

The University of Kitakyushu

Guide For International Exchange Students





Kitagata campus

Advantages of studying at the University of Kitakyushu(UKK) “Unique learning experiences that can be found only at UKK”

Japanese Language Courses

- UKK provides a more extensive offering of Japanese class levels compared to other universities.
- With a level assessment at the time of enrolling in UKK, every student is placed in the right class for their Japanese ability level.
- Class sizes are small with 10 or fewer students.
- Minimum requirements is JLPTN4. Actually, even if students do not have JLPTN4, we can accept students. But in that case, we ask them to hand in the letter by their Japanese teachers to proof their Japanese Language levels.

Study Japanese Culture and Society

- Take courses in English such as “Japanese Affairs” and “Japanese Culture and Society”.
- UKK has many academic staff specializing in the East Asian region.



Kitakyushu Manga Museum

Education for Sustainable Development

- The city of Kitakyushu was selected as an OECD Green Growth Model City. Other selected cities included Paris, Chicago and Stockholm.
- UKK offers international students an opportunity to study the Environment at unique onsite facilities such as Kitakyushu Eco-Town.
- Students can study 3 major approaches to preserving the environment.
 1. Prevention of Global warming
 2. Promotion of a resource recycling society.
 3. Natural symbiosis.



Kitakyushu Eco-Town



Hibikino campus

Advantages of Living Environment in UKK

“Comprehensive Support System for International Students”

Center for International Education and Exchanges (CIEE)

- Assistance and support for campus life and living in Japan
- Support for studying Japanese language
- Tutorial system
Japanese tutors assist you one to one with your studies and campus life.
- Opportunities for good-will exchanges with the local community through CIEE programs
A Home Visit program is offered for exchange students to experience a real Japanese home environment. Once a month, students visit a local Japanese family near the campus and spend quality time there.
- Various events for international students such as welcome parties, farewell parties, bus trips, participation in local festivals and exchange events with local organizations
- Student lounge
Japanese students and International students enjoy time out from their busy schedules talking and eating lunch together there. Computers with free internet are available in the lounge.

Living Environment

- Easy access to the city center, 10 minute monorail ride.
Close to Department stores, cinema theater and many shops.
- Low cost of living
Kitakyushu has one of the lowest costs of living among major Japanese cities for housing, food and other expenditures.
- Kitakyushu city is surrounded by beautiful nature (mountains, rivers and sea) and filled with rich culture and history.

Scholarships and UKK's own Supporter's Association

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and other private organizations provide scholarship programs for exchange students if conditions meet. Some scholarship applications are available before enrollment, while most others are available afterwards.



Student Lounge



Time Table

1 st Period	9:00~10:30
2 nd Period	10:40~12:10
Lunch Time	12:10~13:00
3 rd Period	13:00~14:30
4 th Period	14:40~16:10
5 th Period	16:20~17:50



Kendo Club

Tuition Fee

No payment of tuition fee is required for exchange students. However, extra expenses for textbooks may be required.

Accommodation

There is no student dormitory at the university, but the university aids you in renting a private apartment located within walking or bicycling distance of the campus. Monthly rent is average of about JPY 26,000. Light, heating and water utility costs are approximately JPY10,000 per month. There is a cafeteria on campus, and there are inexpensive restaurants and takeout shops around the campus. Food expenses are approximately JPY 1,000 a day. You can purchase a meal card from which you can spend a maximum of JPY 1,000 a day (JPY 150,000 per year). We lend home appliances such as TV, refrigerator, microwave, bedding etc. during your stay.

Visa

All exchange students need to obtain a student visa in order to stay in Japan, regardless of nationality or duration of stay. After the enrolment procedure, UKK applies for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) on your behalf. After being issued the COE, you apply for the Student Visa at a Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country. For details, visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs: http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa.

Insurance

All students are obligated to be a member of the National Health Insurance. Annual insurance fee is about JPY17,000, and about 90% of that is covered by the supporter's association for International students. When you receive a medical treatment, you pay only 30% of medical expense by presenting the insurance card.

Academic Calendar

Events & Activities

APR	Entrance Ceremony New Students Orientation First Semester Begins	Welcome Party
MAY		Soba noodle Making Koto(Japanese harp) class
JUN		Early Summer Festival
JUL	First Semester Exams First Semester Ends	
AUG	Summer Vacation	Kokura Summer Festival Kanmon Straits Fire Works
SEP		
OCT	Second Semester Begins	Hiraodai Hike 1 Day Bus Trip
NOV		University Festival
DEC	Winter Vacation	
JAN		Rice cake Making Speech Contest
FEB	Second Semester Exams Second Semester Ends	Farewell Party
MAR	Graduation Ceremony	Cherry blossom viewing



Kokura Gion Festival



1day Bus Trip



Kokura castle



Karst Plateau "Hiraodai"



Fire Works

Student Voices

"Here at Kitakyushu, there is a really welcoming atmosphere, allowing you to make lots of friends with both other exchange students and Japanese students. The teachers are all amazing, the staff at the centre are really caring, and there are so many opportunities to improve your language skills while experiencing many interesting aspects of Japanese culture!"



Jessica

from University of Queensland

"If you're looking for a city which harmonizes tradition and modernism, nature and urbanism, a quiet life and a bustling city centre, and all of this in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, then Kitakyushu is the place to go. Not only is the rent cheap, but you also have many affordable but delicious restaurants in the vicinity, amazing bus tours organized by the university for almost nothing, and you even get a free bicycle. Moreover, as there aren't many foreigners, your Japanese improves really quickly. And finally, people in Kyushu are absolutely lovely, they are so friendly, caring, and always willing to help you, that they make you feel at home."



Assane

from Cardiff University

Campus Locations

(Kitagata campus, Hibikino campus)

The University of Kitakyushu (UKK) has two campuses, Kitagata and Hibikino campus. The Kitagata campus, where international exchange students study, is ten minutes by monorail from Kokura station, the centre of Kokura city.



4.5 hours by Shinkansen from Tokyo to Kokura

FUKUOKA

Hibikino campus

Kitakyushu Airport



JR Kagoshima Line

Kokura Sta.

Orio Sta.

Kitakyushu

UKK

16 minutes by Sinkansen from Hakata to Kokura

10 minutes by monorail from Kokura Sta. to UKK

Hakata Sta.

Fukuoka Airport

Kitakyushu

Tokyo

Kitakyushu lies in the northern part of Fukuoka Prefecture which is the northern most prefecture of Kyushu. Visitors can enjoy smooth and easy access to Kitakyushu from different parts of Kyushu and the rest of Japan by sea, air, and by other modes of transportation. Accessibility to Kitakyushu was further improved upon opening of the off-shore Kitakyushu Airport in March 2006.

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Details for Kitakyushu city, visit: <http://www.kcta.or.jp/english>
(Go to official website of Kitakyushu city)

HISTORY

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

Graduate School of Human Culture established
 Faculty of Law Department of Public Administration reorganized as the Department of Policy Studies

April, 2001 University renamed University of Kitakyushu
 Faculty of Environmental Engineering established
 International Education Exchange Center established
 April, 2002 PhD Program in Social System Studies established
 April, 2003 Master's program in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering established along with a PhD program

April, 2004 Integrated Science & Information Center established
 April, 2005 The University of Kitakyushu becomes a public university
 April, 2006 The Center for Fundamental Education is established
 The Institute for Urban and Regional Policy Studies is established
 The Career Center is established

April, 2007 The Graduate School of Business Administration (Professional Degree Program) is established
 The Faculty of Foreign Studies' Department of Foreign Studies (English / Chinese) is reorganized into the Department of English and the Department of Chinese

October The Student Plaza is created
 April, 2008 The Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering and Department of Life and Environmental Engineering are established within the Faculty of Environmental Engineering
 The Master's Program in Language and Culture, the Master's Program in Economics and the Master's Program in Human Relations and Community Studies are assimilated into the Graduate School of Social System Studies (Master's Programs)
 Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems is established in the Graduate School of Environmental Engineering
 A Hibikino sub-office is established in the Center for Fundamental Education

June The Center for the Cultural and Social Studies of Asia is established
 November The Regional Industrial Support Center is established
 April, 2009 The School of Regional Development is established

Recruitment for night courses is suspended in the Faculty of Foreign Studies, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law
 April, 2010 The Community Coexistence Education Center (421 labs) is established
 January 2012 The Integrated Science & Information Center is reorganized as the Library / Center for Information Technology and Management

March The Research Institute of Environmental Technology is established
 April The Global Education Program is established as a sub-major.
 September The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) selects 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 Environmental ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) Program is established as a sub-manor.
 Kitakyushu Global Pioneers Program is established.

April, 2016 New library is opened.



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



... and after the school became the University of Kitakyushu



The Kitagata campus



The Hibikino campus



The University of Kitakyushu

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