



Kumamoto University (Kumamoto Prefecture)



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◇ University overview

○ Characteristics and history

Kumamoto University (KU) was established in May, 1949 in-corporating several institutions, including the Fifth High School and Kumamoto Medical College. Now, it has seven undergraduate faculties, eight graduate schools and one research institution. There are about 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and about 2,700 faculty and staff.

KU Graduate School of Teacher Education offers curriculums for Teacher Training Practices and Development. It also accepts working school teachers. The purpose is to improve and achieve the quality of teachers through general researches related to practical educational results.

○ International exchange

• Number of international students

AY 2021: 374 from 34 countries
(as of May 1, 2021)

AY 2020: 462 from 38 countries
(as of May 1, 2020)

AY 2019: 462 from 38 countries
(as of May 1, 2019)

• Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2021: 1 (Indonesia)

AY 2020: 1 (Estonia)

AY 2019: 1 (Malawi)

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

○ Characteristics of the program

• The purpose of Kumamoto University's teacher education program is to give basic and professional knowledge and skills in various areas of Japanese education. The Faculty of Education conducts specialized courses for students who wish to be kindergarten, elementary, junior, or senior high school teachers in the following subjects: Japanese, social studies, mathematics, natural science, music, art, health and physical education, industrial technology, living sciences, English, special support education (pedagogy, psychology), and school health nursing education.

○ Number of students to be accepted: 19 in total

○ Outline of the course

• Learning Japanese (October, 2022 to March, 2023)

Students will learn conversational Japanese and basic Japanese necessary for everyday living and academic researches after entering Kumamoto University.

The Japanese classes are provided regarding the Japanese language level of the students in the program. (10hrs/week)

• Specialized training (April, 2023 to March, 2024)

Individual instruction are provided from the academic supervisor. Students also take regular classes with undergraduate or graduate students to deepen knowledge of their research subject. At the end of academic year, students are expected to present their research achievements.

• Others

• Field trips planned by supervisors

• On-site observations at schools

• International student exchange party

◇ Follow-up for graduates

Of this program, supports from their supervisors by email are available for alumni.



◇ Accommodations

International House, the dormitory for the international students, is located about 1.5 km east of Kurokami Campus. More than 200 international students and guest scholars are available to live in. Teacher Training students can live in the International House for one and a half year.

○ Number of rooms and monthly rent

- Single room (147 rooms) : 17,000 yen
 - Couple room (6 rooms) : 26,000 yen
 - Family room A (3 rooms) : 36,000 yen
 - Family room B (4 rooms) : 34,000 yen
- * Utilities are not included
* A move-in deposit is required.

○ Facilities

• Kitchen, Shower and Toilet, Air Conditioner, Bed, Refrigerator, Electric Cooker, Desk, Chair, Shoe Shelf, Telephone (incoming calls only)
• Internet access is available by individual.

○ Information for daily life

It is about 10 minutes from the International House to the main campus by bicycle.

◇ Contact

International Student Office

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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

Name of department	Graduate School of Education						
Course code	Name of adviser	E-mail	Teaching field(s)	Course description	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
47001	Taiji Fujise(Associate Professor)	fujise@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Social Studies Education	Teaching of Social Studies	Japanese	1	
47002	Shigeyoshi Watanabe (Professor)	shige@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Science Education	Science Education, Biology Education	Japanese, English	1	A person who can understand Japanese. 2 (Korea)
47003	Naoko Iino (Associate Professor)	iino@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Science Education	Science Education	Japanese		A person who can understand Japanese.
47004	Hiroataka Yamasaki (Associate Professor)	yamasaki@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Music Education	Music Education	Japanese	1	
47005	Masahiko Nakahara (Associate Professor)	nakahara@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Music Education	Vocal Music	Japanese	1	A person who can understand Japanese.A person who can read Italian.
47006	Motohiro Umeda (Professor)	umeda@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Construction, Design	Japanese	1	
47007	Kyoko Akaki (Associate Professor)	k.akaki@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Art Education	Japanese		1 (Korea)
47008	Satoru Kikuyama (Professor)	mt.kix@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Arts and Crafts	Japanese		
47009	Takumi Matsunaga (Associate Professor)	matsu@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Painting	Japanese		1(China)
47010	Reiko Sakashita (Professor)	reiko@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Health and Physical Education	Teaching Theory of Physical Education, Dance, Gymnastics	Japanese	1	
47011	Hirotohi Ifuku (Professor)	ifuku@kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Sports Kinematics	Exercise Physiology	Japanese		
47012	Yasuharu Ohishi (Professor)	oishi@gpo.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Sports Kinematics	Exercise Physiology	English/Japanese		
47013	Masanori Sakamoto (Associate Professor)	sakamoto@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Sports Kinematics	Exercise Physiology	Japanese		
47014	Ayako Yahata-Taniguchi (Professor)	ayako@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Home Economics	Home Management, Principles of Home Economics	Japanese	1	
47015	Mitsuko Miyase (Professor)	miyase@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Home Economics	Homemaking Educationm, Enviromental Education	Japanese	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese.
47016	Yumi Nakasako (Associate Professor)	nakasako@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Home Economics	Housing Science	Japanese	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese.
47017	Hiroshi Shimatani (Professor)	shima@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	English Language Teaching	English Education	English/Japanese	1	1(Malawi)
47018	Pederson Stanley Clarence(Associate Professor)	pederson@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	English Language Teaching	English Education	English		
47019	Shinichi Okazaki (Associate Professor)	sokazaki@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	English Language Teaching	English Education	English/Japanese		
47020	Teppei Kikuchi (Associate Professor)	kikuchi@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Psychology for Children with Disability	Japanese	1	
47021	Shiho Fujihara (Associate Professor)	fujihara@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Intervention for Student with Disability	Japanese	1	
47022	Hiroko Furuta (Professor)	fh91@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Education for Children with Disability	English/Japanese	1	1 (Phillippines)
47023	Takashi Hoshikawa (Professor)	hosikawa@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Intervention for Student with Disability	Japanese	1	
47024	Daisuke Motoyoshi (Associate Professor)	motoyoshi@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Psychology for Children with Disability	Japanese	1	
47025	Youichi Shiraishi(Associate Professor)	shiro@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Humanities & social sciences , Education - general	Japanese	3	Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47026	Miho Fujii (Associate Professor)	fujii@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Sociology of Education	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above. 1(Estonia)
47027	Chiaki Yamashiro (Professor)	qianqiu@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Youth-Adult Education	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47028	Nobukazu Imai (Associate Professor)	nimai@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Moral Education	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47029	Ittoku Tomano (Associate Professor)	ittoku@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Philosophy of Education	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47030	Yoshiko Matsuda (Professor)	matsuda@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	School Health	Yogo Teacher's Education, School Health, Health Education	Japanese	1	
47031	Hitoshi Iritani (Associate Professor)	iritanib@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	School Health	Health Education, School Health	Japanese		
47032	Nobuko Sato (Lecturer)	nobuko@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Nursing Science	Nursing Science	Japanese		
47033	Makoto Hase (Associate Professor)	mhase@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Basic Medical Sciences	Molecular Biology	Japanese		
47034	Masako Kubo (Professor)	kubom@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	School Health	Yogo Teacher's Education, School Health, Health Education	Japanese		