Guide to Study at

THE UNIVERSITY OF KITAKYUSHU

北九州市立大学
Based on a foundation of tradition and innovation, Kitagata Campus continues evolving:

With a history that dates back 72 years, Kitagata Campus boasts a strong record of academic research in the humanities, while also providing a flexible study environment in various ways. Beginning with the 14-storey intelligently designed administrative building, Kitagata Campus features an impressive lineup of facilities, such as the Center for International Education and Exchange, where international students have an opportunity to interact with other students.

**Gymnasium and Lecture Hall**

The Gymnasium and Lecture Hall is an important platform for the life skills curriculum that plays a central role in the basic educational curriculum. Sports classes and similar events are held here. The spacious Lecture Hall accommodates over a thousand guests; this is where the university’s entrance and commencement ceremonies are held.

**Library**

Kitagata Campus Library has been renewed in 2016 and, while preserving its traditionally tranquil atmosphere, is now a place for activities such as group discussions and presentations.

**Cafeteria and Student Hall**

This facility is made up of the co-op dining hall (1st floor) and the student lounge (2nd floor). Well-balanced and a wide range of variety of food is provided at the co-op dining, where is the students’ favorite.

**Co-op Shop**

Student necessities such as textbooks, stationary, books and even computers may be purchased at the Co-op shop located in the basement of the Administrative Building. It provides housing information as well for incoming students at the beginning of the school year.

**The Center for International Education and Exchange**

As premises for acquiring international way of thinking, students at Kitagata campus have enthusiasm at foreign languages such as English, Chinese and Korean. It is a hub for interacting with international and Japanese students.

**Student Exchange Space**

Located between Hall #1 and Hall #2, this facility functions as a multi-purpose exchange space for faculty and students to study and rest, enjoy a meal, hold seminars and club events.
The University of Kitakyushu
Hibikino Campus

- Faculty of Environmental Engineering
- Graduate School of Environmental Engineering

Providing Education in the Technology and Information for the 21st Century

The Hibikino Campus is located on the grounds of the Kitakyushu Science and Research Park. The Park is also home to such Institutions of higher learning as the Kyushu Institute of Technology, Waseda University, the Fukuoka University graduate schools and research institutes, so it should be no surprise that it is the site of much collaborative research and exchanges between students and teaching staff. Making common use of the Park’s cutting edge facilities, experiments and research are carried out, helping to nurture professionals who will be key players in the future. For the students involved in this research work, this is a very significant and stimulating experience. The Kitakyushu Science and Research Park holds much promise for significant developments in the environmental engineering and information technology fields that will support the industries of the 21st century.

Special Experiment Ward

This facility has been established as an independent facility removed from the building with the idea of providing a much-needed large-scale facility enabled for research and experiments that produce noise and vibrations.

Instrumentation Center

This facility has been furnished with countless high-efficiency state-of-the-art devices for measuring and analyzing various materials and phenomenon. With more than 40 measurement and analysis devices, the Instrumentation Center provides valuable support to students.

Environmental Energy Center

Energy and water are supplied to the grounds of the Kitakyushu Science and Research Park using environmentally conscious methods. With this core facility, the Environmental Energy Center is able to purify water and produce electricity with limited carbon dioxide emissions.

Media Center (Library)

The library is furnished with specialized engineering and science books as well as general titles suitable for the general public. The Media Center is a data processing facility that makes use of cutting-edge information technology.

Cafeteria / Gymnasium

This gymnasium and cafeteria-style restaurant are open to the public and corporate researchers. It features a shopping facility. It has also become a place for deepening exchange among students from other universities within the Kitakyushu Science and Research Park.

International House

Offering affordable, quality lodging, the International House offers support to the overseas student. It also aims to promote exchanges between Japanese students and overseas students as well as between overseas students and local citizens by providing a venue for such intercourse.
July, 1946  Establishment of Kokura Foreign Affairs College
April, 1950  Upgraded to Kitakyushu University of Foreign Languages (Faculty of Foreign Studies)
April, 1951  Parallel establishment of the Kitakyushu University of Foreign Languages Junior College
April, 1953  Renamed Kitakyushu University, with a Faculty of Business and Department of Business established
April, 1966  Faculty of Humanities consisting of Japanese Literature and English Literature Departments established
April, 1973  Faculty of Law established
April, 1981  Graduate School of Business Administration established
April, 1983  Graduate School of Foreign Studies established
April, 1984  Graduate School of Law established
April, 1989  Graduate School of Economics established
April, 1990  Japanese Language Education Center established
April, 1993  Faculties and Departments realigned (Faculty of Business combined with the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration)
April, 1995  Administrative Building opened
April, 1996  Information Processing Training Center established
April, 2000  Night classes implemented
April, 2001  University renamed the University of Kitakyushu
April, 2002  PhD Program in Social System studies established
April, 2003  Master’s programs in the Graduate School of Environmental Engineering established along with Doctoral Programs
April, 2004  Integrated Science & Information Center established
April, 2005  The University of Kitakyushu became a public university corporation
April, 2006  The Center for Fundamental Education established
April, 2007  The Graduate School of Business Administration (Professional Degree Program) established
April, 2008  The Faculty of Foreign Studies’ Department of Foreign Studies (English / Chinese) reorganized into the Department of English and the Department of Chinese
October  The Student Plaza created
April, 2009  The School of Regional Development established
April, 2010  The Community Coexistence Education Center (421Lab.) established
January, 2012  The Integrated Science & Information Center is reorganized as the Library / Center for Information Technology and Management
March  Institute of Environmental Science and Technology established
April  The Global Education Program established as a sub-major.
September  The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) selected the University of Kitakyushu as a designated institute of higher learning as a part of the Project for the Promotion of Global Human Resources.
April, 2013  The Environmental Education for Sustainable Development Program established as a sub-major.
April, 2016  New library opened.
April, 2017  IEST Lab. opened.
Established: July 1946
Number of students: 6,704 (Undergraduates: 6,203  Graduate students: 501)  (As of May 1, 2017)
Number of teaching staff: 263  (As of May 1, 2017)

How UKK Ranks

THE Japan University Rankings 2017  <Times Higher Education>
Ranked 62# (more than 400 universities surveyed nationwide), ranked 8# among public universities

Ranking for contributions made to the region in 2016  <Nikkei Inc.>
Ranked 5# (out of 746 universities surveyed nationwide), ranked 1# among public universities

The University Ranking, Evaluation of education fields by University Presidents  <the Asahi Shimbun publications>
Ranked 24# (out of 767 universities surveyed nationwide), ranked 2# among public universities

International Student Enrolment Numbers (As of May 1, 2017)

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<td>Research students</td>
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<td>Study Abroad Students</td>
<td>31</td>
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Countries That University of Kitakyushu International Students Come From (As of May 1, 2017)

- China: 150
- South Korea: 24
- Taiwan: 6
- Great Britain: 5
- Australia: 0
- Thailand: 1
- Vietnam: 19
- Barbados: 1
- Afghanistan: 2
- Indonesia: 11
- United States: 3
- Mongolia: 6
- Jordan: 1
- Nepal: 1
- Norway: 1
- Spain: 1
- Iran: 1
- Egypt: 1
- Tunisia: 1

Total: 236

School Expenses

- Enrolment fees: Kitakyushu residents - ¥282,000; others - ¥423,000
- Other costs: about ¥140,000
- First semester tuition: ¥267,900
- Second semester tuition: ¥267,900

Tuition Waivers and Scholarships

For those students who are in a difficult situation due to economic reasons, there is a tuition waivers available which in 2017 around 72.4% (142 students out of 196 ) of students benefitted from.

In order to mitigate the tuition of international students, there are scholarships offered by several foundations such as the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and the Alumni Association Scholarship.
## An Overview of Faculties and Departments

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<td>Department of Chinese</td>
<td>The Department of Chinese fosters individuals who can actively participate in the international community with specialized knowledge of economics, history, culture, literature and language of China and Chinese speaking countries and advanced and practical Chinese proficiency.</td>
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<td>Department of International Relations</td>
<td>The Department of International Relations fosters international individuals who can participate with a global vision, and who are provided with great language skills, especially English, and constructive knowledge of international relations and regional studies.</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty of Economics and Business Administration</strong></td>
<td>Department of Economics</td>
<td>The Department of Economics fosters individuals who can understand various issues related to economics and society by combining theory and practice, and who are provided with knowledge in the field of application, together with a rich education and basis of economics.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Department of Business Administration</td>
<td>The Department of Business Administration fosters individuals who can solve various issues related to society and management of different types of business, through a well-rounded education and understanding of economics, and by using methods from accounting and informatics.</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty of Humanities</strong></td>
<td>Department of Comparative Culture</td>
<td>The Department of Comparative Culture fosters individuals who present a global vision and skills to deeply understand cross-cultural and inter-cultural communication, and who are fully aware of foreign cultures including Western countries’.</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty of Law</strong></td>
<td>Department of Law</td>
<td>The Department of Law fosters individuals who are provided with a legal mind and processing skills so they can flexibly respond to legal phenomena, and who are provided with synthetic judgment, broad knowledge and deep understanding of legal theory.</td>
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<td>Department of Policy Studies</td>
<td>The Department of Policy Studies fosters individuals who possess the capability to discover and analyze the different issues present within local and international communities, and is provided with problem solving skills and assessment capability.</td>
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<td><strong>School of Regional Development</strong></td>
<td>Curriculum in Regional Development</td>
<td>The Curriculum in Regional Development fosters individuals who can contribute to the creation and regeneration of the region, and manage other local communities through spatial understanding and theories related to the region, and who are provided with a level of expertise that comprehends a well-rounded education and execution power.</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty of Environmental Engineering</strong></td>
<td>Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering</td>
<td>The Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering fosters individuals who realize environmental improvement, energy and resource circulation, and material production, by controlling the material flow including material transformation processes, and who possess basic academic and executive skills about science.</td>
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<td>Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering</td>
<td>The Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering fosters individuals who, as mechanical systems engineers, can simultaneously contribute to a “sustainable society” and a “rich society” through an eco-friendly manufacturing.</td>
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<td>Department of Information and Media Engineering</td>
<td>The Department of Information and Media Engineering fosters individuals who possess the capability to solve various issues generated by informational environment, and understand information and media engineering based on electronics, information and communication.</td>
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<td>Department of Architecture</td>
<td>The Department of Architecture fosters individuals who have assimilated both the engineering logic and architectural mind to be able to safely contribute to the conservation and creation of an eco-friendly urban architecture, and who are provided with basic academic and executive skills concerning architectural technology and design.</td>
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<td>Department of Life and Environment Engineering</td>
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### Qualifications that may be gained
(includes exams and suggested qualifications)

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<td>Japanese Language Instructor</td>
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<td>JPA Certified Psychologist, Social Welfare Counselor</td>
<td>(candidacy qualifications for national exam)</td>
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<td>Social Welfare Officer</td>
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<td>Museum Curator</td>
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<td>Air/Water, etc.</td>
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<td>Class A/B/C</td>
<td>Must meet eligibility requirements for Class A (e.g. having completed a minimum of 15 units in chemistry disciplines), Class-2 Officer’s License</td>
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<td>Car Mechanic, Plumbing work operation and management engineer</td>
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<td>Class-1 Certified Motor Mechanic</td>
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<td>Technical Radio Operator for On-The-Ground Services</td>
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<td>Certification in Image Processing, etc.</td>
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<td>First Class Registered Architect</td>
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<td>Registered Architect for Wooden Building</td>
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<td>Building Manager and Mechanical Engineer</td>
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<td>Certified Biotope Manager(R)</td>
<td>(Class-1, 7 year experience required), Environmental Counselor, Assistant Environmental Management System (ISO 14001) Inspector</td>
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### Career path

**Armed with a high level of practical English, many students find employment in the academic field and in corporations (in particular travel and aviation related business). They can also work as interpreters inside the company. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of students planning on attending foreign universities and graduate schools.**

**Graduates find employment mainly with private companies where they can take advantage of their foreign language skills, such as in the travel, banking, trade and manufacturing fields. Graduates also work as licensed and also find work as public servants.**

**Employment with private companies (mass communications, aviation, travel, finance, trade, etc.) as well as public servants, English language and Language Arts teaching staff, Japanese instructor and museum curator are some career options available to graduates of the Department of International Relations.**

**Working at public servant, financial institutions, computer software and electronics-related manufacturers, or for manufacturers in automotive, chemicals, consumer electronics or in distribution for department stores or other retailers are some career options available to graduates of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration.**

**Making use of their exposure to a wide variety of human relations-related studies, a diverse range of career options is available to graduates of the Department of Human Relations, including working for private companies (office work, management, sales, etc.), teaching, public service, public welfare / mental health, and continuing on to graduate school.**

**The Faculty of Law is a major player when it comes to developing public servants who have acquired critical thinking and practical problem solving skills in the legal area. Graduates are known to pursue careers as national and local government officials, court secretaries, police officers, teachers, and various other public servants. There are also many students determined to enter law school in preparation of pursuing a career in the legal profession as judges, public prosecutors and attorneys.**

**Careers in, consulting, information-related industries, advertising / events organization and similar private businesses, civil service, public welfare / medical institutions and health- and sports-related businesses and facilities are available to graduates of the School of Regional Development. Career paths also include NPO and volunteer activities.**

**Careers related to the environment, natural resources & energy, chemicals, materials, cosmetics and foods in both the private and public sectors are available to graduates.**

**Graduates can expect to be active in such professions as planning and R & D in a broad range of industries such as machinery, electronics / appliances, transportation, environmental, energy, iron and steel, metalworking and chemicals.**

**Career paths are very diverse and include employment by manufacturers in the consumer electronics, robotics and automotive industries in occupations related to computers, software, communications, electronics and the like.**

**In recent years, the number of students advancing to graduate school and gaining specialized skills and knowledge as seeking employment has been increasing. Graduates can expect to find employment as designers (planning, design, environmental equipment) and construction engineers for planning offices and construction companies, technical professionals and regular employees for home builders, technical professionals and regular employees for materials providers and residential equipment manufacturers, technical professionals for local government construction and municipal government-related sections, as well as in other occupations.**

**A wide variety of career paths are available to graduates, including occupations related to commodities, drugs, chemicals, cosmetics, medical treatment, the environment and social welfare.**
Graduate School of Law (Master’s Program)

**Master’s Program in Contemporary Economics**
The Master’s Program in Contemporary Economics fosters high level professionals who can participate in public organizations and corporations, and individuals who can present theoretical and practical solutions to issues in economics and management, and who are provided with a correct understanding of international socioeconomic trends.

**Master’s Program in Language and Culture**
The Master’s Program in Language and Culture fosters high level professionals and individuals who possess deep insight and broad vision, and cultivate skills and specialized knowledge in culture and language.

**Master’s Program in Local Community Studies**
Aiming for a modern rebirth of the local Community, the Master’s Program in Local Community Studies offers an advanced recurrent education that integrates interdisciplinary educational areas related to human relations, turning out top-of-the-line specialists.

**Master’s Program in East Asian Studies**
The Master’s Program in East Asian Studies develops top-flight specialists able to accurately pin down trends in globalization and play an active role in East Asia as well as international society.

**Training Objective: Research Courses**
Responding to an increase in social demands for an advanced professional education, Research Courses in Law and political Science help to develop professionals with advanced practical skills who possess both specialized knowledge critical for researchers in Law, political science and other fields in the social sciences as well as an abundance of creativity and excellent research and analytical abilities.

**Research Courses - Law**
The Research Courses in Law are for those individuals who are highly educated and qualified to become researchers in the specialized legal field of their choice, and who are equipped with basic knowledge concerning legal studies.

**Research Courses - Political Science**
The Research Courses in Political Science are for those individuals who are highly educated and qualified to become researchers in the specialized field of political studies of their choice, and who are equipped with basic knowledge concerning social studies such as politics and public administration study.

**Training Objective: Advanced Courses**
Responding to an increase in social demands for an advanced professional education, Advanced Courses in Law and Political Science serve to nurture highly creative and truly advanced specialists and members of society who have been trained in the nuances of jurisprudence and have acquired in-depth research abilities, technical proficiency and practical knowledge centering on jurisprudence and political science.

**Advanced Courses - Law**
- These courses are for those students who, after graduation, continue their studies seeking a career as related legal experts and specialists such as public employee, judicial scrivener, court secretary, or public prosecutor’s assistant officer.
- These courses are for those students who continue to deepen their studies reinforcing the legal knowledge that was not sufficiently acquired during their undergraduate years, seeking to become members of the society provided with a high-level legal education.
- These courses are for those members of society who, with working experience, have a strong interest for specific legal matters and wish to research such issues on a professional level, and are provided with the skills and basic knowledge necessary to achieve their purpose.
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**Advanced Courses - Political Science**
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- These courses are for those members of society who, after graduation, continue their studies seeking to become high-level professionals, such as public employee, teachers, mass media personality or politician.
Graduate School of Business Administration  
(Professional Degree Program: Master in Business Administration (MBA))

In an effort to promote innovative project creation and organizational change, the Graduate School of Business Administration turns out top-of-the-line specialists who have absorbed extensive knowledge, developed comprehensive problem-solving abilities and possess the high ethical standards and a true global vision necessary to lead their respective communities.

Curriculum (total of 44 units)
- Project Research Courses (8 units - compulsory)
  - Group Discussion I
  - Project Research I
- Executive Courses (12 units minimum)
  - Business and Management Studies
  - Corporate Law and Risk Management
  - Chinese Economics Studies
- Advanced Courses (14 units minimum)
  - Compulsory: Accounting/Marketing/ Organizations and Innovation/Finance/Business Strategy
  - To choose: Introduction to Management/Introduction to Economics

Graduate School of Environmental Engineering  
(Master’s and Doctoral Programs)

The Graduate School of Environmental Engineering fosters high-level researchers and engineers who, aiming for sustainable development, can make their contribution to society thanks to a correct understanding of energy, environment and information.

Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems
The environmental question is quite a concerning reality, manifesting itself as global warming and resource depletion in developed countries where energy and resources are largely consumed, and as environmental degradation in developing countries. In order to reduce or eliminate such issues, each country must collaborate together, moving toward a possible future for humankind existence to continue. The Graduate Programs Environmental Systems fosters individuals who can solve such problems using advance technology, starting from biotechnology and chemical technology. At the same time they will look at the environmental question, energy and resources from a higher perspective and investigate solutions by tackling problems that are reciprocally related as a system. There are three subject courses available which are Chemical Processes and Environments, Environmental Biosystems, Environment and Resources Systems.

Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering
The environmental question is a pressing problem that should be tackled by the joint effort of experts. In order to solve such question which is troubling our time on many levels, from environmental issues in everyday life to issues on a global level, and create an even more enriched environment, the appropriate approach is necessary, as well as the correct understanding of the problem from any possible perspective. Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering provides a flexible education that goes beyond the framework of existing specialized fields, and consolidates and integrates the areas of expertise related to the Department of Architecture and the Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering in the Faculty, while proactively maximizing the accumulation of education and research in each academic field. There are two subject courses available which are Mechanical Systems Engineering and Architecture.

Graduate Programs in Information Engineering
In an advanced information society, a telecommunication environment that allows people to handle the multimedia information regardless place, time or medium is required. Within such telecommunication environment, new engineering values are created by optimally and synthetically designing complex systems. Through advanced research and education in "Computer Systems Course" and "Communication and Media processing Course", the Graduate Programs Information Engineering fosters individuals who are specialized in the designing of telecommunication environment where people themselves are able to handle the multi-media information. There are two subject courses available which are Communications and Media Processing and Computer Systems.
Main Overseas Partner Universities for Student Exchanges

1. Cardiff University
   - Great Britain
   - http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/
   - Overseas Language Study

2. Oxford Brookes University
   - Great Britain
   - http://www.brookes.ac.uk/
   - Study Abroad

3. Dalian University of Foreign Languages
   - China
   - http://www.dlufl.edu.cn/
   - Overseas Language Study

4. Beijing Language and Culture University
   - China
   - http://www.blcu.edu.cn/
   - Overseas Language Study

5. Tongji University
   - China
   - http://is.tongji.edu.cn/cn
   - Overseas Dispatch

6. University of Macau
   - Macau
   - http://www.umac.mo/
   - Study Abroad

7. Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
   - Taiwan
   - http://www.wzuedu.tw/
   - Study Abroad

8. Thammasat University
   - Thailand
   - http://www.thu.ac.th/
   - Study Abroad

9. Universiti Malaysia Sarawak
   - Malaysia
   - http://www.unimas.my/
   - Study Abroad

10. Incheon National University
    - South Korea
    - http://www.incheon.ac.kr/
    - Study Abroad
    - Accepts Foreign Exchange Students

Please see our website for more information about our Student Exchange Program and Partners Schools.

http://international.kitakyu-u.ac.jp/
### Kitagata Campus Event Schedule (2017)

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Partial Subsidy for the National Health Insurance Premium

The University of Kitakyushu International Student Support Group provides a subsidy to cover part of the cost of the National Health Insurance premium. The subsidy rate is about maximum 90% of the insurance premium for those on the lowest income level. NOTE: It is a legal requirement for all international students staying in Japan for 3 months or longer to enroll in National Health Insurance upon your arrival in Japan.

Tutor System

International students, and first-year undergraduate and graduate students (limited to those who have done their undergraduate studies at other universities) are supplied with a Japanese tutor who will provide them the assistance outlined below. As a general rule, the student will be tutored once a week according to a prearranged plan, with further assistance provided as necessary.

(1) Assistance will be given to international students to allow them to improve their Japanese language skills and basic academic abilities as well as fully and competently pursue studies and research in their chosen field.

Lesson comprehension and test preparation

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<td>Explanation of textbooks and the like is provided</td>
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<td>Advice to help students understand subject matter so they can explain points of uncertainty</td>
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<td>④ Reading of textbooks, references and other materials</td>
<td>1. Improve Japanese reading ability by reading aloud or having the student read; helping to improve Japanese reading and listening ability. 2. By allowing the students to talk about the subject matter, guidance is provided to the student so that they can speak in grammatically correct Japanese. This also helps to improve comprehension. 3. Memo-taking practice</td>
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<td>⑧ Practice at answering problems in exercise books and similar practice materials</td>
<td>Practice to become accustomed to tests in Japanese</td>
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<td>⑨ Assistance in writing reports</td>
<td>Advice on how to deal with the vagaries of Japanese</td>
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<td>① Study method</td>
<td>When hearing out the international student and providing study assistance is insufficient, the student advisor is informed.</td>
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<td>② Living environment and personal relations</td>
<td>When the tutor cannot help the international students solely by hearing them out and providing advice, the director or the Center for International Education and Exchange is informed.</td>
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<td>③ Promoting exchanges at school</td>
<td>1. Advice is given to help the student adapt to Japanese University life and build meaningful relations at University. 2. The student is instructed on how to use university facilities</td>
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University Office Responsible for Matters Concerning International Students

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Open hours
Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 17:15
Support System for International Students

1. Tuition Waivers
   Tuition waivers were applied to about 72% of international students (as of 2017).

2. Scholarships
   Some of international students received scholarships from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Alumni Association or Private organizations.

3. Counseling Service for International Students
   The University provides a student-centered free counseling support for international students, for any issues that are impacting on their school and daily life.

4. Support for UKK International Student Association
   Support is offered throughout activities conducted by UKK International Student Association aiming to build a friendship among international students and also between Japanese students / local citizens.

5. International Exchanges
   International exchange events are regularly carried out at local schools and community centers to give international students opportunities to build relationships with local people and explore Kitakyushu.

6. Career Services
   The University provides international students career development and job opportunities through cooperating with the university relations.

7. Part-Time Work
   Occasional Part-Time work such as translation is offered to international students.

8. Tutor Program
   Tutor program is for international students of first-year undergraduate, first-year graduate (only for those who completed undergraduate program at other school) and exchange to provide help with study skills, exam preparation and daily life.

9. Support Network for International Students
   International Students of both Kitagata and Hibikino campus are offered assistance from Support Network for International Students.

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International Students Support Group

The University of Kitakyushu operates support group for its international students. The group is financed by contributions from faculties, academic staff, private associations, individuals, university support group and university alumni association to offer UKK international students services below.

- National Health Insurance Subsidy
  The group provides financial support to international students for their payment on National Health Insurance up to a ceiling of 17,000yen. (The subsidies were applied to 80% of international students as of 2017.)

- Emergency student loan
  In case facing financial distress due to unforeseen circumstances and disable to pay for tuition fees, the group offers emergency student loan to international students up to a ceiling of 130,000yen.

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Student Exchange Program

Student Exchange Program takes place with 38 academic institutions in 14 countries and regions (as of January, 2018) and almost 40 international students are accepted at The University of Kitakyushu annually under the Student Mobility Agreement. The Center for International Education and Exchange provides wide range of Japanese classes to suit varying levels of Japanese language proficiency and most class sizes are small in a very supportive environment. Teachers are all highly qualified and long experienced in teaching who bring out the best in students. Other than the Japanese classes, academic classes are also available for exchange students who qualified a certain level of Japanese language proficiency.

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Japanese Language Education

The University of Kitakyushu offers international exchange students wide range of Japanese class choices such as beginners, intermediate, upper-intermediate and advanced to suit varying levels of Japanese language proficiency. Each course includes general Japanese (mainly grammar and reading comprehension) and conversation skills, essay, kanji, reading and cross-cultural understanding. For undergraduate international students, “Academic Japanese” and “Japan Studies” are available as part of the academic coursework.

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Hibikino Campus

International students (mainly undergraduate students) studying at Hibikino campus are offered accommodations in International Exchange Residence Hall. The hall is located within walking distance of the university, consists of 50 single rooms and 2 family rooms. The rent for a single room per month is 9,000yen and a family room is 14,500yen.
Support System for International Students

Mt. Sarakura & Cable Cars

Famous for its night views, Mt. Sarakura has been selected as one of the three most scenic spots in modern Japan. The summit has been outfitted with an enclosed viewing platform and, at an elevation of 622 meters, it offers a beautiful 300 degree-plus panorama that has been nicknamed the “10 billion dollar night view.” Blessed by an abundance of natural beauty, Mt. Sarakura also features a stand of Japanese cedars over 250 years old, helping to create a natural beauty that has made it popular with mountaineers and nature-lovers alike. The oldest cable car in Kyushu links the train station at the base of the mountain with the number eight station near the top of the mountain and a new automated monorail in turn connects this station to the summit. The windows of the monorail cars are all glass, allowing for truly breathtaking views.

Mikuni World Stadium Kitakyushu

It takes about a 7 minute walk from JR Kokura station. This stadium adopts a “zero touch” design (the front seats being same height as the pitch) and it gives a sense of unity between the spectators and players. It is suitable for international sports events.

Kitakyushu Museum of Natural History & Human History

It is one of the largest museums in western Japan where human history and natural history are combined together. It shows and explains on a magnificent scale the path shared by nature and human beings from the Earth’s formation to the present time. Upon its renewal in March 2013, the museum has been further improved.

Kitakyushu Monorail

Part of the public transportation system, the monorail runs for 8.8 km and connects in 19 minutes Kokura station (North Kokura district), which is situated in the heart of Kitakyushu, to Kikugaoka station (South Kokura district). In 1998 it was extended to the Kokura Station Building becoming even more convenient. College life will not be possible without it.

Kitakyushu Manga Museum

The museum is a manga center whose theme is “to see, read, and draw”. Starting with Leiji Matsumoto, it displays works by manga artists associated with Kitakyushu, and has a reading corner with around 50,000 comic books available. During weekends many events are organized such as workshops where the participants can experience drawing manga.

Hiraodai

Hiraodai is the most famous karst plateau in Japan. Fanned by serene winds, this plateau features an expanse of limestone that look almost like a flock of sheep from afar. It is famous for the large number of limestone caves that can be found here, the most notable of which is Senbutsu cave, a nationally designated natural monument.

Kitakyushu Airport

This full-fledged offshore airport was constructed on an artificial island, and located 3 km offshore from Suonada in the Kokuraminami-ku part of the City of Kitakyushu. The airport operates late at night and early in the morning, making it extremely convenient for sightseers and business travelers alike. Offering flights to overseas destinations, Kitakyushu Airport is now the home to a fleet of airlines providing service around the globe.

Mojiko Retro

Mojiko is a port community facing the Kanmon Straits. Ever since the Meiji and Taisho eras it has prospered as a hub for trade with the Asian continent. It is well known for its modern, Western-style structures. Even today, several of these elegant structures remain, providing a beautiful contrast with the blue waters of the straits and allowing visitors a glimpse of a long bygone time.
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