Faculties and Graduate Schools

Preparation for Studying in Japan

Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

International applicants need to take EJU* as well as to apply to our university.

*To evaluate Japanese language skill and basic academic abilities needed to study at the university level.

Date of Exam: June and November

Venues: in Japan: Fukuoka City (Fukuoka area)

*Outside Japan: India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Russia

Subjects: Humanities: Japanese as a Foreign Language, Japan and the World, Mathematics

*Science: Japanese as a Foreign Language, Science (two subjects from Physics, Chemistry and Biology), Mathematics

Exam languages: Japanese or English

*Students with a high score in the EJU may be eligible to receive a Preparation Program for Foreign Scholarships for Financially Need-Based Students (tuition waiver level: 40,000 yen per month)

Entry Visa

For applications for entry visas to take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students and the university’s entrance examination, please contact your nearest embassy for consular general to apply for a Temporary Visitor visa. At that time, it is advisable to show documents such as your examination admission card.

Residence status: Temporary Visitor Period of stay: 90, 30 or 15 days

*Please contact the embassy for details in advance.

Kumamoto University

About Kumamoto Prefecture and Kumamoto City

Kumamoto Prefecture is located in the center of Kyushu, the southernmost main island of Japan. It is home to Mt. Aso, set in a world-leading caldare, the Asoke Sea, and the Amakusa Islands. You can enjoy the rich natural environment of Kumamoto throughout all four seasons. Kumamoto City, with 740,000 residents, is the hub of Kumamoto Prefecture. Kumamoto Castle is located downtown, surrounded by office buildings and shopping areas. Kumamoto City is accessible via Kumamoto Airport as well as via airports in neighboring prefectures, including Fukuoka Airport. Fukuoka City is the largest city in Kyushu, and just 30 minutes away by Shinkansen train or 2 hours away by highway bus. Kumamoto City is very convenient for international students.
About Kumamoto University
Inheriting the Fifth High School founded in 1887, Kumamoto University was established in 1949 under the new National School System. It comprises 7 faculties and 8 graduate schools, as well as 20 research centers and facilities. The university is home to 8,000 undergraduates, 2,000 graduate students and 2,500 faculty members. Kumamoto University is an outstanding research institutes, accepting many international students and contributing to local and international communities.

Entrance Programs

1. Japanese Government Scholarship Students (Embassy Recommendation)
This scholarship offered by the Japanese government (Embassy Recommendation) is intended for individuals living overseas who wish to study in Japan. The Japanese Embassies and Consulate Generals overseas recruit and screen applicants. Kumamoto University accepts students as undergraduate students, research students, Japanese studies students, and teacher training students.

- Scholarship
  Scholarship benefits are 110,000 yen to 140,000 yen per month. Tuition fees are not to be collected. Travel costs, round-trip airfare, are to be provided.

- Recruitment
  - Undergraduate Students/Research Students
    Recruitment: April-May
  - Japanese Studies Students/Teacher Training Students
    Recruitment: December-February

2. Privately-Funded International Students
Kumamoto University accepts privately-funded international students at 7 faculties. For details, please contact the administration division of faculty you want.

   ■ Entrance examination for Privately-Funded International Students (undergraduates)

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3. Exchange Students
Students of universities that have concluded student exchange agreements with Kumamoto University can study at our university as exchange students.

- For details, please contact the College of Cross-Cultural and Multidisciplinary Studies.

   ■ International Exchange Agreements

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- Partner Universities Exchanging Students (excepted)
KOREA / Pusan University, Dong-A University, Chosun University, University of Seoul, Pukyong National University USA / The University of Montana, Montana State University Australia / The University of Newcastle, University of Leeds, UK / University of Warwick, University of Greenwich, UK / University of London, France / Paris University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Institute of Technology China / Tongji University, Shanghai Normal University, Dalian University of Technology, East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai University, Jilin University, Guangzhou Normal University, Harbin Institute of Technology Taiwan / Southern Taiwan University, Vietnam / Hanoi University, National University of Civil Engineering Indonesia / Institut Teknologi Bandung, Gadjah Mada University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Airlangga University Laos / National University of Laos

4. Transfer Students
Students who have graduated or are expected to graduate from junior colleges can matriculate as juniors of Kumamoto University. For details, please contact the administration division of faculty you want.

Application: Around May - Sep.  
Examination: Around May - Oct.

School Fees and Living Expenses

1. School Fees

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<td>Fees</td>
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<td>Admission Fees</td>
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2. Average Monthly Living Expenses

- Food: 30,000 - 45,000 yen
- Accommodations: Single Rooms 17,000 yen (incl. common service charge) Private apartments: 25,000 - 60,000 yen
- Total Average Monthly Living Expenses: 80,000 yen -

Economic Assistance

1. Tuition Waiver (For Privately-Funded International Students)
You may be eligible to get all or half of your tuition fees waived, if your application is accepted (Roughly 60% of the undergraduates, 80% of the master’s course students, and 90% of the doctoral course students are exempted).

2. Scholarship
A monthly scholarship of 30,000 to 150,000 yen is available from Japanese government, Kumamoto Pref., the Rotary Club and other foundations.

   - For details, please contact the College of Cross-Cultural and Multidisciplinary Studies.
   - The university also offers career advice and arranges part-time jobs (with permission and work hours limits).

Daily Life Support

1. Housing and Life
Kumamoto University International House, 10 minutes by bicycle (1.5 km) from the Kumaki Campus, is an accommodation for international students and researchers. Currently, it houses more than 200 people. Qualified residents can stay for 6 months to 1 year (extendable up to 2 years) after entering the university. There are apartments for students, supermarkets, convenience stores, and other shops near the university. The downtown area is located 10-15 minutes by bicycle from the university.

2. Campus Life
   - Facilities in Campus
The campus houses cafes, restaurants, bookstores, travel agencies, and bank ATMs. Meals and commodities are readily available at reasonable prices.

   - Support for Japanese Language and Culture
Various levels of Japanese language classes are offered so that international students can choose one that matches their Japanese proficiency. The university also offers Japanese history and culture programs and field trips.