

SANUKI PROGRAM

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International Student Center Kagawa University

An excellent opportunity to live & study in Kagawa!
Japanese Language classes + 'Sanuki' Culture
No prior knowledge of Japanese Language required!

A one-semester program
Spring Semester ⇒ April-early August
Fall Semester ⇒ October-mid February

For more details

<https://www.kagawa-u.ac.jp/kuio/isc/sanuki-program/>



Image of 11th batch students (Oct 2019 - Feb 2020)

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About Kagawa University



Kagawa University is a national, comprehensive university. The university has six faculties; Education, Economics, Law, Agriculture, Medicine, and Engineering. There are more than 6000 students studying here, of which, over 200 are international students.

About Takamatsu City

The university is situated in Takamatsu City (population over 400,000). It is a mid-sized city, with the main station (Takamatsu Station) beautifully located at a seafront space called Sunport. Takamatsu City is home to a well-known Japanese garden called 'Ritsurin Park'.

About Kagawa Prefecture

Kagawa Prefecture is the smallest prefecture in Japan, and has a population of about 1,000,000. The climate is Mediterranean-like, with pleasant temperatures throughout the year. Some summers, however, can be a little hot. The cost of living is considerably lower compared to other parts of Japan.

About 'Sanuki'

'Sanuki' is the old name of Kagawa. This name is synonymous with 'udon', a thick wheat noodle that is wildly popular among the local population. Udon shops are ubiquitous in all of Kagawa and it is no wonder that Kagawa's nickname is 'Udon Prefecture'. In addition, Kagawa is number one in the production of olives, fans, and gloves. She takes pride in having the longest walking shopping arcade in Japan, the biggest man-made lake in Japan, and has the most number of sunny days compared to other prefectures in Japan.

About Transport

Takamatsu City is directly connected to Kansai International Airport by limousine bus. Domestic flights are available from Haneda Airport, Narita Airport, and Naha Airport. In addition, direct international flights connect Takamatsu Airport to Shanghai, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Taipei.

Program Description



Sanuki Program offers students from partner universities abroad, mainly undergraduates, the opportunity to study at a Japanese university for one semester. Japanese language classes are tailored to the students' proficiency levels. All students in this program participate in a course called "Project Sanuki," where they collaborate with Japanese students on project-based activities addressing environmental issues in the Seto Inland Sea of Kagawa Prefecture.

Program Duration



There are two intakes per academic year. The Spring intake is on April, and finishes in August. The Fall intake starts from October and ends in February the following year.

Eligible Students



The program primarily targets undergraduate students who are enrolled full time at a university having an exchange agreement with Kagawa University. However, students from universities that do not have exchange agreements may also be considered as candidates. Students participating in the Sanuki Program should be those who are recommended by the home university on the basis of their academic performance, behavior and motivation. In addition, students should possess a certain level of oral communication skills in English and/or Japanese.

Language and Academic Requirements



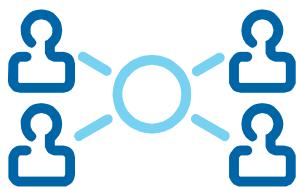
With regards to Japanese Language ability, Sanuki Program accepts students from elementary level to advanced level. However, students with Japanese Language elementary level should have a good command of English Language. All students should have a good academic standing and personal record at the home institution, and have earned a respectable GPA.

Courses in the Program



Depending on the language ability, courses taken may differ from student to student. For beginners in Japanese language, we provide basic language instruction. For those with N2 or N1 in Japanese language, they can enroll for the 'regular' classes that are conducted in the Japanese language. All Sanuki Program students take some common courses that are conducted in both English and Japanese. Among all of the courses, "Project Sanuki," mentioned above, stands out as the flagship course of the program.

Taking Major-Specific Courses



As noted above, students with N2 or N1 level of Japanese Language may be able to take 'regular' courses in their major field in the related faculties. KUIO shall try to coordinate with the appropriate faculty to assist students in enrolling for the classes. For these students, we recommend that they refer to our brochure in Japanese Language.

Application Procedures



All applications must go through the international division at the applicant's university. Students first fill up application documents in electronic format. A Checklist is provided, and students can check the item boxes ☒ accordingly. When all the documents (including the Checklist itself) are properly prepared, hand over the electronic copies to the international division at your university.

Interview by Zoom



Where necessary, we may request students to undergo a 15 to 20 minute interview via Zoom as part of the application procedure. This is to allow us to verify the student's academic background, behavior, motivation, and oral communication skills (as mentioned in the previous page under 'Target students'). As an example, if a student is found to have significantly weak oral communication skills, the application may be declined.

Some Important Dates

	For Spring (April) entry	For Fall (October) entry
Application opens	early October	late April
Deadline to submit electronic copies of application documents	early November	late May
Deadline to submit original copies of application documents (via EMS)	early December	early June
Visa application at Japanese Embassy	January	July
Purchase of air ticket	February	August/September
Arrival at Japan	The End of March/early April	End of September
Classes begin	The First week of April	The First week of October
Classes end	Early or mid August	Mid February

Timetable (example for students with Elementary Level Japanese Language)

		講義名 Classes	担当教員 Lecturer	備考 Miscellaneous
月 Mon	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	3	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	4			
	5	Project Sanuki / Leading Edge Issues at Kagawa University	IO教員 KUIO faculty members	Japanese students may join this course. Classes are conducted in both English and Japanese.
火 Tue	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	3	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	塩井 Shioi	
	4			
	5			
水 Wed	1			
	2	初級日本事情 Japanese current affairs (Elementary)	木下 Kinoshita	Japanese students may join this class. Classes are conducted in English.
	3			
	4	Sanuki Program Weekly Meeting		
	5			
木 Thu	1			
	2	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	高水 Takamizu	
	3	初級日本語 Elementary Japanese	高水 Takamizu	
	4	初級日本事情 Japanese Current Affairs (Elementary)	滝川 Takigawa	Japanese students may join this class. Classes are conducted in English.
	5			
金 Fri	1			
	2			
	3	Special Lecture (Plastics, Circular Economy and the Environment)	ロン Lrong	A two-credit class conducted under the Economics department. Japanese students may join this class. Classes are conducted in English. Offered only during the Spring semester.
	4			
	5			

***Please note that this timetable is only an example for students at the beginner level of Japanese. Please check the actual classes once you arrive in Japan.

Number of hours/classes in program



Japanese immigration laws require full-time international students to take at least 10 hours of classes per week. This translates to a minimum of 7 classes per week.

Course descriptions

Elementary Japanese classes

(Shioi, Takamizu), total 6 credits

Students can learn basic skills of the Japanese language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. By mastering Japanese alphabet and basic expressions, students can start communicating with Japanese people in Japanese, which will make your life in Japan easier and more comfortable both in campus and in a local community. These skills will also lead to a better understanding of Japanese culture and community.

Other Various Japanese Classes

Students can choose from various Japanese classes according to their proficiency level. There are comprehensive classes covering all four language skills, classes focused on listening comprehension, and classes primarily centered on writing practice.

Japanese Current Affairs

(Kinoshita/Takigawa/Wu), 2 credits

The aim of this course is to learn about various aspects of Japan. You can study topics such as Japanese society, an overview of Shikoku and Kagawa, different regions of Kagawa, and various aspects of development, all in English.



Project Sanuki

(Takamizu, Shioi, Wu), 1 credit



‘Project Sanuki’ is a research based course whereby international students work with Japanese students on issues related to Sanuki/Kagawa. From 2020 onwards, the focus is on environmental issues surrounding the Japan Inland Sea. This focus fits ideally into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as espoused by the United Nations. We believe students will benefit tremendously from learning hands-on with members of the local community, the many issues/problems/prospects in relation to the Seto Inland Sea.

Leading Edge Issues in Kagawa University

(Takamizu, Shioi, Wu), 1 credit



This course presents a broad introduction to students to the 'leading edge' issues that is happening in the university. These issues cover the research, education, and contribution to the community conducted by the academic staff members of the university. The language used is English, and a different lecturer takes over the class in an omnibus system. Students include both the local Japanese students and those from abroad.

Special Lecture (Plastics, Circular Economy and the Environment)

(Lrong), 2 credits



In this course, we will explore the world of plastics, starting from their creation, global trade, and their impact on the environment and human life. Through the framework of the circular economy, we will seek ways to minimize the negative effects of plastic waste.



Assignment of Supervisors



Each student is assigned a supervisor from KUIO. This supervisor guides the student in matters relating to daily living, and courses in the program. Depending on the situation and need, a supporting supervisor from the appropriate faculty may be assigned. This supervisor may advise the student in academic issues relating to the major subject.

Annual Event Examples

October	Start of the Fall Semester Orientation for New International Students Dormitory Guidance
November	University Festival Sports Event***
December	Home Visit Program
January	Gathering for International Students***
February	Final Exams Sanuki Program Completion Ceremony
March	Graduation Ceremony Spring Break Arrival of International Students for the Spring Semester
April	Start of the Spring Semester Entrance Ceremony Orientation for New International Students Dormitory Guidance
May	Japanese Tea Ceremony***
June	Home Visit Program
July	Day Trip to an Island in the Seto Inland Sea ***
August	Final Exams Sanuki Program Completion Ceremony Summer Break
September	Arrival of International Students for the Fall Semester

***These events are not hosted by Kagawa University.

Student Supporters

All students in this program are paired with 'student supporters' who offer assistance in daily living. In addition, staff members at KUIO and other divisions (such as Health Clinic) are always ready to lend support to international students in times of need.

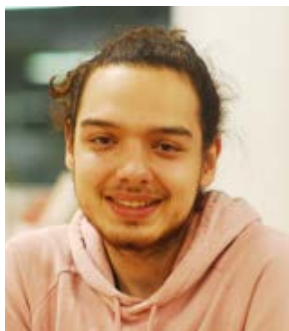


Fieldwork and Other Activities



Our university offers various opportunities for learning and activities outside the campus. For example, in the courses like "Project Sanuki" and "Japanese Current Affairs," students participate in fieldwork at locations related to the sea and places where they can immerse themselves in Japanese culture to meet the goals of each class.

Student activities (KUFSA, ICES, student clubs)



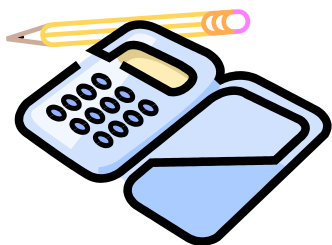
All international students at our university are part of the Kagawa University Foreign Students Association (KUFSA). The Kagawa University Intercultural Exchange Society (ICES), a club for Japanese students, organizes and runs activities to foster interaction with international students. These activities include welcome and farewell parties, day trips to islands in the Seto Inland Sea, and more (check the calendar in the previous page for more details). International students can also join various clubs such as *Kendo* club, Japanese tea ceremony club, and Japanese traditional music club.

Accommodation



Our university has a few dormitories for international students. The monthly rent ranges from approximately 10,000 JPY to over 20,000 JPY. We assist students in applying for these dormitories. If it is not possible to secure a dormitory room due to a shortage of rooms, we will help students find private apartments.

Costs



Exchange students coming through the university exchange agreement shall have their tuition fees waived. However they are responsible for the air fares, room costs, living costs, health insurance costs, medical costs, and other incidentals such as internet and telephone. Depending on the individual lifestyle, living costs (including insurances) can range from about 30000 yen to 50000 yen or more per month.

Scholarship



Depending on the circumstance (year and budget), scholarships may be available for certain selected students. These scholarships may come from the Kagawa University International Foundation, or from Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). When appropriate, KUIO shall inform the parties concerned. However, students will only know if they can obtain the scholarship after arriving at Kagawa University.

Part-Time Jobs



In short-term programs like Sanuki Program, working part-time is generally not recommended. If possible, it is advisable to secure the necessary funds for the entire duration of the program before you come here.

Upon Completion of the Program



A closing ceremony is planned for students who successfully complete the program. Students shall be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Thereafter, KUIO shall send the transcripts to the university of the student for further processing.

Beyond the Program



This program is designed for only one semester. Students who wish to continue studying for one more semester may consider registering as exchange students in the appropriate faculty for the remaining six months. However, please note that almost all classes in the undergraduate level are conducted in Japanese Language. Which means to say that students need to have achieved at least Level N2 to be able to sit in those classes.



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