

Faculties and Graduate Schools

Faculties

Faculty of Letters ^{※1}	Integrated Human Studies, History, Literature, Communication and Information Studies
Faculty of Education ^{※2}	Teacher Training for School Education
Faculty of Law	Law
Faculty of Science	Science
School of Medicine	Medicine, Health Sciences
School of Pharmacy	Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences
Faculty of Engineering	Civil and Environmental Engineering and Architecture, Mechanical and Mathematical Engineering, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Materials Science and Applied Chemistry, Semiconductor Device Program
School of Informatics	Data Science General course, Data Science Semiconductor course
School of Social Innovation ^{※3}	Regional Innovation Course; Global Innovation Course

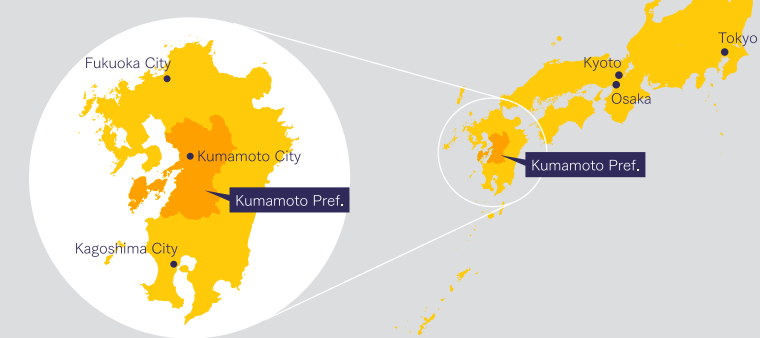
※1 Scheduled to be integrated and reorganized into the "Department of Humanities" in April 2026
※2 Scheduled to be reorganized into the "Joint Institute of Teacher Education" and the "Institute of School Health Teacher Education" in April 2026
※3 Scheduled to be established in April 2026

Graduate Schools

Graduate School of Education	(Professional Graduate School) Professional and Developmental Course in School Education
Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences	(Master's Course) Law, Policy and Conflict Resolution Studies; Modern Social Human Studies; Cultural Science Studies; Instructional System Studies (Doctoral Course) Human and Social Science Studies; Cultural Science Studies; Instructional System Studies
Graduate School of Science and Technology	(Master's Course) Science; Civil and Environmental Engineering and Architecture; Mechanical System Engineering; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Materials Science and Applied Chemistry; Semiconductor, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics (Doctoral Course) Science; Advanced Industrial Science; Semiconductor, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics
Graduate School of Medical Sciences	(Master's Course) Medical Sciences (Doctoral Course) Medical Sciences
Graduate School of Health Sciences	(Master's Course) Health Sciences (Doctoral Course) Health Sciences
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	(Master's Course) Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences (Doctoral Course) Clinical Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences

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 caldera that uniquely hosts towns within it, the Ariake 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 easily accessible via Kumamoto Airport as well as airports in neighboring prefectures, including Fukuoka Airport. Fukuoka City, the largest city in Kyushu, is just 30 minutes away by Shinkansen train or two hours away by highway bus. Kumamoto City offers international students a convenient and enjoyable lifestyle, making it easy to live and strive.



Preparation for Studying in Japan

01 Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

International applicants need to take EJU* as well as 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 Prefecture (Kyushu area)
<Outside Japan>
India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia
Subjects: <Liberal arts>
Japanese as a Foreign Language, Japan and the World, Mathematics
<Natural sciences>
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 Reservation Program for Honors Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students (Undergraduate level: 48,000 yen per month)

02 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 (or consulate 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.

03 Major Employment Opportunities for International Students

Public Sector / China, Vietnam, Myanmar
Teaching and Academic Positions / Kumamoto University, Kyushu University, Kyoto University, Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (Bangladesh), Khon Kaen University (Thailand), Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) (Indonesia), University of Dodoma (Tanzania), Mongolian University of Science and Technology (Mongolia), Patheingyi University (Myanmar)
Private Sector (Japan) / Japan Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing (JASM), Komeri, Kyushu Sanko Retail, Seven-Eleven Japan, Shimizu Corporation, Renesas Electronics, NEC Fielding, Kyocera, KDDI Research, Sumitomo Densetsu (random order)



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Kumamoto University Overview



About Kumamoto University

Kumamoto University traces its roots back to the Fifth High School, founded in 1887, and was established as a national university in 1949. Kumamoto University is home to approximately 10,000 students and offers comprehensive education and research spanning the humanities, social sciences, medicine, and natural sciences. As a comprehensive university, we warmly welcome many international students and contribute to both the local and global community through education, research, and co-creation with society.

Entrance Programs

1 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 person in charge of outbound student at your university.

© International Exchange Agreements

International Exchange Agreements: 263 institutes (53 countries & regions)

Student Exchange Agreements: 182 institutes (45 countries & regions)

Double Degree Program: 30 programs

(As of May 1, 2025)

*Please read the QR code for checking our partner university.



2 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 waived. Travel costs, round-trip airfare, are to be provided.

< Recruitment >

- Undergraduate Students/Research Students
Recruitment: April
1st screening: May - July (Review of submitted documents, written exam, interview)
- Japanese Studies Students/Teacher Training Students
Recruitment: December - February
1st screening: February - March

*For details, please visit the web site of Japanese Government Scholarship Students.

3 Privately-Financed International Students

Kumamoto University accepts privately-financed international students at seven faculties and one inter-faculty program. For details, please contact the administration division of the faculty you wish to study in.

© Entrance examination for Privately-Financed International Students (undergraduates)

Faculty	Subjects	Application	Exam Date
Letters	Short Essay, Interview	End of January to Beginning of February	End of February
Education	(Japanese, Math, Foreign Language*), Interview *Subjects are different by courses.		
Law	Short Essay, Interview		
Science	Math, Science, Foreign Language, Interview Note: Applicants for the Course of Nursing, School of Health Sciences, replace Science with Japanese.		
Medicine			
Pharmacy			
Engineering	Math, Science, Interview		
Informatics	Math, Foreign Language, Interview		
Social Innovation	Short Essay, Interview		

*At the Faculty of Engineering, it is necessary to submit the score of a TOEFL-IBT, a TOEIC L&R test, or an IELTS. (TOEFL-ITP and TOEIC-IP scores are not accepted.)
*Application information will be made available in the middle of November.
*Examination results will be announced in the beginning of March.

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 wish to study in.

Application: Around May - Oct.

Examination: Around Jul - Nov.

Tuition and Living Expenses

1 School Fees

(Unit: JPN Yen)

	Entrance Exam Fees	School Fees	
		Admission Fees	Tuition Fees
Undergraduates	17,000	282,000	535,800/year
Graduates, Transfer admission	30,000	282,000	535,800/year
Research students	9,800	84,600	29,700/month
Auditing students	9,800	28,200	14,800/credit

*Tuition is to be paid in two installments in the 1st and the 2nd semesters.
*Research Students' tuition for each semester is to be paid at the beginning of the semester.
*Auditing students include non-degree course students.

2 Average Monthly Living Expenses

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



International House Single Room

Financial Aid

1 Tuition Fee Exemption (For Privately-Financed International Students)

This is a system to exempt full or half of the tuition fee for students who have difficulty in paying the tuition fee for financial reasons and who have attained excellent academic records. After the application is submitted by the student, selection and screening are conducted.

2 Scholarship

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



Daily Life Support

1 Housing and Life

Kumamoto University International House, ten minutes by bicycle (1.5 km) from the Kurokami Campus, is an accommodation for international students and researchers. Currently, it houses more than 200 people. Qualified residents can stay for six months after entering the university. There are apartments for students, supermarkets, convenience stores, and other shops near the university. The downtown area is just 15-20 minutes away by bicycle or bus from the university.

2 Campus Life

© Facilities on Campus

The campus houses, cafeterias, 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 those which match their Japanese proficiency. The university also offers Japanese history and culture programs and field trips.



International House Bldg. C



Cafeteria FORICO

Tutor System

Kumamoto University offers a tutor system to support international students who have just come to Japan and do not speak Japanese very well or have limited knowledge about Japan. Usually, one graduate student will be assigned to each international student.

