

Kumamoto University - Fact Sheet 2024/25

Short Term Exchange Program

| General Information | |
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| Name of the Institution | Kumamoto University (熊本大学) |
| Prefecture, Country | Kumamoto, Japan |
| University Websites | EN: https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/ JP: https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/ |
| Total Number of Students (as at May, 2023) | Undergraduate: 7,600 students Post-graduate: 1268 students |
| Total Number of International Students (as at May, 2023) | 475 students |
| Number of Faculties and Graduate Schools | Faculties: 7, Inter-Faculty Program: 1 Graduate Schools: 6 |
| Number of Exchange Agreements (as at May, 2023) | University Level: 136 partner institutions Department Level: 141 partner institutions |
| Campus Map | EN: https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/access/campus/ |
| Academic Calendar | Spring Semester: April – beginning of August Fall Semester: end of September – mid February (Reference) Academic Calendar for AY 2023 (JP contents): https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/daigakuseikatsu/kyoumu/2023kyouyoucalendar.pdf |

| International Student Office, Contact Information | |
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| Director | Prof. KISHIDA Mitsuyo Vice President (Global Education Sector) |
| Outbound Coordinator (from KU) Inbound Coordinator (to KU) | Mr. WADA Yasuyuki Mr. TOMITA Haruto |
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| Information on Student Exchange: Academic Aspects | |
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| Program Information | EN: https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/undergraduate/exchange/ JP: https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/undergraduate/exchange/ |
| Nomination Deadlines | Fall Semester 2024: March 15, 2024 Spring Semester 2025: October 18, 2024 |
| Application Deadlines | Fall Semester 2024: April 19, 2024 Spring Semester 2025: November 15, 2024 |
| Grade Requirements | 2 nd year (sophomore) students and above |
| Language Requirements | J-Course: JLPT N2 or higher E-Course: TOEFL iBT 61 or higher (any internationally recognized English test scores equivalent to this can also be used.) |
| Language(s) of Instruction | Mostly Japanese, some subjects in English |
| Faculties open for the short-term exchange students | Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering |
| Restrictions | School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy are not open |
| Classes open for exchange students (Syllabus) | TBA towards the beginning of each semester |

| Information on student exchange: General Aspects | |
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| Housing | Housing is guaranteed (International House, the dormitory) https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/international_house/ You may rent a public apartment if you wish. https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/others/ Exchange students from partner schools are not required to live on campus and may find their own accommodations in the area, but should be aware that finding off-campus housing, especially for only one semester, can be challenging. Spots in campus housing are reserved for exchange students. |
| Room Type at International House | Building C or D: each unit with 4 rooms of single occupancy - Living room, Shower room, Toilet, and Laundry are shared - Each room is furnished with a single bed, desk, chair, and telephone (incoming calls only) Fees: 17,000 JPY/monthly rent + 10,000 JPY one-time deposit |
| Cost of Living | Approximately, 80,000 JPY/month if you choose to live in the dormitory. Approximately, 100,000 JPY/month if you choose to rent a public apartment. |
| Health Insurance | The mandatory Japanese health insurance can be procured upon arrival in Kumamoto (approx. 3,000 JPY per month) |

| General Information on Kumamoto and Japan | |
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| Kumamoto City: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCr4rUHtg0w Kumamoto Prefecture: https://kumamoto.guide/en/about/ Living in Kumamoto: https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/visitors/life/ Japan: https://web-japan.org/jvt/index.html | |
| Japan's public holidays | 2024: https://publicholidays.jp/2024-dates/ 2025: https://publicholidays.jp/2025-dates/ |