

Guide to study at
THE UNIVERSITY OF
KITAKYUSHU
KITAGATA CAMPUS & HIBIKINO CAMPUS

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北九州市立大学

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Message from the President



松尾 太加志

TAKASHI MATSUO

President, The University of Kitakyushu

Over its more than 70 year history, the University of Kitakyushu has developed into the fourth largest non-national public university in Japan. Since its founding as Kokura Foreign Affairs College, the University has actively promoted international exchange and currently maintains exchange agreements with more than 40 overseas universities. Because of this longstanding commitment, international students can study with confidence at our university.

The University of Kitakyushu's broad institutional goals are threefold: to develop in tandem with the surrounding region, to maintain a healthy natural environment, and to accentuate worldwide connections. Consequently, international students visiting our university will encounter great opportunities to learn about the environment and deepen their knowledge of the region. The City of Kitakyushu received international acclaim as an urban center that overcame its problems with pollution. As such, it is an ideal place to gain expertise on environmental issues. In addition, frequent interaction with the local community not only provides an opportunity for international students to learn about Japanese language and culture firsthand, but also provides them with treasured memories of their time abroad.

We at the University of Kitakyushu would be delighted if you would choose to study with us and enjoy our warm hospitality during your stay in Japan.



Welcome to The University of Kitakyushu

Founded as Kokura Foreign Affairs College in 1946, the University of Kitakyushu (UKK) is a general university comprised of six undergraduate faculties and three graduate programs. Altogether, some 6,700 students (including about 300 international students) pursue their studies at UKK.

The City of Kitakyushu is located in the northern part of Kyushu Island, just across the Kanmon Strait from the island of Honshu. Facing west toward the Asian continent, it lies roughly midway between Tokyo and Shanghai. While Kitakyushu (with its population of about one million) is one of Japan's twenty officially designated urban areas, its rich natural setting offers peaceful country charm to go along with its big city excitement. Established just after the end of the Second World War, the citizens of Kitakyushu founded UKK with 'peace' firmly in mind.

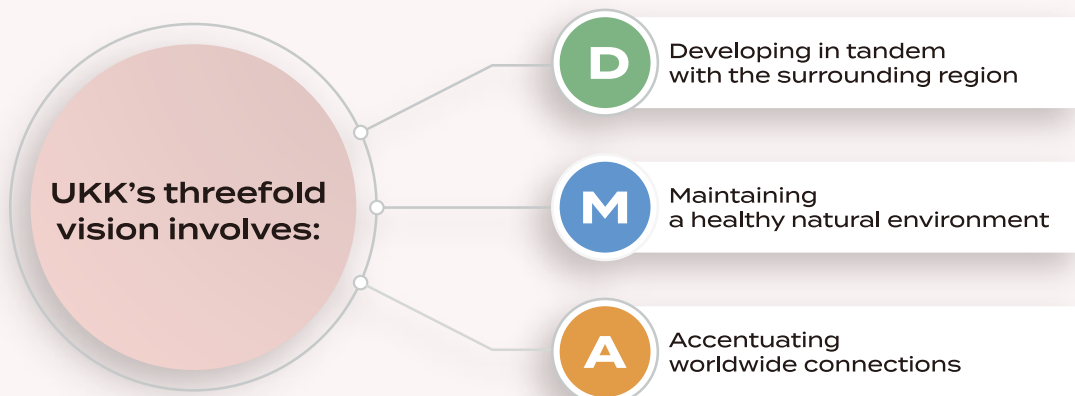
The institution's ideal is to create a peaceful future through dialogue. UKK aims to train graduates who will facilitate constructive interconnection and social development both in Asia and in the broader global community.



Founded by Naoharu Ohshima the Mayor of Kokura City at the time

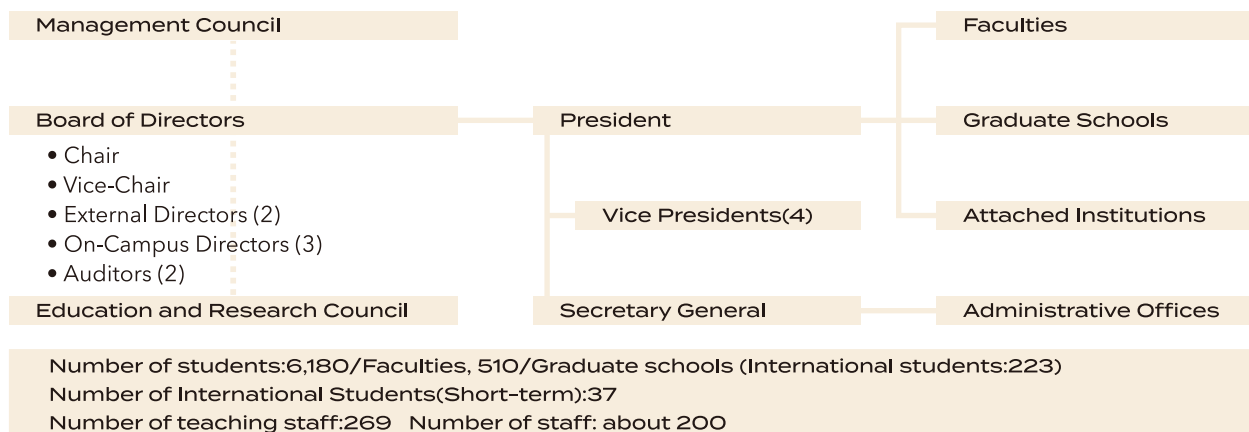


The university's main gate as it appeared during the period of the Kitakyushu University of Foreign Languages...



UKK ranks 3rd among Japanese national and public general universities in the number of students it has sent to study abroad University Rankings 2020 (The Asahi Shimbun)
UKK ranks 1st among Japanese public general universities in its level of contribution to regional society Nationwide Survey on University Contribution to Regional Society 2017 (The Nikkei)

Organization of The University of Kitakyushu



The University of Kitakyushu in Figures

As of May 1, 2019

Faculties and Graduate Schools

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Undergraduate
Faculties



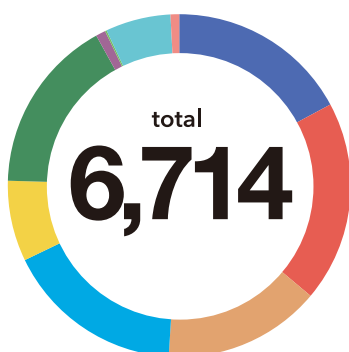
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Graduate
Schools



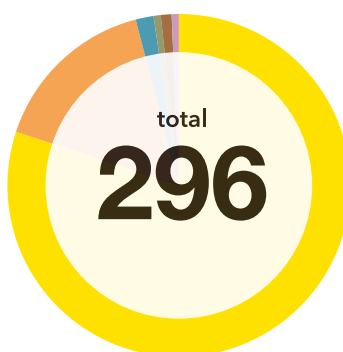
Demographic Distribution of Students/International Students/Staff

Students



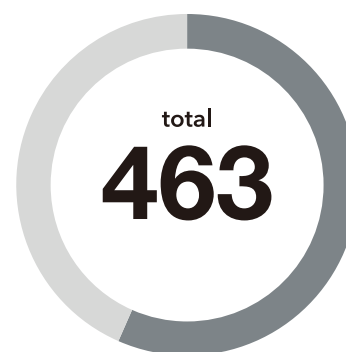
Foreign Studies	1,152
Economics and Business Administration	1,273
Humanities	998
Law	1,132
Regional Development	511
Environmental Engineering	1,108
Social System Studies	62
Law (Master's Program)	10
Environmental Engineering (PhD Program)	413
Business Administration (Professional Degree Program)	55

International Students



East Asia	237
Southeast Asia	47
Europe	5
North America	2
Oceania	3
Africa	2

Staff



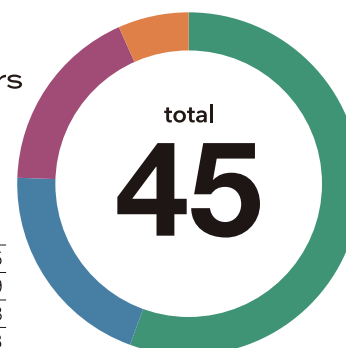
Academic	262
Administrative	201

International exchange activities

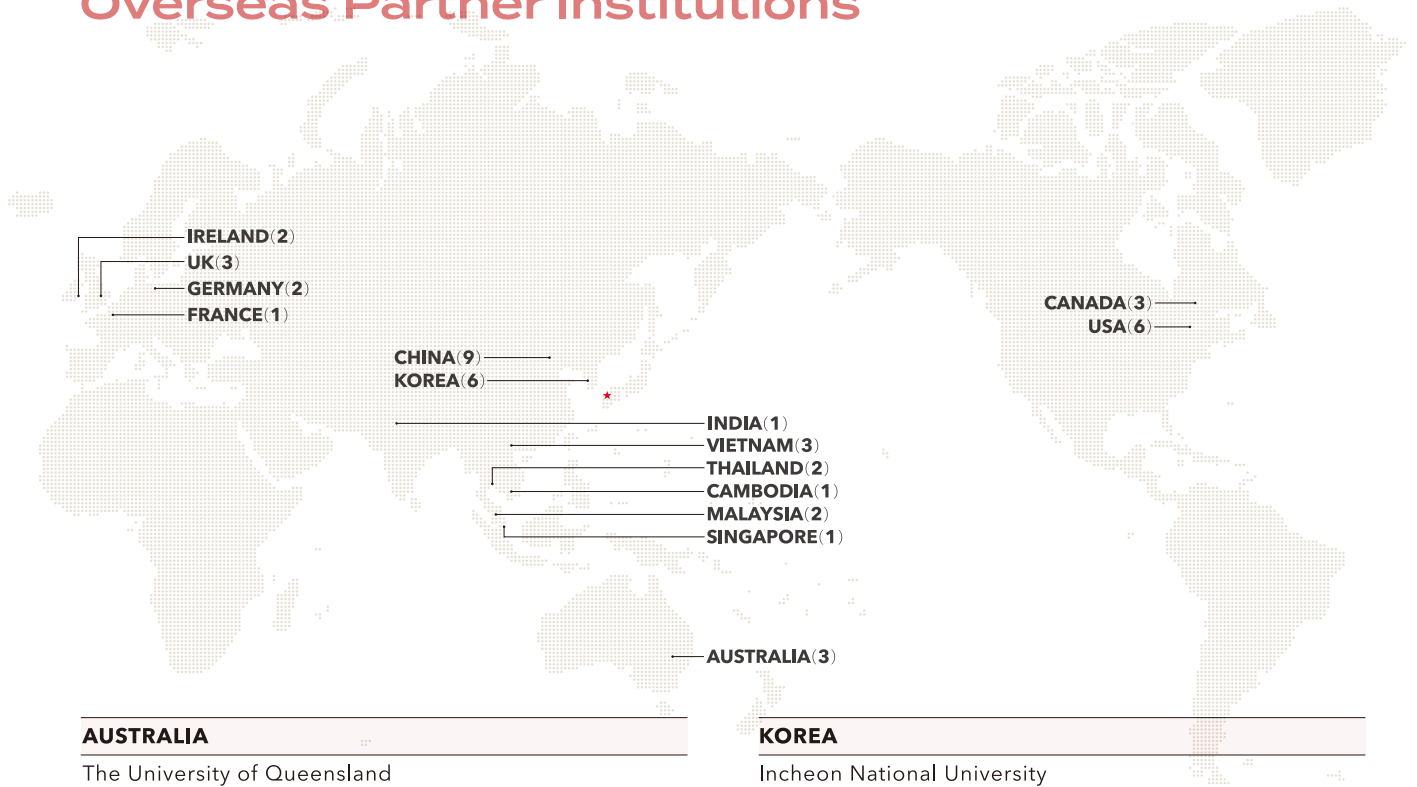
So as to fulfill its vision to "Accentuate worldwide connections," UKK seeks to promote international academic and student exchange activities by partnering with overseas academic institutions. Through the years, the University has developed a wide range of international exchange programs, including regular student exchanges, official faculty exchanges, and international joint research projects. As of May 1st, 2019, UKK has established institutional partnership agreements with 45 institutions in 17 different countries and regions.

Demographic Distribution of Global Partners

Asia	25
North America	9
Europe	8
Oceania	3



Overseas Partner Institutions



AUSTRALIA

The University of Queensland
University of Tasmania
The University of Newcastle

CAMBODIA

Royal University of Phnom Penh

CANADA

Douglas College
Selkirk College
Vancouver Island University

CHINA

Dalian University of Foreign Languages
Dalian University of Technology
Chung Hua University
Beijing Language and Culture University
Xi'an Jiaotong University

Tongji University

MACAO

University of Macau

TAIWAN

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
Chung Yuan Christian University

FRANCE

Université Paris Diderot

GERMANY

The University of Göttingen
University of Applied Sciences Bremerhaven

INDIA

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

IRELAND

Waterford Institute of Technology
National University of Ireland, Galway

KOREA

Incheon National University
The Incheon Institute
Changwon National University
Kookmin University
Korea Maritime and Ocean University
Jeju National University

MALAYSIA

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak
New Era University College

SINGAPORE

Singapore Institute of Management

THAILAND

Thammasat University
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

UK

Cardiff University
University of Nottingham
Oxford Brookes University

USA

Old Dominion University
Tacoma Community College
University of Pittsburgh
Fort Lewis College
California State University, Monterey Bay
University of Hawaii Kapiolani Community College

VIETNAM

VNU University of Science
The University of Danang
Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Initiatives on Sustainable Development

SDGs

Selected as the only SDGs Model City in Asia by OECD, Kitakyushu City is aiming to be the world's environmental capital.

During the course of rapid economic development in the 1950s and 1960s, Kitakyushu City faced severe environmental pollution problems. The city's residents, companies and the local government have banded together to improve the environment. Thanks to their enormous efforts, pollution problems have been dramatically improved. Taking advantage of experiences, technologies and know-how accumulated through the process of overcoming pollution problems, Kitakyushu City government has been promoting comprehensive environmental initiatives, including the Eco-Town Project, which aims to promote international cooperation with developed countries in the environmental field and the 3R of waste, and a project to realize a low-carbon society. In recognition of these efforts, Kitakyushu was selected by the Japanese government as an Environmental Model City (2008), Environmental Future City (2011), and SDGs



Future City (2018). As evidenced by winning the UNEP Global 500 Award (1990) and the UN Local Government Honours Award (1992), Kitakyushu's environmental achievements have been highly recognized internationally. In 2018, the City was selected by OECD as the only SDGs Model City in Asia. Kitakyushu City is aiming to be the world's environmental capital.

Participation in UNAI

In July of 2019, UKK became a member of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) initiative, a program designed to align the world's higher education institutions with the UN. UKK aims to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among UKK faculties and students while fostering collaboration with the UN system by capitalizing on the UNAI framework so as to foster global-minded students. Through participation in this initiative, UKK hopes to further contribute to the international community by promoting activities in support of UN principles and address global issues based on the five focus principles shown below.





Center for International Education and Exchange

UKK's Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE) is tasked with the administration and facilitation of all of the university's incoming and outbound international exchange activities. CIEE responsibilities include planning and implementing university-wide internationalization initiatives and providing Japanese language courses for international students. To ensure that UKK properly cares for visiting exchange students, the Center offers various types of support. In addition, CIEE promotes internal and external collaborative projects, fosters global awareness through campus events and activities, and supports the implementation, development, and enhancement of the UKK's many international education support programs.



International Program

Japanese Language Courses

UKK offers a wide range of proficiency-oriented Japanese language courses, from introductory courses (for learners with no classroom exposure to the language) to advanced courses. While short-term international students generally attend courses designed to suit their Japanese language proficiency level, short-term international students who have achieved the N1 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test are allowed to take Japanese language course offerings from UKK's general curriculum alongside UKK's full time international students. Class sizes of CIEE-sponsored courses are limited to 10 students so that each student can receive individual attention from the instructor. Students develop their Japanese skills quickly thanks to the great enthusiasm of CIEE's experienced educators.

Classes Level	Integrated Classes (Heavy emphasis on Grammar & Sentence patterns)	Skill Specific Classes				Special Session
		Speaking Listening	Writing	Kanji	Reading	
Elementary 1	J1 (A,B,C,D)		J1WK + Kanji		J1RG + Grammar	
Elementary 2	J2 (A,B,C)	J2S	J2W	J2K	J2R	
Intermediate 1	J3 (A,B,C)	J3S	J3W	J3K	J3R	
Intermediate 2	J4 (A,B,C)	J4S	J4W	J4K	J4R	
Advanced 1	J5 (A,B,C)	J5S	J5W	J5K	J5R	Reading & Discussion in modern Japanese 2
Advanced 2	J6 (A,B)	J6S	J6WP Writing + Presentation	J6KV Kanji + Vocabulary	J6R	

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The University of Kitakyushu

Japanese Culture Course

To enable international students to learn about Japan in greater depth, UKK offers a "Japanese Culture" course designed to both enhance their knowledge and offer them practical experiences. Participants learn about both traditional Japan and present-day Japanese culture and society.



Japanese Culture : " 日本文化 " Course and Activity Schedule

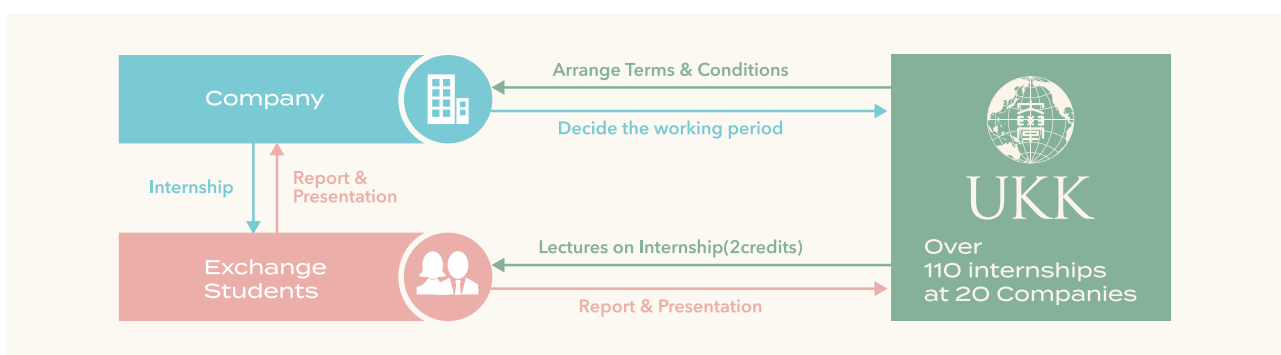
Contents
Company Visit, YASKAWA Robot Village
Cultural Excursion to Yamaguchi pref. with UKK students
Sports Recreation, "Soft Volleyball"
Japanese Traditional Tea Ceremony: "SADO" 【茶道】
Lecture on SDGs Cooperation and Strategy of Kitakyushu
Explore Dr. Yamasaki's dating spot "KANMON-Straight area"
Traditional Japanese Dance: "Nihon-Buyo" 【日本舞踊】
Playing Japanese Harp & Flute: "KOTO" 【琴】 & SHAKUHACHI 【尺八】
Food & Music Event with community members, "Udon" 【饅頭】 & Gyoza 【餃子】
Japanese Traditional Flower Arrangement: "KADO" 【華道】
Japanese Seventeen-syllable Poem: "HAIKU" 【俳句】
Japanese Traditional New Year Games
Japanese Calligraphy: "SHODO" 【書道】
The first writing of the New Year: "KAKIZOME" 【書初め】
Cooking Course, Japanese Traditional Sweet: "Umegae-mochi" 【梅が枝餅】
Company Visit, TOTO Museum

Internship Program for International Students

CIEE's internship programs have been specially designed to meet the needs of exchange students. Program participants learn Japanese management techniques as they receive training and carry out practical tasks at local companies and organizations (over a one- or two-month period depending on the student's period of study at UKK). Since the program's launch in 1993, nearly 120 exchange students have interned at some 20 local companies and organizations.

Student participants first prepare for their internship under the guidance of full-time UKK instructors. After completing the internship properly, they rejoin the class for debriefing and to give presentations about their experiences and achievements. In most cases, students are expected to carry out their internships entirely in Japanese.

	Academic Calendar	Internship Activities
OCT	Second Semester Begins	↑ Lectures on Internship (2 credits) ↓
DEC	Winter Vacation	
FEB	Second Semester Exams Second Semester Ends	
MAR	Graduation Ceremony	
APR	New Students Orientation First Semester Begins	↑ Internship Begins (1 week ~ 1.5 months) ↓
JUL	First Semester Exams First Semester Ends	
AUG	Summer Vacation	Internship Debrief Session



Popular Courses for International Students

Introduction to International Political Economy	● ■
Business Administration 1	● ■
Chinese Economy	● ■
Asian International Relations	● ■
Introduction to Business Strategies	● ■
Japanese Culture and Society	● ■
Debate and Discussion Practicum	● ■
English Speaking Cultures and Societies	● ■

Global Business Seminar	● ■
Global Business Seminar "Chinese"	● ■
Comparative Social Culture	● ■
Sociology of Culture	● ■
Foreign Literature on Policy Studies B	● ■
American Studies	● ■
Debate	● ■
Comparative Social Consciousness	● ■

● Semester 1

● Semester 2

■ Taught in English

■ Taught in Japanese

UKK Summer Short Program



Certification and Accreditation

- (1) Number of credits given: 3
(number certified by UKK)
- (2) A report of results will be issued to all participants.
- (3) Please check with your home university that credits certified by UKK (equivalent to 50 hours of Japanese study) are acceptable at your home institution.



Program Fee

- (1) JPY 135,000 (Estimated program fee + accommodation)
- (2) This includes registration, tuition, accommodation, commuting fees, and travel to and from the airport on the specified dates. This does not include air fare, travel insurance, food, and other travel expenses, etc.
- (3) Institutions with student exchange agreements may have program fee discount systems. (Please inquire for details.)

2-Week Summer Program 2019 @ UKK

Learn about Japanese Culture and Society through MANGA

	9:00-10:30	10:40-12:10	13:00-14:30	14:40-16:10	16:20-17:50
SUNDAY, June 23	ARRIVAL Transfer from Fukuoka Airport to Kitakyushu				
MONDAY, June 24	Registration	Meet & Greet Orientation	Placement Test	Course Orientation	Welcome Party
TUESDAY, June 25	Learn Japanese through MANGA Workshop	Comprehensive Japanese "Learn Japanese through MANGA"	Lecture★on Contemporary Japanese Culture <i>(Manga, Anime & Cool Japan)</i>	Japan Studies (Society) with UKK Students	
WEDNESDAY, June 26			Japan Studies (Society) with UKK Students	Field Work with UKK Students MANGA Museum	
THURSDAY, June 27			Factory Visit YASKAWA Electric Co., Ltd.		
FRIDAY, June 28			Meet with the Mayor of Kitakyushu City	Japanese Culture "KOTO & SHAKUHACHI"	
SATURDAY, June 29	[Optional] Explore HAKASE's Dating Spot ~ Kanmon Straits ~				
SUNDAY, June 30		[Optional] Home visit with Japanese Family			
MONDAY, July 1	Learn Japanese through MANGA Workshop	Comprehensive Japanese "Learn Japanese through MANGA"	Field Work with UKK Students MANGA Museum		
TUESDAY, July 2			Field Work in Yahatahigashi Area	Lecture★on Contemporary Japanese Culture <i>(Manga, Anime & Cool Japan)</i>	
WEDNESDAY, July 3			Meet with BANANA Princess LUNA	Self-study Preparation for the presentation	
THURSDAY, July 4			Evaluation Test		
FRIDAY, July 5	Presentation Preparation	Group Presentation	Wrap-up Session		Japanese Culture "SHODO"
SATURDAY, July 6	[Optional] Mystery Tour with UKK Students				
SUNDAY, July 7	DEPARTURE				



Sociology of Social Consciousness	● ■	Introduction to Cultural Comparison	● ■
Introduction to Cross-Cultural Communication	● ■	Introduction to Tourism Management	● ■
English for Core Program	● ■	Introduction to Economics	● ■
Media and Communication Studies	● ■	Introduction to Business	● ■
Tourism Policy I	● ■	Tourism Policy II	● ■
Introduction to Statistics	● ■	International Trade and Finance	● ■
Management System	● ■	Leadership Theory	● ■
Introduction to English Linguistics	● ■	Management Strategy	● ■

UKK Management Camp ~Program for MBA Students~

The University of Kitakyushu is offering a 5 day program for MBA students which, not only allows participants to learn the Japanese business culture and outlook but also allows them to deepen their understanding of Environmental and Economic Sustainability through Japan-style management, including the interaction with Japanese MBA students

Management Camp in Kitakyushu 2020(tentative)

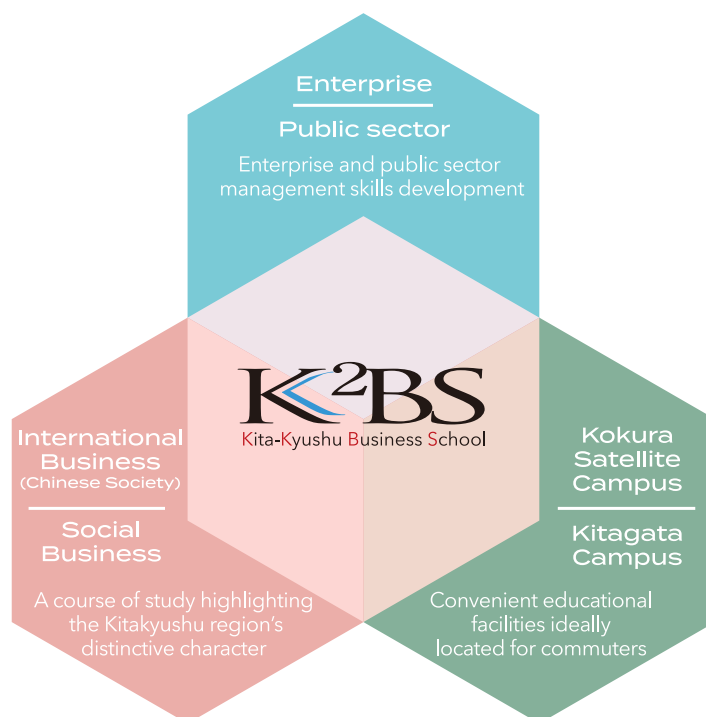
	Wed 12 Feb	Thu 13 Feb	Fri 14 Feb	Sat 15 Feb	Sun 16 Feb
AM	Arrival	Lecture2: SDGs, environmental and economic sustainability through Japan-style management	Lecture3: Japanese consumer behaviors;Marketing for Japanese consumers	Networking activities with Japanese students	Culture Excursion2: Kokura Castle
	Meet & Greet Course Orientation	Workshop1	Workshop2	Wrap Up Session	
PM	Lecture1: Japanese business culture;Japan business outlook in 2020	Company Visit1: Start-up company	Company Visit2: YASKAWA Electric Corporation	Field study: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).	Departure
	Welcome Dinner	Culture Excursion1: Mojiko Retro		Farewell Dinner	

Eligibility

Must be an MBA student at graduate school with an agreement of cooperation with UKK. (Students who will graduate before the start of this course are ineligible.)

Program Fee

- (1)JPY 135,000
(Estimated program fee + accommodation)
- (2)This includes registration, tuition, accommodation, commuting fees and transportation fees. This also includes travel to and from the airport on the specified dates. This does not include air fare, travel insurance, breakfast, and other travel expenses, etc.



Tuition Fees

Inbound Program		
Exchange	Mutually exempted	
Fee-paying	Tuition	14,800JPY/Credit
		268,000JPY/1Sem
Degree-seeking Program	Enrolment fees	282,000JPY(Kitakyushu residents)
		423,000JPY(Others)

Academic Calendar 2019 - 2020

Inbound Program	
First Semester	April 9-
Summer Vacation	August 11-
Second Semester	Sept. 27-
Winter Vacation	Dec. 26 - Jan. 5
Spring Vacation	Feb. 9-

Support systems for international students

Scholarship opportunities

International students visiting UKK often take advantage of support programs provided by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). International exchange students from overseas partner universities are eligible to apply for individual scholarship support of up to 80,000 yen per month. Since eligibility criteria and the number of scholarships available vary from year to year, prospective scholarship

students are requested to confirm specific details before scholarship application. In 2018, 24 inbound exchange students received this type of JASSO funding.

★A Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship may be awarded to those with a GPA of 2.30 out of 3.00 (JASSO'S GPA calculation method)

Scholarship amount : **JPY80,000/month**

Currently 16 students, FY2018 24 students JPY80,000×10months = JPY800,000/2semesters

Financial aid to defray the cost of National Health Insurance premiums

Funded by way of goodwill donations*, UKK is pleased to offer international students a support program through which they can receive financial aid to cover up to 90% of their National Health Insurance premiums. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, international students who suffer illness or injury during their long-term stay in Japan are able to receive

medical attention without worry.

This program is funded entirely through donations from UKK faculty and staff members and other parties.

*UKK's International Student Support Organization solicits donations annually from the UKK Alumni Association, the UKK Supporters' Association, and individual donors.

Student tutoring system

UKK has developed a tutoring system in which Japanese students are paired with international students so as to advise and assist them concerning their Japanese language studies, course assignments, and challenges in everyday life.

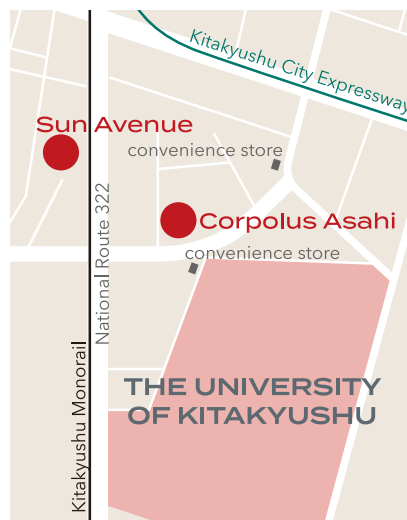
Campus life at UKK

Accommodations

International students live in apartments leased in their behalf by UKK. All of these convenient, fully furnished apartments are located just a short walk from the University campus (between 5 and 20 minutes on foot).

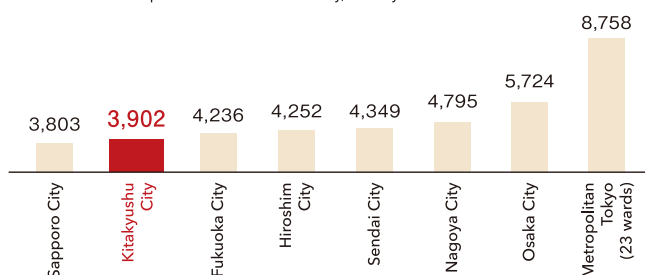
Housing in Kitakyushu City

Rent typically accounts for 30% of living costs for international students. However, the average rent in Kitakyushu is the second lowest among large cities in Japan. You can find a cheap and large room near your school more easily. According to the 2013 Annual Report on the Retail Price Survey by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the average monthly private housing rent per tsubo (3.3 m²) in Kitakyushu is 3,902 yen, which is less than half of that in the ward-area of Tokyo (8,758 yen). Choose a comfortable accommodation to lead a safe and comfortable student life in Kitakyushu!

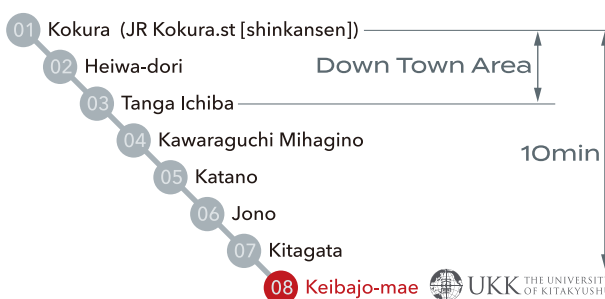


Average monthly rent of private rental housing (FY2013) per 3.3m² (yen)

Data: 2013 Annual Report on the Retail Price Survey, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications



Monorail route map



Campus life at UKK

Annual Event Schedule for International Students

Kitagata Campus Event Schedule	
April	Orientation, A short course on traffic safety and crime prevention, Welcome party for new international students (undergraduate and graduate students, exchange students) First semester lectures start
May	Start of home visits
From the end of July	Examinations, Farewell party
From August	Summer break
July to September	Local summer festival
End of September	Orientation, A short course on traffic safety and crime prevention, Welcome party for new international students (exchange students)
From October	Second semester lectures start
October	1 day Bus tour(Japanese Cultural Experience)
November	University Festival
End of December - Beginning of January	Winter break
January	International Student Speech Contest
First part of February	Examinations, Farewell party
Middle of February - Beginning of April	Spring break

NOTE: Exchange students study at the Kitagata Campus.



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Part-time jobs and volunteer activities

UKK provides international students with both on- and off-campus part-time job and volunteer opportunities. Through these extra-curricular activities, international students gain valuable cultural experience while simultaneously using their individual talents and backgrounds to enrich Japanese student life and contribute to the local community.

★UKK offers various kinds of part time jobs on-campus & outside of campus

Regularly offered (Approximately)

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|--|-------------|
| 1. The Coordinator of the International Cafe (English, Chinese and Korean) | JPY850/h |
| 2. The Assistant of Proofreading(English) | JPY850/h |
| 3. The Coordinator of "Living Talking"(English) | JPY4,000/4h |

Occasionally offered (Approximately)

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|---|----------------|
| 1. The Coordinator of "English Camp"(English) | JPY8,000/2days |
| 2. Guest Lecturer to business association(Japanese) | JPY10,000/0.5h |

and more...



Club Activities

UKK has a long tradition of sport and other extracurricular activities for both native Japanese and international students. With over 70 teams, clubs, and circles, students are bound to find exciting extracurricular activities.

KENDO Club
KARATE Club
SHORINJIKENPO Club
Volleyball Club
Rugby Club
Basketball Club
Football Club
Japanese Tea Ceremony Club
Japanese Drum "TAIKO" Club
YOSAKOI Dancing Club
Brass Band Club and more...



International Student Association

Members of UKK's International Student Association participate in and help to plan a wide variety of social events that add excitement and fun to international student life at UKK.

Study-abroad Supporters

Members of this group, mainly Japanese UKK students who have studied abroad, provide current and prospective international exchange participants with advice and information about foreign study. They also organize and facilitate events that promote on-campus interaction between full-time UKK students and visiting international students and help exchange students adjust to university life in Japan.



Messages from International Exchange Students

Trevor BOGNA



California State University, Monterey Bay



I believe that the University of Kitakyushu provides an ideal environment for learning Japanese. The staff is committed, friendly and approachable. The Center for International Education and Exchange also provides many ways to interact with Japanese students and hosts many events that exchange students can participate in that allows them to better experience Japanese culture. The approach of both the teaching staff and the members of the Center allow for an authentic Japanese lifestyle that lets you feel like less of a student and more like an adult living in an unrestricted Japan. Also, since English speakers are in the minority of exchange students, even if you spend time with other exchange students, you will have to speak Japanese, and therefore improve your Japanese. Japanese classes are also small, which means that you will receive focused attention from the teachers, which leads to a more customized and effective teaching method. The cost of living is also extremely affordable, in fact, one semester at Kitakyushu costs about as half as much as a semester at my home university. I highly recommend the University of Kitakyushu to anyone who wants to study abroad in Japan.

林佳儀 & 蔡昕祐 文藻外語大學



Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages



因為在文藻認識了北九大的交換生，所以讓我們想來這裡當交換生。

當交換生的期間，認識了很多來自不同國家的留學生，也體驗了和地方媽媽們一起作異國料理、和留學生們一起去賞花、做蕎麥麵等等，其中最令我們印象深刻也是最喜歡的是穿浴衣去參加北九州當地的祭典。

除此之外，北九大對於留學生是以小班制教學，會依照能力不同而去做調整。而且每個留學生都有一位學伴，所以當有不懂的問題不僅可以問老師也可以問自己的學伴。

來到北九大當交換生一點也不後悔，在日語方面我們的會話也進步了許多，一開始講日語會對自己沒有信心，但在會話課、作文課有許多發表的機會所以經過了一學期後變得更敢說日語了，因此在這裡學習了很多，也成長了許多。

Narawit LOKE



Thammasat University



北九州市立大学は交換留学の数がそんなに多くないので、クラスの人数が少なくて。そのため、恥ずかしがらないで、優しい先生とクラスメートと活動ができます。国際教育交流センターの面では、スタッフさんは、みんな留学生の名前を覚えていて、留学生たちをいつも見守っています。

友達の面では、僕は中国をはじめ、台湾、韓国、カンボジアなど様々な国からの友達でできました。違う背景を持っている友達との交流を通して、異文化を学んで、自分の心を開かれました。日本人の友達の面では、国際教育交流センターが支援したチューター制度のおかげで、一生忘れられない友達でできました。確かに、この大学は完璧な一流大学ではないですが、幸せに楽しい生活を送って、いい思い出がたくさんできる場所です。日本へ留学を希望する皆さん、ぜひ北九州市立大学を選んでみてください。

แนะนำมหาวิทยาลัยคิตะคิวชู

มหาวิทยาลัยคิตะคิวชูเป็นมหาวิทยาลัยที่มีจำนวนนักศึกษาแลกเปลี่ยนไม่มาก ส่งผลให้ชั้นเรียนมีขนาดเล็ก สามารถพูดคุยโต้ตอบกับอาจารย์ที่แสนจะใจดี และสามารถทำกิจกรรมร่วมกับเพื่อนร่วมชั้นได้อย่างไม่ต้องเขินอาย ในด้านของเจ้าหน้าที่นั้น ทุกคนใส่ใจ จ้าชื่อของนักเรียนได้ทุกคน และคอยถามไถ่สารทุกข์สุกดิบของนักเรียนอยู่เสมอ ในด้านของเพื่อนนั้น ผมได้เพื่อนจากหลากหลายชาติจากการไปแลกเปลี่ยนที่มหาวิทยาลัยแห่งนี้ ไม่ว่าจะเป็นเพื่อนจากประเทศจีน เกาหลีใต้ ไต้หวัน และกัมพูชา การมีเพื่อนจากหลากหลายชาติ ช่วยให้ตัวเองเป็นคนที่ใจกว้างมากขึ้น ยอมรับความแตกต่างทางวัฒนธรรมที่มากขึ้น ส่วนเพื่อนชาวญี่ปุ่นนั้น ต้องขอบคุณทางศูนย์แลกเปลี่ยนนักศึกษาต่างชาติที่ทำให้ผมได้รู้จักกับเพื่อนญี่ปุ่นสองคนที่ผมจะไม่มีวันลืม

มหาวิทยาลัยแห่งนี้อาจจะไม่ใช่มหาวิทยาลัยชั้นนำที่สมบูรณ์แบบ อาจจะไม่ใช่มหาวิทยาลัยที่มีชื่อเสียง แต่เป็นที่ที่อยู่กับแล้วมีความสุข รู้สึกอบอุ่น มีแต่ความทรงจำดีๆ กลับไป หวังว่ามหาวิทยาลัยแห่งนี้จะเป็นตัวเลือกสำหรับผู้ที่ต้องการมาแลกเปลี่ยนที่ประเทศญี่ปุ่นอีกแห่งหนึ่งนะครับ แล้วจะไม่ผิดหวัง!

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タイでは日本語を使う機会があまりないので、自分の日本語能力を向上させるために日本に留学しようと思ってきました。北九州市立大学に留学してきた理由はここでの活動に興味があるし、ここにはタイ人があまりいないので、日本語を全力で使えるからです。北九州市立大学での授業を通して日本社会や日本文化など色々なことを学びました。授業で文法や語彙を勉強するだけではなく、日本語でクラスメートと意見の交換もたくさんできて、私の日本語能力は上達していると思います。それに、他の留学生や北九州市民と交流したり、日本でしかできない日本文化を体験したりして、よい経験になりました。

เพราะที่ไทยไม่ค่อยมีโอกาสดูใช้ภาษาญี่ปุ่นเท่าไร เพื่อพัฒนาความสามารถภาษาญี่ปุ่นของตัวเองจึงตัดสินใจมาแลกเปลี่ยนที่ประเทศญี่ปุ่นค่ะ เหตุผลที่มาแลกเปลี่ยนที่ The University of Kitakyushu เพราะมีกิจกรรมน่าสนใจหลายอย่างและที่นี่ไม่ค่อยมีคนไทย สามารถใช้ภาษาญี่ปุ่นได้อย่างเต็มที่ ได้เรียนรู้เรื่องต่างๆมากมาย เช่น วัฒนธรรมญี่ปุ่น สังคมญี่ปุ่นผ่านคาบเรียนของมหาวิทยาลัยนี้ ตอนเรียนก็ไม่ได้เรียนแค่ไวยากรณ์หรือคำศัพท์ภาษาญี่ปุ่นเท่านั้น แต่ได้มีการพูดคุยแลกเปลี่ยนกับเพื่อนร่วมชั้นเป็นภาษาญี่ปุ่น ทำให้รู้สึกว่าภาษาญี่ปุ่นของตัวเองพัฒนาขึ้นจริงๆ ค่ะ นอกจากนี้ ยังได้แลกเปลี่ยนวัฒนธรรมกับนักเรียนจากประเทศอื่นและผู้คนที่นี่อาศัยอยู่ที่คิตะคิวชู และได้ลองเรียนรู้วัฒนธรรมญี่ปุ่นที่สามารถทำได้แค่ที่ญี่ปุ่นเท่านั้น ถือว่าเป็นประสบการณ์ที่ดีเลยละ

Additional weekend activities for UKK students and Kitakyushu citizens

-Building relationships with the local community in collaboration with NPOs-

Home visits

International students are afforded regular opportunities to visit and interact with local families on weekends.



SHOKU-ing (loose translation: “Cuisining”)

Regularly scheduled SHOKU-ing events bring international students to local civic centers so they can introduce Kitakyushu residents to traditional foods from their home areas. This program aims to deepen mutual cultural understanding through cooking (and eating!).



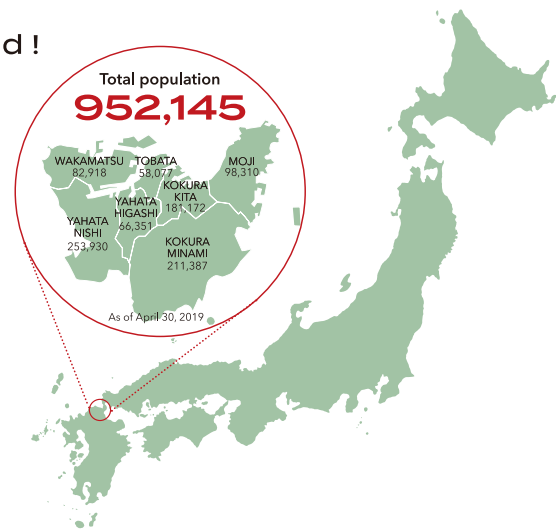
Day trips

At various times during the year, international students at UKK are invited to go on single-day excursions with Japanese students and local citizens so they can experience distinctive aspects of Japanese culture up close. Whether traveling by chartered bus or on foot, day trip participants have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of interesting destinations and seasonal events.



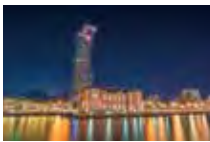
The Second Largest City in Kyushu Island !

The city of Kitakyushu in Fukuoka Prefecture is the northernmost city of Kyushu. With the second largest population in Kyushu island, The city of Kitakyushu is one of the major cities in Kyushu island. In addition to being the center of an area known as the Kitakyushu metropolitan area, The city of Kitakyushu forms together with its neighboring city Shimonoseki (Yamaguchi Prefecture), the Kanmon metropolitan area.



Many other attractive features of the City of Kitakyushu

Sightseeing



Wasshoi Hyakumangoku Summer Festival, Kokura Gion Daiko Festival, Tobata Gion Oyamagasa Festival, and Kurosaki Gion Yamagasa Festival.

The city of Kitakyushu is full of tourist attractions, such as the UNESCO World Heritage-registered industrial modernization sites, the Mojiko Retro area with a nostalgic atmosphere, art galleries and museums, and spots where you can enjoy Japanese subculture like manga and anime. You can also enjoy natural experiences. You shouldn't miss festivals and traditional events such as

Cultural Experience

In Kokura, a castle town developed around Kokura Castle, you can experience Japanese cultures such as tea ceremony and flower arrangement. You can also enjoy strolling around the castle town in kimono. In summer, one of the biggest festivals takes place in Kokura. You can participate in the festival wearing yukata.



Nature / Outdoor Activities

There are plenty of spots in the city of Kitakyushu where you can enjoy the beautiful natural scenery, including Kokura Castle, where you can enjoy cherry blossom viewing in spring, beautiful wisteria garden, which has attracted attention worldwide, impressive karst topography, tidal wetlands and waterfalls. Let your mind and heart be calmed in a space surrounded by the mountains and sea.



Regional and International Exchanges



Many international students mainly from Asian countries are living in the city of Kitakyushu. To build a society where diverse cultures coexist, the City government provides various support services to international students and organizes various exchange events.

Shopping



The city of Kitakyushu offers a variety of shopping experiences, from markets and shopping streets to long-established department stores, shopping malls thronged with people and the station building.

Gourmet

You can enjoy delicious dishes featuring local fresh ingredients. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of food, ranging from sushi and seafood dishes, to famous local specialty foods such as baked curry, udon and ramen.



Climate of the City of Kitakyushu

Japan has four seasons. In the city of Kitakyushu, the rainy season (called "tsuyu" in Japanese) starts around early June, and damp weather lasts for about one month until summer arrives. Typhoons with rainstorms may land in late summer and early autumn. Facing the Seto Inland Sea and the Sea of Japan, The city of Kitakyushu has relatively mild winters and the snow rarely stays on the ground.

City with Low Disaster Risk

Located far from plate boundaries, The city of Kitakyushu is in an area where earthquakes are less likely to occur.

Access

