？

A.13 I wish I brought more winter clothes, as it gets cold quite quickly here. By November it was a lot colder than it was in September. I do think coming here you need to have some money put aside for moving in procedures, as things like Wifi, Phone SIM cards, bicycles and the accommodation deposits need to be paid for when you arrive. Also, I had to speak Japanese upon arrival in Kumamoto Airport in order to get on the correct bus to the city, so I think basic Japanese would be helpful for asking for directions or confirming schedules.

熊本はすぐに寒くなるので、もっと冬用の服を持って来れば良かったと思います。9月に来て、11月にはかなり寒くなりました。また、Wi-Fi、携帯電話用SIMカード、自転車、宿泊先のデポジットなど到着時に支払う必要があるため、ある程度のお金が必要でした。また、熊本空港に到着した際、市内行きの正しいバスに乗るために日本語を話さなければならなかったため、場所をたずねたり、スケジュールを確認するため、基本的な日本語力は役立つと思います。

Q.14 Do you think your student tutor helped you? How was your tutor?

チューターさんはどうでしたか。色々助けてくれましたか。

A.14 If you sign up for a tutor it is quite helpful as they help you go through the complicated procedures at city hall and in the university. I would definitely recommend getting a tutor for people who do not speak much Japanese. My tutor helped me a lot when I was moving in and now I can send him a message if I have any questions or concerns.

チューターに申し込むと、市役所や大学での複雑な手続きをサポートしてくれるので大変助かりました。日本語があまり話せない人は、必ずチューターを申請するように特にお勧めします。私が引っ越してきた時、私のチューターは大いに手助けしてくれ、今も質問や疑問があれば、彼にメッセージを送って気軽にたずねることができます。

Campus Area Map

キャンパス周辺マップ



Tatsuda Nature Park



Red Gate

Kumamoto University
熊本大学

International House
熊本大学学生交流会館



Tatsudaguchi Train Station



Kokai Market Street



Kokai Market Street



Tokaigakuen-mae Train Station



Halal Food Shop



Drug Store



Drug Store



Karaoke

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Kumamoto Castle

About Kumamoto

Kumamoto University is located in the city of Kumamoto in Kyushu, the southern-most main island of Japan. Kumamoto City has a population of approximately 740,000 and is the second biggest city in Kyushu. By air it takes 120 minutes from Tokyo or 75 minutes from Osaka; by train it takes approximately 40 minutes from Fukuoka City.

Climate

The weather is generally mild. The weather changes from hot and humid (25-35°C) in July and August to windy and cold (2-10°C) in January and February. Autumn and spring offer the most comfortable weather. When you get here in October or April, it will be the beautiful seasons and the temperature will be moderate (14-24°C). Therefore you will not need to put on a coat, but rather only a light jacket. Once the winter season comes in late November, you will need some sweaters and a winter coat. Warm clothing is necessary in January and February. We rarely have heavy snow in Kumamoto.

Sightseeing spots

Local attractions include Kumamoto Castle, one of the oldest and grandest medieval castles in Japan; Kumamoto downtown area, located 10-15 minutes away from Kumamoto University by bicycle and known for a lot of office buildings and shopping streets; the Amakusa Islands, a chain of 120 islands known for their exciting Christian history and plenty of rich nature; and Aso National Park, crowned by the active volcano Mt. Aso, with a world-leading caldera volcano. Because of its proximity to Mt. Aso, the Kumamoto area also has an abundance of natural hot springs. Kumamoto is also well-known in Japan for its delicious drinking water. Because the rainfall that soaks into the ground in the mountains of the Aso region is purified for many years, clean drinkable water is always available.

Transportation

It takes from one and a half hours to two hours for you to go to Tokyo from Kumamoto by airplane. You can get to Kyoto, famous for its historical sights, in two and a half hours by a "shinkansen" bullet train from Fukuoka. Since Japanese railways and bus routes have been expanded throughout the country, you can easily visit other cities in Kyushu, as well as other areas in Japan.

In campus life, many students use a bicycle because of the flat land in Kumamoto and to have easy access to downtown.

■熊本について

熊本大学は、日本の最南の主な島である九州の熊本市にあり、熊本市は人口約 74 万の九州第二の都市です。飛行機で、東京から 120 分または大阪から 75 分、新幹線で福岡市から約 40 分かかります。

■気候

一年を通して天気は穏やかですが、7 月から 8 月にかけては蒸し暑く (25-35°C)、1 月から 2 月にかけては冷たい風が吹きます (2-10°C)。秋と春は最も快適で美しい季節で (14-24°C)、コートを着る必要はなく、軽く上着を羽織る程度で充分です。11 月の下旬から 2 月にかけては暖かい衣類が必要です。熊本には、大雪はめったに降りません。

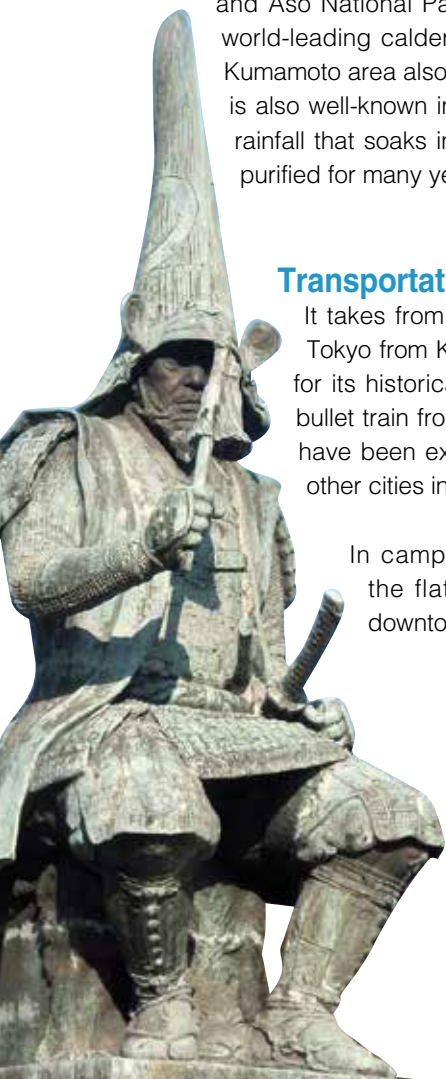
■観光スポット

日本で最も古く最も壮大な中世の城である熊本城、大学から自転車で 10 ~ 15 分程度の距離にある熊本市繁華街、120 もの島が点在し、クリスチャンの歴史で知られ、自然が豊かな天草諸島、そして、世界有数のカルデラ火山がある阿蘇国立公園などがあります。阿蘇には多くの天然温泉があります。また、熊本市は日本有数の地下水都市であり、水道水のほぼ 100% を地下水で賄っています。阿蘇の山肌に浸透した雨水がその裾野で涵養され、何年もかけてから湧き出てくるので、一年中美味しい水を飲むことができます。

■交通アクセス

熊本から東京までは飛行機で一時間半 ~ 2 時間です。また、歴史で有名な京都には、福岡から新幹線で二時間半です。日本は鉄道とバス網が全国の至る所に発達しているので、容易に九州の他の都市や全国の他の地域へ行くことができます。

大学生活では、熊本の平坦な土地と中心街へのアクセスの良さにより、多くの学生が自転車を利用しています。



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