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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate, graduate
- **Language of instruction:** Japanese, limited English
- **Language requirement:** two years college-level Japanese prior to exchange
- **University website:** ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/
- **Length of exchange:** academic year

KUMAMOTO CITY AT A GLANCE

Population:
671,000

Climate:
Winters are temperate with a rare snow (average temperature 42°F), springs are rainy, and summers are hot and humid (average temperature 83°F)

Proximity to:
(reflects travel time on the bullet trains)
Osaka: 4 hours
Tokyo: 5.5 hours
Kyoto: 4.5 hours
Nagano: 6.5 hours

Kumamoto University

Kumamoto University offers a diverse education with options from 7 faculties, 7 graduate schools, & 13 research institutes. The University enrolls more than 10,000 students, with about 400 international students from 40 countries.

Academics

KU mainly offers studies in Japanese language & culture, which can be found at: <http://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/international/prospective/programs/undergraduate/Japanese/>

Students with proficient language ability may take classes in: Letters, Law, Education, Science, Engineering, Medicine & Pharmacy, which can be found on the Faculties' websites: <http://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>

[international/prospective/programs/undergraduate/Japanese/](http://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/international/prospective/programs/undergraduate/Japanese/)

KU offers short-term exchange program courses taught in English, which can be found at: <http://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/international/prospective/programs/undergraduate/exchange/curriculum.html>

Housing & Meals

Exchange students may stay in KU's International House (IH), or arrange their own private apartments. There is a cafeteria & several restaurants where students buy their meals.

Cost Information

Students pay their regular tuition to UM & pay their room and board to KU. Living in the IH costs ¥17,000/month for a single room. Private apartments cost

¥30,000-60,000/month. Food costs about ¥45,000/month. A student visa for study in Japan costs ¥3,000 for single entry, & ¥6,000 for multiple entry. UM financial aid can be applied towards tuition, living, & travel expenses on this program.

Credit Transfer

Students will register for classes upon arrival at KU. 15 in-class hours at KU equal 1 UM credit. Students must transfer back a minimum of 24 UM credits for the academic year to be considered full-time.

Program Dates

UM students must apply for the full academic year.

Semester 1: April to August

Semester 2: October to February

Kumamoto City, Japan

The City

On the first visit to Kumamoto Prefecture, people are amazed with its natural beauty. Kumamoto City, located in the northwest part of Kumamoto Prefecture, has the majestic Mt Aso to its east and the Ariake Sea to its west. Mt Aso has the world's largest caldera, and is the symbol of Kumamoto. Japanese tourists often visit the prefecture to soak in the many natural hot

springs (onsens) that are heated by its active volcanic activity.

The city is rich in history and beauty. Kumamoto Castle, dating from 1600, is a stunning landmark from Japan's feudal history. Suizenji Jojuen, the traditional style Japanese garden outside Suizenji Temple, is considered to be one of the most beautiful gardens in all of Japan. It is in gardens like these

where the tranquil beauty of Japan's tea ceremony originated.

Japan is famous for its state of the art high speed train system, the Shinkansen, that makes travel to almost anywhere in the country possible. The temples of Kyoto, urban excitement of Osaka and Tokyo, or skiing in Nagano are all within reach of Kumamoto City.