University Overview

① University Feature and Overview
Kyushu University was founded in 1911 and has grown to be one of the most prestigious universities in Japan. At present, there are 12 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools, 4 research institutes, and a hospital. Approximately 19,000 students, 2,100 faculty members and 2,300 administrative staffs are engaged in study and/or research at the University. Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka, gateway of Kyushu. Geographically and historically, the city is close to other parts of Asia, so we have been aiming to be the "University opened to Asia" from the beginning. A new main campus, Ito Campus, opened in 2005, and has completed relocation in October 2018.

【Undergraduate Schools】
Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation, Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Design, Agriculture

【Graduate Schools】

② International Exchange (As of May 1, 2018)
- International Academic Cooperation
  135 universities (30 countries/areas)
  259 faculties (49 countries/areas)
- Student Exchange Program
  116 universities (26 countries/areas)
  161 faculties (37 countries/areas)

③ Number of International Students
2018 (As of May 1, 2018):
  Kyushu University 2,313
  Japanese Language and Culture Course 12
  (includes, 10 privately-funded students)
2017 (As of May 1, 2017):
  Kyushu University 2,201
  Japanese Language and Culture Course 24
  (includes, 20 privately-funded students)
2016 (As of May 1, 2016):
  Kyushu University 2,089
  Japanese Language and Culture Course 27
  (includes, 15 privately-funded students)

④ Location
Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka city, the northern part of Kyushu, which has a population of 1.5 million.
Geographically and historically, the city has been played an important role as Japan’s gateway in connecting with continental Asia, especially East Asian and Southeast Asian countries.
There are many flights to the Fukuoka International Airport from the principal cities of Asia and by plane it only takes 80 minutes from Seoul and 50 minutes from Pusan.

Contents of the Course

① Course Objectives
A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency. Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLCC) is provided by the International Student Center at Kyushu University and it is organized for those who wish to gain a deeper understanding of Japanese society and culture with further opportunities to improve Japanese language skills for conducting research in the area of Japanese studies.

② Course Features
The students in this course are required to complete classes such as ‘Independent Study Project (ISP)’, ‘Japanese Language and Linguistics’ and ‘Japanese Culture and Society’ offered in the International Student Center. Elective classes are offered by undergraduate schools including Literature, Economics, and Law as well as General Education at Kyushu University. Moreover, various kinds of Japanese classes (writing, speaking, kanji vocabulary, reading etc.), offered by International Student Center, are available.

③ Enrollment
40 students
(Embassy Recommended Students: about 5)
(University Recommended Students: about 2)
4) Eligibility
Applicants must fulfill both of the following conditions:
• be registered as undergraduates and majoring in Japanese studies at their home institution. (First year students may not participate.)
• have completed Intermediate Japanese language courses and be ready to take classes offered in Japanese at Kyushu University.

Candidates will preferably have passed Level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test or possess the equivalent proficiency in Japanese language.

5) Goals and Objectives
We accept students who meet the requirements above and develop their understanding of Japanese society and culture with further opportunities to improve Japanese language skills for conducting research in the area of Japanese studies.

6) Program Period
From October, 2019 to August, 2020
(Orientation: late September, 2019)

7) Overview of Curriculum
1) Compulsory subjects
   (Intended for JLCC students only)
Compulsory subjects:
   Independent Study Project (ISP) 2 credits
Elective compulsory subjects:
   Japanese Language & Linguistics (JL) 12 credits
   Japanese Culture & Society (JC) 12 credits

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Japanese Courses

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※Courses are held 2 times per week

2) Study Trips and Other Activities
Study trips and other activities are provided to visit Japanese cultural sites and to have close contact with Japanese culture, history and nature.

3) Contents of ISP (Necessary for Completion)
Through either reading literature or social survey, submit a report and do oral presentation every week, and submit a final report at the end of the semester.

4) Study Opportunity with Japanese students
As JLCC students are required to take at least 4 credits from the courses offered for the regular Kyushu University students, they are able to study in the same class room with Japanese students.

5) Other Courses
To better meet the student’s needs, we also invite scholars and journalists to come to campus to give a series of guest-lectures on selected topics. We are planning to invite business administrators and those who are actively involved in various fields in Fukuoka in the future.

Elective subjects include the subjects offered by the Faculty of Arts & Science and the specialized subjects offered by the Undergraduate Schools of Letters, Economics and Law. Students need to select at least two subjects (four credits) related to their major and Japanese level with their coordinator’s advice.

Moreover, students can take different level’s Japanese courses offered by the International Student Centre.
Course requirements
Students are required to take compulsory subject (2 credits), elective compulsory subjects (24 credits) and elective subjects (4 credits). Grade Transcript with all registered credits will be issued. The students who have completed all requirements will be granted a certificate.

Housing
Kyushu University Dormitory is available for those participating in the Japanese Language Culture Course while they are enrolled. Kyushu University Dormitory offers fully furnished rooms equipped with a bathroom, a toilet, a desk, a bookshelf, a bed, a closet, a refrigerator, internet connectivity and air-conditioning.

Follow-up for Alumni
Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLCC) at Kyushu University has been highly praised as a short-term program taught in Japanese both at home and abroad as well as another short-term program, Japan in Today’s World (JTW), which offers courses in English. JLCC has enjoyed high satisfaction rates from participants and as a result, many of them have chosen to further their studies at Kyushu University graduate schools and/or at other academic institutions in Japan. Also, some have obtained jobs at Japanese companies.

Support System for Students
As the JLCC coordinator, Professor GUO Junhai from the International Student Center will be assigned to JLCC students for their overall support. In addition, teaching staff from the International Student Center and Japanese students (tutors) are also assigned to course students so that he/she can discuss matters concerning their daily life or study and communicate with Japanese students as well.

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Webpage for Kyushu University:
http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/index.php

Webpage for International Student Center:
http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/home.htm

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