



Kumamoto University

(Kumamoto Prefecture)

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◇ University overview

① Characteristics and history

Kumamoto University (KU) was established in May, 1949 incorporating several institutions, including the Fifth High School and Kumamoto Medical College. Now, it has nine 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.

② International exchange

- Number of international students

AY 2025: 546 from 56 countries

AY 2024: 532 from 52 countries

AY 2023: 475 from 45 countries

- Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2025: 0

AY 2024: 1 (Indonesia)

AY 2023: 1 (Uzbekistan)

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

① 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 (psychology), and school health nursing education.

② Number of students to be accepted: 18 in total

③ Period of scholarship: October 2026 – March 2028 (1.5 years)

④ Requirement for program completion: The course of study varies depending on the academic advisor, but it is necessary to attend lectures, exercises, and thesis instruction in class subjects after consulting with the academic advisor.

⑤ Outline of the course

- Japanese language education

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

Individual instruction is 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.

- Practical training, participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges



- Others

- Independent field trips by faculty advisors
- Field trips by academic advisors
- Hosting exchange events for international students
- Participatory courses such as field trips and regional exchanges

◇ Follow-up for graduates

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

◇ Accommodations

○ Number of rooms

- Single room: 147 rooms
- Couple room: 6 rooms
- Family room A: 3 rooms, Family room B: 4 rooms

○ Monthly rent

- Single room: 17,000 yen
 - Couple room: 26,000 yen
 - Family room A: 36,000 yen, Family room B: 34,000 yen
- * As of October 1, 2025
Prices are subject to change.

○ 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

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

◇ Contact

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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	Targets for training	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
47001	<u>Taiji Fuiise</u> (Professor)	fujise@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Social Studies Education	Teaching of Social Studies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	
47002	<u>Shigeyoshi Watanabe</u> (Professor)	shige@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Science Education	Science Education, Biology Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese, English	1	A person who can understand Japanese.
47003	<u>Hirotaaka Yamasaki</u> (Professor)	yamasaki@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Music Education	Music Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	
47004	<u>Masahiko Nakahara</u> (Associate Professor)	nakahara@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Music Education	Vocal Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	A person who can understand Japanese.A person who can read Italian. A person who can read Musical scor.
47005	<u>Yasutaki Inamori</u> (Specially Appointed Associate Professor)	yinamori@edu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Music Education	Composition, Piano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese, English, Germany	1	A person who can read Musical scor.
47006	<u>Kyoko Akaki</u> (Associate Professor)	k.akaki@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Art Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	
47007	<u>Satoru Kikuyama</u> (Professor)	mt.kix@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Arts and Crafts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		
47008	<u>Takumi Matsunaga</u> (Professor)	matsu@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Painting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		1(China)

47009	<u>Hirotohi Ifuku</u> (Professor)	ifuku@kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Sports Kinematics	Exercise Physiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	
47010	<u>Yasuharu Ohishi</u> (Professor)	oishi@gpo.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Sports Kinematics	Exercise Physiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	English/Japanese		
47011	<u>Masanori Sakamoto</u> (Associate Professor)	sakamoto@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Sports Kinematics	Exercise Physiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		
47012	<u>Yusuke Suenaga</u> (Associate Professor)	suenaga@educ.kumamototo-u.ac.jp	Health and Physical Education	Teaching Theory of Physical Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		
47013	<u>Avako Yahata-Taniguchi</u> (Professor)	ayako@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Home Economics	Home Management, Principles of Home Economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese.
47014	<u>Yumi Nakasako</u> (Associate Professor)	nakasako@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Home Economics	Housing Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese.
47015	<u>Teppei Kikuchi</u> (Professor)	kikuchi@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Psychology for Children with Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	
47016	<u>Daisuke Motoyoshi</u> (Associate Professor)	motoyoshi@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Special Support Education	Psychology for Children with Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	1	
47017	<u>Miho Fujii</u> (Associate Professor)	fujii@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Sociology of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese	3	Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above. 1 (Estonia)
47018	<u>Chiaki Yamashiro</u> (Professor)	qianqiu@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Youth-Adult Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47019	<u>Nobukazu Imai</u> (Associate Professor)	nimai@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Moral Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47020	<u>Ittoku Tomano</u> (Associate Professor)	ittoku@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Philosophy of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47021	<u>Shunsuke Hatae</u> (Associate Professor)	ittoku@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Pedagogy	Philosophy of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		Have experience of learning Japanese at the beginner level or above.
47022	<u>Hitoshi Iritani</u> (Associate Professor)	iritanib@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	School Health	Health Education, School Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	Japanese		

47023	<u>Nobuko Sato</u> (Lecturer)	nobuko@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Nursing Science	Nursing Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers	Japanese	1	
47024	<u>Makoto Hase</u> (Associate Professor)	mhase@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Basic Medical Sciences	Molecular Biology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers	Japanese		
47025	<u>Yuri Akizuki</u> (Associate Professor)	yuriaki@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Health Science, Nursing Science	Reproductive health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers	Japanese, English	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese or sufficient knowledge of English to conduct research.
47026	<u>Kiyoko Yano</u> (Professor)	yanokiyoko@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	Nursing Education	School Nursing Science, Child Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers	Japanese	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese.
47027	<u>Kumiko Onuma</u> (Professor)	ohnuma@educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp	School Health Education and Science	School Health Science, Child Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers	Japanese	1	Basic knowledge of Japanese.