

SAGA UNIVERSITY (SAGA)



Program for promoting International Exchange and Understanding

◇About Saga University

①University overview

Saga University commits itself to the creation and inheritance of human wisdom so that human can live together with nature, continues to raise its academic level to convey its original achievements to the world, and contributes to the development of the international society as a major intellectual organization in Asia.

Saga University consists of five faculties: Culture and Education, Economics, Medicine, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture.

In addition, each faculty has its own graduate school.

(Number of students)

6,356 undergraduate students

950 graduate students

②International Exchange

Saga University executes academic exchange agreement with more than 128 universities all over the world.

346 International students are enrolled.

◇Saga Profile

①The location

Saga Prefecture (population 860,000) is in north-western Kyushu. Saga City, the capital of Saga Prefecture, has a population of 230,000. It is located in the central part of the Saga Plain spread between Mt. Tenzan and Mt. Sefuri in the north and the Inlet of the Ariake Sea, in the south. Saga plain is one of the largest plains in Japan and has been favored with plenty of water.

②The climate

Saga is blessed with a rich natural environment and is a comfortable place to live. The climate is not severe with an average year-round temperature of 17°C. Each of the four seasons offers various natural beauties: a cascade of falling cherry blossoms in spring; fresh greenery of camphor trees and fireworks in summer; colorful balloons flying over waving golden fields of rice in autumn; and harvests of laver, of which Saga is Japan's leading producer in winter.

③The characteristics

The people of Saga are eager to share with others through international exchanges and have organized various international exchanges and have organized various international events including the annual International Balloon Festival. Saga is also famous for its porcelain, and Imari-ware has been traded to the world for over one hundred years at Edo-period.

Wouldn't you like to experience the joys and challenges of campus life at Saga University, in the midst of Saga's tranquil environment and rich history?

◇Outline

This program, offered by the International Student Center at Saga University, is designed for undergraduate Students of Japanese language and culture to develop their Japanese language proficiency and to deepen their understanding of Japanese society and culture.

Students are required to take Japanese language courses and 'a Study of Japanese Affairs' designed for international undergraduate students, and the other two courses offered by the Faculty of Culture and Education. They can also take some regular classes designed for Japanese students offered by the Faculty of Culture and Education as electives concerning the Japanese language, literature, society, culture or history.

Each student compose an essay on Japanese studies under the guidance of an academic supervisor at the International Student Center in the Program.

A certificate of completion is issued upon the satisfactory completion of the Program, and an academic transcript is issued as well.

①The number of students to be accepted is five.

②Period of the Program:

October 1st 2009 ~ September 30th 2010

1st semester:

October 1st 2009 ~ March 31st 2010

2nd semester

April 1st 2010 ~ September 30th 2010

③Academic Program

1)Compulsory subjects

Subject	Credit (Total class hours)	
	1 st semester (Oct. ~Mar.)	2 nd semester (Apr. ~ Sep.)
Japanese (Advanced)	2 credits (60 hours)	2 credits (60 hours)
A Study of Japanese Affairs	2 credits (30 hours)	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Culture and Education	2 credits (30 hours)	
Seminar on Japanese language and culture	2 credits (30 hours)	

*Students are placed in the most appropriate level of Japanese language class according to their language proficiency based on the results of a placement test and an interview.

*These compulsory subjects are offered for undergraduate international students at Saga University by the General Education or the Faculty of Culture and Education of Saga University.

2)Elective subjects

Subject	Credit (Total hours of class)
International Culture	2 credits (30 hours)
Life Culture	2 credits (30 hours)
Comparative Literature of Japanese Classics	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Language And Culture	2 credits (30 hours)
History of Japanese Social Economics	2 credits (30 hours)
A View of Japanese History	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Modern History	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Literary History I	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Literary History II	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Classics	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Modern Literature	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Literary Environment	2 credits (30 hours)
Regional Culture and Japanese Literature	2 credits (30 hours)
Modern Japanese Language	2 credits (30 hours)
A View of Japanese Language	2 credits (30 hours)
History of Japanese Language	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Expressions	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Grammar	2 credits (30 hours)
Japanese Phonetics	2 credits (30 hours)

*Students can take these elective subjects, which are offered for Japanese students by the Faculty of Culture and Education under the guidance of the course coordinator

3)Independent Study

Students can conduct research related to their specialty or interest under the guidance of an Academic supervisor at the International Student Center.

④Supervision

1)Course Coordinator

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Students at International Student Center

2)Academic Supervisor for Independent Research [specialty]

ASAOKA, Takako Professor, PhD.
[Intercultural communication]
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YOKOMIZO, Shinichiro Professor, PhD.
[Teacher Education (Approaches of Teacher
Development)]
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NAKAMURA, Akemi Associate Professor, PhD.
[Japanese classical grammar and vocabulary,
Classical & medieval literature]
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KOGA, Hiroki Associate Professor, PhD.
[Linguistics (syntax, formal semantics), 'Japanese
linguistics']
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NIWA, Junko Associate Professor
[Japanese Teaching grammar]
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SHIMOJO, Masazumi Associate Professor
[Japanese applied sociolinguistics (gender)]
Division of Education and Research for International
Students at International Student Center

*The academic staff of the Division of Education and Research for International Students at the International Student Center guides students for their welfare at Saga University in cooperation with the Health Care Center.

⑤Field Trips/Exchange Activities

Students participate in the field trips organized for international students at Saga University in order to give opportunities to experience Japanese culture and nature.

They are also encouraged to participate in cross-cultural events held by various international exchange associations in Saga Prefecture.

⑥Requirements for Completion of the Program, and Certificate of Completion

A certificate of completion is awarded and issued to the students obtaining 4 credits or more in one semester or 12 credits or more for the year of compulsory subjects, and 8 credits or more for the year of elective subjects.

⑦Eligibility

1)Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students who have completed their first year of study at a university in a country other than Japan. They must be majoring in Japanese language and Japanese studies at their home university either in one major or in a double-major.

2)Applicants should have studied Japanese language more than 600 hours. (It is desirable that applicants have passed the 1st or 2nd level Japanese Language Proficiency Test or its equivalent in the language proficiency.)

⑧Transfer of Credits

Students are credited in each subject of the Program. They may receive recognition at their home universities for credits received during the Program based on the academic transcript issued by Saga University.

◇Accommodations:

- ①International House (one-year lodging)
- ②Lodging House supported by the NPO corporation.
(50 International Student residents)

◇For further information,

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