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# RISE Program

Ryukyus International Student  
Exchange Program

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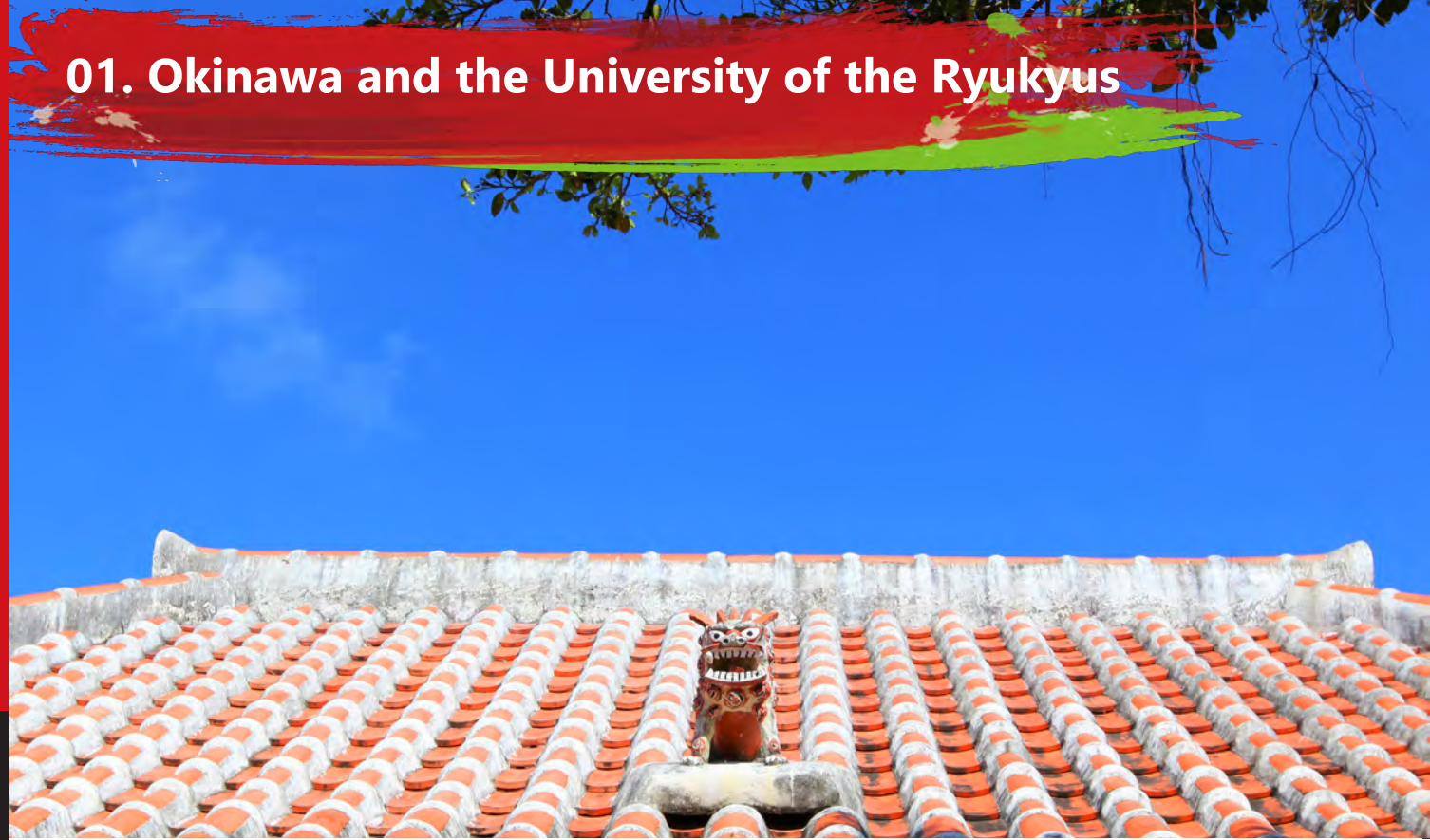
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# 01. Okinawa and the University of the Ryukyus



## Okinawa Prefecture

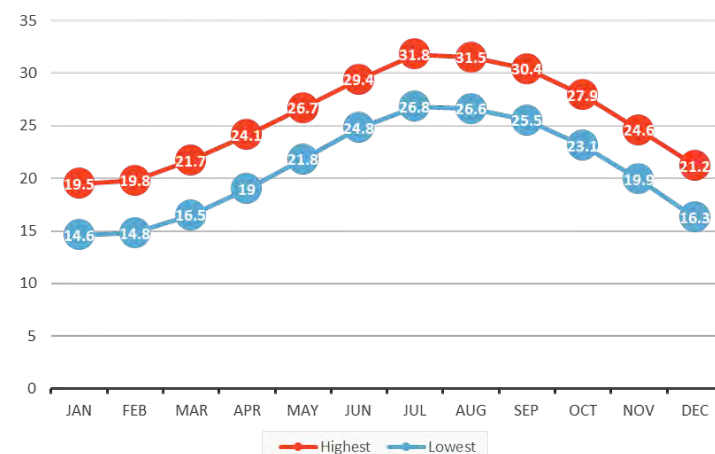
Okinawa Prefecture, the southernmost prefecture of Japan, comprises approximately 691 islands. The prefecture's main island, the island of Okinawa, has a population of about 1.4 million. Formerly known as the Ryukyu Kingdom, Okinawa has a history of intimate cultural exchange with China, Oceania, and countries in Southeast Asia, leading to the creation of a distinctive culture rich with unique arts, rituals and cuisine.

Today, Okinawa continues to take advantage of its historical and geographical position to encourage economic, cultural, and educational interaction in Asia and the Pacific region, fulfilling an important role in international exchange as the "southern gate to Japan."

As the only subtropical region in Japan, Okinawa is blessed with a warm climate throughout the year and experiences relatively low seasonal and day/night temperature variation. Okinawa is known both within and outside of Japan as a place with a brilliant range of flora and fauna, emerald-blue seas, white beaches and amazing coral reefs. It is home to many endemic plants and animals and is recognized as an international tourist destination, with increasing numbers of visitors each year.



Monthly Temperatures in Okinawa (°C)



## University of the Ryukyus

The University of the Ryukyus was founded after the end of World War II in May 1950, when Okinawa was under American military administration. The University of the Ryukyus gained its present status as a national university when Okinawa was returned to Japan in May 1972.

## Faculties and Graduate Schools

Currently, the University composes 7 faculties and 8 graduate schools and has more than 8,000 students. The University of the Ryukyus includes the University Library, the University Hospital, the Tropical Biosphere Research Center, the Global Education Center, the Lifelong Education and Research Center, the University Education Center, the Subtropical Fields Science Center, and a University-affiliated junior high school and elementary school.

## Global Education Center

The Global Education Center provides courses for studying Japanese, as well as the history and culture of Japan and Okinawa. The Global Education Center also conducts career counseling for international students seeking employment opportunities in Japan. Most study abroad students belong to the Global Education Center. Please refer to page 13 for more information on the different courses offered at the Center and the University.



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences



Faculty of Global and Regional Studies  
Graduate School of Community Engagement and Development



Faculty of Education  
Graduate School of Education



Faculty of Science  
Graduate School of Engineering and Science (Science Program)



Faculty of Medicine  
Graduate School of Medicine  
Graduate School of Health Sciences



Faculty of Engineering  
Graduate School of Engineering and Science (Engineering Program)



Faculty of Agriculture  
Graduate School of Agriculture



Graduate School of Law





The University Library

The University of the Ryukyus has two libraries, a main one in the Senbaru Campus and an Annex Library in the Uehara Campus. Both libraries have a joint depository of about one million books and host a wide range of electronic journals. The lending period of library books is two weeks, up to a maximum of 10 books for undergraduate students and 15 books for graduate students. Besides books and magazines, there are also computer rooms and group study areas in the libraries.



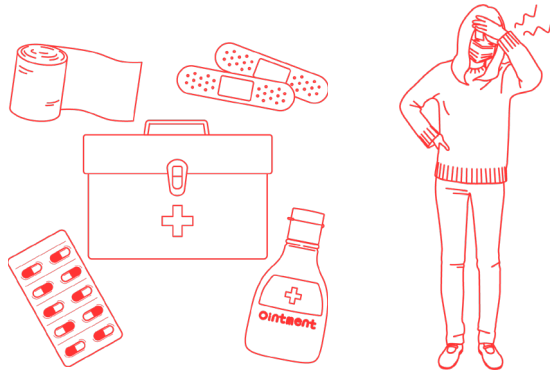
Opening Hours



During School Terms: (Weekdays) 8:00 - 21:40 (Sat., Sun. & Holidays) 10:00 - 20:00  
Spring/Summer/Winter Vacation: 10:00 - 20:00  
\*The University Library is closed from March 1st to March 31st.

University Health Center

In the case of minor illness or injury, students can go to the University Health Center for simple medical attention and obtain medication. Students may also visit the Health Center for medical consultation before deciding if medical treatment at the hospital is necessary. In addition to general health counseling, the University Health Center also conducts regular health examinations for international students.



Cafeteria and University Co-op Store

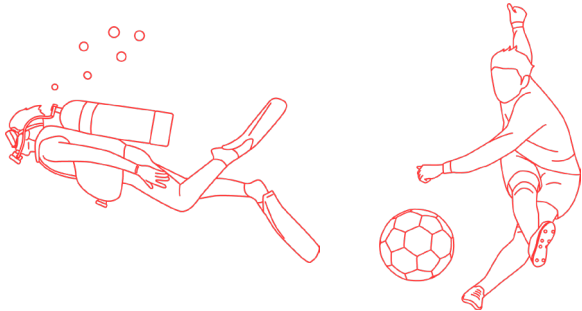


Okinawa soba and other menus unique to Okinawa are also available. In addition to lunch boxes and light bites, stationery and daily necessities, books can also be purchased at the University Co-op Store.



Extracurricular Activities

The University of the Ryukyus has many extra-curricular clubs that students may participate in. There are about 60 sports-related clubs such as judo, kendo, karate, archery, soccer and rugby, as well as 40 culture and arts-related clubs where one can learn about Okinawa's traditional performing arts and pursue interests such as photography and music. Through participation in these clubs, international students can make new friends and engage in cultural exchange with Japanese students. In addition to these activities, there are also events such as off-campus tours, international student festivals and international exchanges with the local community.



Opening Hours



	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays & Public Holidays
Dining Hall (Central)	11:15 - 18:45	11:30 - 14:30	Closed
Dining Hall (North)	11:30 - 13:30	Closed	Closed
Co-op Central Store	8:00 - 18:00	Closed	Closed
Co-op North Store	10:00 - 17:00	Closed	Closed
Co-op Store in Fac. of Medicine	8:00 - 18:00	Closed	Closed



University Events

Local Events

New Student Orientation (Apr. enrollment)  
Health Checkup (Apr. enrollment)  
**First Semester Begins (Spring Semester)**

4

Beaches open for summer



5

Sports Festival  
Foundation day of the University

6

Eisa Night (Okinawa City)  
\*Eisa...Traditional Okinawa drum dance

7

Ocean Expo Park Fireworks Display (Motobu Town)  
Peaceful Love Rock Festival (Okinawa City)  
Seaport Chatan Carnival (Chatan Town)

8

10,000 Eisa Dance Parade (Kokusai Street)  
Okinawa All Island Eisa Festival (Okinawa City)

9

Itoman Otsunahiki (tug-of-war) Festival (Itoman City)

10

New Student Orientation (Oct. enrollment)  
**Second Semester Begins (Fall Semester)**

11

Health Checkup (Oct. enrollment)

12

Glocal Festival

1

New Year's Celebration at Shuri Castle (Naha City)

2

Naha Sakura Festival (Naha City)

3

Higashi Village Tsutsuji (Azalea) Festival (Higashi Village)



(Early Aug.) Final Exams  
(Mid. Aug.) Summer Break Begins  
**(Late Aug.) Completion Ceremony for Exchange Students**

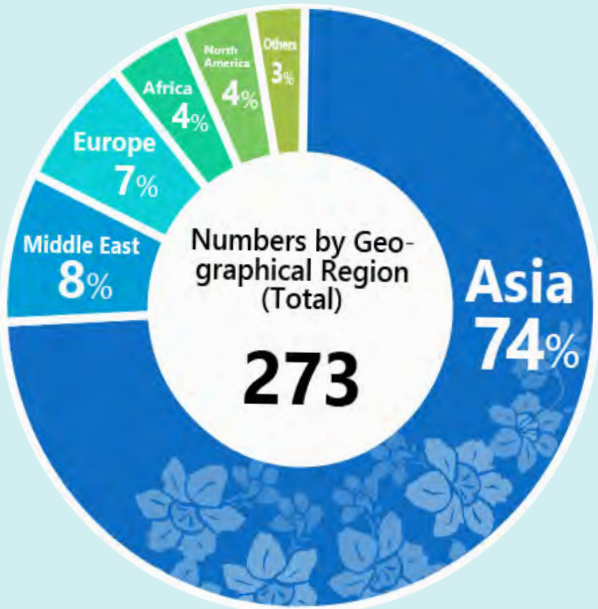


(Early Feb.) Final Exams  
(Mid.Feb.) Spring Break Begins  
**(Late Feb.) Completion Ceremony for Exchange Students**

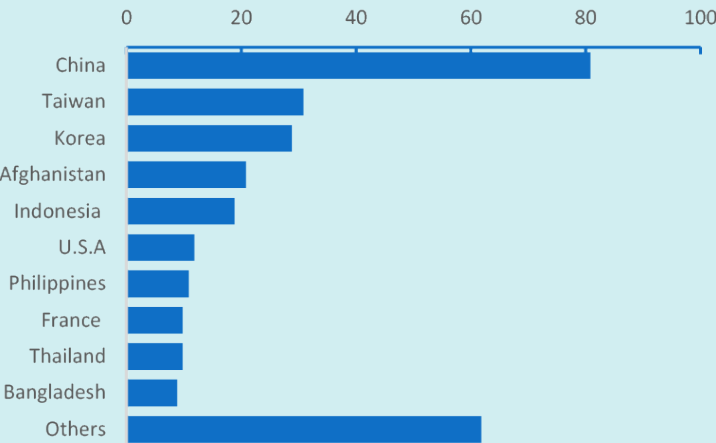
Spring Break

[Note] The events mentioned above may be subject to cancellation, as they are based on references from previous years.

Number of International Students  
(As of May 1, 2024)



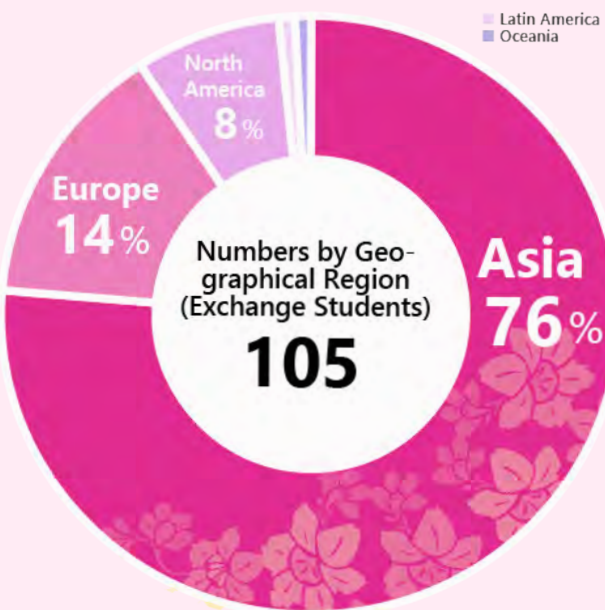
Numbers by Country (Total)



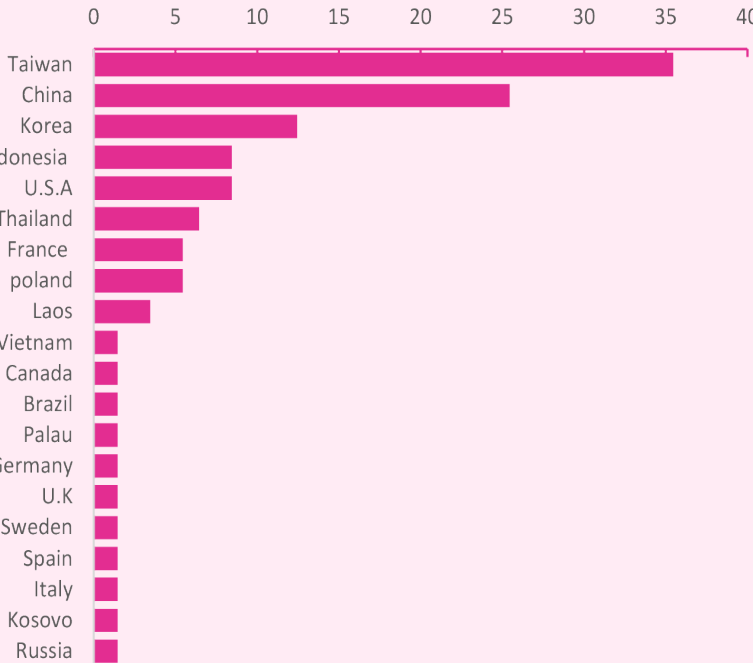
\*Others:

Asia: Vietnam, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Moldives, Pakistan, India  
Middle East: Iran, Syria  
Europe: Italy, Spain, Sweden, Germany, Russia, Portugal  
North America: Canada  
Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Peru  
Africa: Nigeria, Niger, Egypt, Eritrea, Cameroon, Tanzania, Togo  
Oceania: Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

Number of Exchange Students  
(Academic Year 2024)



Numbers by Country (Exchange Students)





## 02. Ryukyus International Student Exchange Program

A group of approximately 15 international students are posed in a white inflatable boat on clear, turquoise water. They are all wearing life jackets, mostly in yellow and blue. Many are holding black and purple paddles. The students are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a bright blue sky and a distant shoreline. The text '02. Ryukyus International Student Exchange Program' is overlaid at the top in white.

The Ryukyus International Student Exchange (RISE) Program is an arrangement made between the University and our partner universities abroad that enables students to experience student life at our campus while conducting research and taking classes related to students' majors.

This program provides students with a deeper understanding of both Okinawan and Japanese culture and customs. It also gives students the opportunity to return to Japan in the future to pursue graduate studies or research.

- (1) Japan-Okinawa Studies Course
- (2) Glocal Leadership Course
- (3) Japanese Language Teacher Training Course
- (4) Major Studies Course

1. April Admission
  - (1) Apr. - Aug. (Spring semester only; approximately half a year)
  - (2) Apr. - Feb. (Spring & Fall semesters; approximately one year)
2. October Admission
  - (1) Oct.- Feb. (Fall semester only; approximately half a year)
  - (2) Oct. - Aug. (Fall & Spring semesters; approximately one year)

Requirements for all students applying for the RISE Program are as follows:

- ## NOTES

### Enrollment Status

Once accepted, students will be given the status of "Special Auditor", while graduate school students in the Major Studies Course will have the status of "Special Research Student" at the University.

### ***Tuition and Fees***

Examination fees, admission fee and tuition will not be charged to students whose institutions are covered by a Student Exchange Agreement that stipulates a mutual exemption of tuition fees.

### Academic Assessment

- (1) Our academic grading system takes the form of five letter grades.  
\*Criteria for Grades...A: 90 and above, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F: 59 and below
- (2) Official transcripts of completed courses and credits earned will be issued by the administrative authorities of the department to which the student belongs.
- (3) Decisions on whether acquired credits may be counted towards students' graduation requirements shall rest with their respective home universities.

# *Focus*

## Glocal Festival

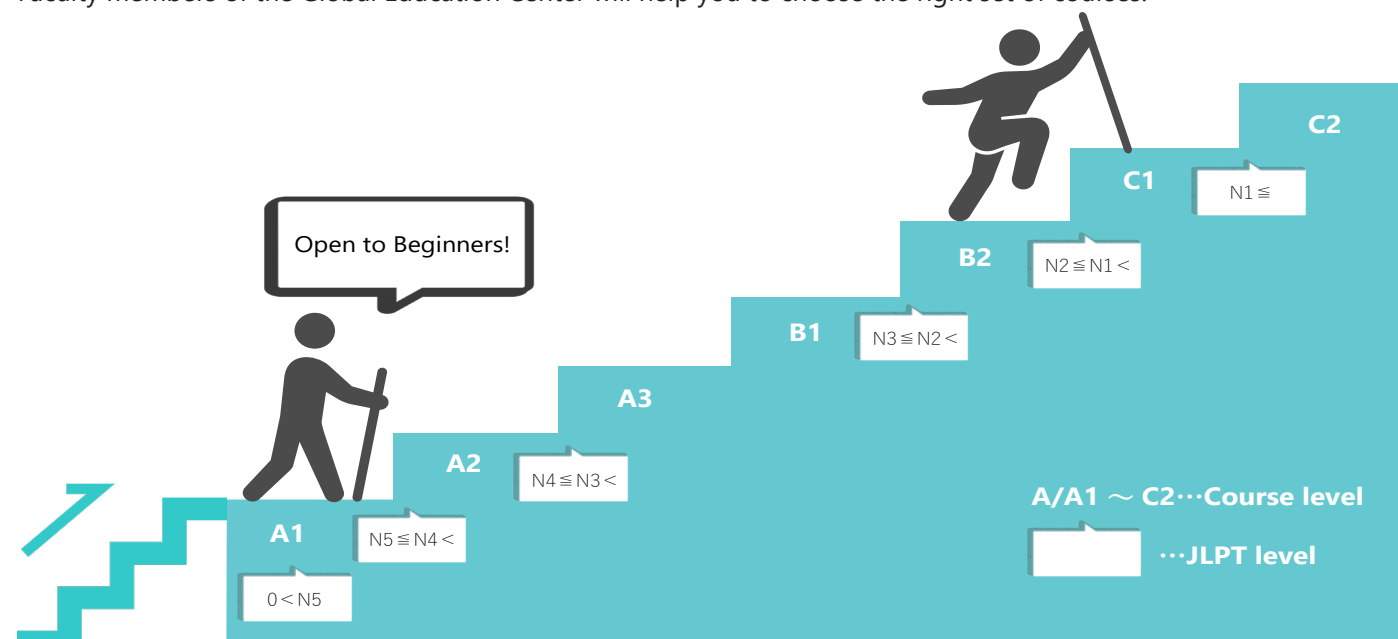
This event aims to deepen cultural exchange between international and Japanese students, as well as the local community through various activities such as games, international cuisine and stage performances. International students are invited to introduce their countries and cultures to guests at this festival.



## Choose Japanese courses that match your proficiency and meet your needs!

Japanese courses are separated according to different levels and skill categories. You can enroll in the courses that match your level of proficiency in each skill category.

Faculty members of the Global Education Center will help you to choose the right set of courses.



Level/Skills	A1	A2	A3	B1	B2	C1	C2
	A						
Comprehensive Skill	Japanese A1	Japanese A2			Japanese B2		Academic Japanese C2
	Japanese A						
Reading			Japanese Listening & Reading A3	Japanese Reading B1 (Japanese Writing B1)	Japanese Reading B2	Japanese Reading C1	Japanese Reading C2
Listening				Japanese Listening B1	Japanese Listening B2	Japanese Listening C1	Japanese Listening C2
Writing			Japanese Writing A3	Japanese Writing B1 (Japanese Reading B1)	Japanese Writing B2	Academic Japanese C1	
Speaking			Japanese Conversation A3	Japanese Conversation B1 (Japanese Listening B1)	(Japanese Listening B2)	Japanese Conversation C1	Japanese Conversation C2
Grammar		Japanese Grammar A2		Japanese B1			Japanese Grammar C2
	Japanese Grammar A						

\*Some courses may not be offered depending on the academic year.

Students at the beginner level will be able to learn basic skills in Japanese language and comprehension through "Japanese A-A2".

Students may also select **Kanji and business Japanese courses** in addition to level-based Japanese courses.

## 03. Course Descriptions



There are four courses in the RISE Program. Students may choose to enroll in any course depending on their purpose of studying abroad. Please note that it is not allowed to change the course after enrollment.



### Japan-Okinawa Studies Course

—Department: Global Education Center

**Purpose:** Learn language, history and culture of Japan and Okinawa

**Main Subjects:** Japanese language, Japanese and Okinawan history and culture

**Language Requirement:** Daily conversation level in Japanese or English is desirable



### Glocal Leadership Course

—Department: Global Education Center

**Purpose:** Acquire the ability to solve problems of the international and local community.

**Main Subjects:** Glocal Engagement Seminar, Business Japanese

**Language Requirement:** Daily conversation level in Japanese or English (CEFR A2)



### Japanese Language Teacher Training Course

—Department: Global Education Center

**Purpose:** Learn how to teach Japanese as a foreign language

**Main Subjects:** Introduction to Japanese Language Japanese Teaching Methods

**Language Requirement:** JLPT N2 and above



### Major Studies Course (Undergraduate/ Graduate)

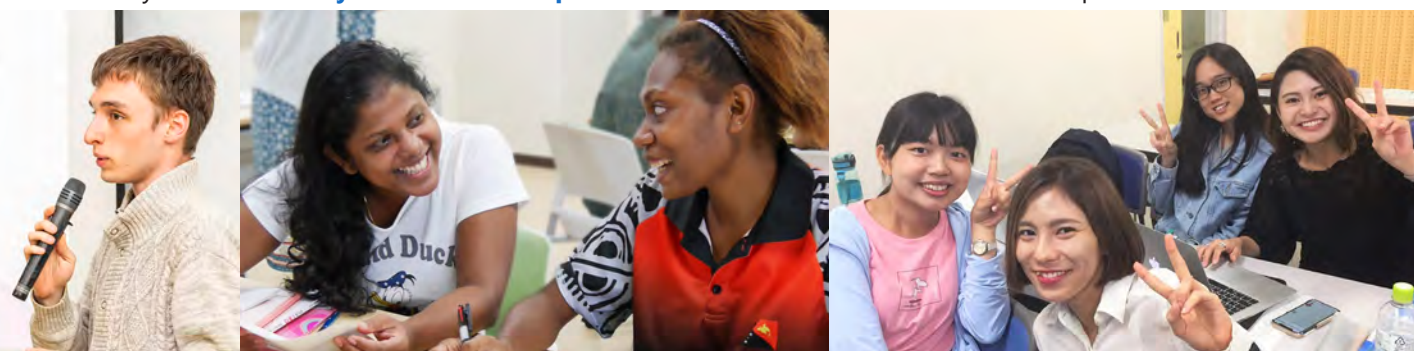
—Department: Faculties/ Graduate Schools

**Purpose:** Conduct research in one's own field/specialization

**Main Subjects:** Major courses in each faculty

**Language Requirement:** JLPT N2 and above

▶ Apart from the Japan-Okinawa Studies Course, there is a Japanese Language and Culture Study Course within the Major Studies Course for students majoring in Japanese at their home institution who wish to acquire more advanced Japanese language skills.





03. Course Description—Japan-Okinawa Studies Course



**【Requirements for course completion】**  
Students must obtain a total of 14 or more credits including 2 credits from compulsory elective classes each semester.

Required classes: None

Compulsory elective classes:  
Students take at least 2 credit or more from the following class list each semester.

- Study of Japanese History I・II
- Study of Japanese Culture I・II
- Study of Okinawan History I・II
- Study of Okinawan Culture I・II

(Classes held in English)

- Japanese History in International Co-learning
- Japanese Culture in International Co-learning
- Okinawan History in Intercultural Collaborative Learning
- Okinawan Culture in Intercultural Collaborative Learning



The Japan-Okinawa Studies Course is for students who wish to learn the history and culture of Japan and Okinawa while developing their Japanese language skills at the same time.

Students can learn and develop cross-cultural communication skills by interacting with exchange students from all over the world. Japanese classes are available from beginner to advanced levels. There are general Japanese classes that develop four skills — reading, listening, speaking and writing. Students can learn Japanese at a pace that best suits their needs, even if they have never learnt the language before.

History and culture classes are offered in both Japanese and English, and with frequent opportunities for fieldwork. Students can also take classes attended primarily by Japanese students that are aligned to their majors and/or areas of interests.



Who will Benefit

Students who are interested in Japan and Okinawa, who wish to deepen their understanding of the Japanese language within a diverse learning environment, acquire cross-cultural communication skills, and undertake roles as "ambassadors" to Japan and Okinawa.



Learning Goals

- (1) Mastering the Japanese language, as well as the history and culture of Japan and Okinawa, so as to allow students to acquire knowledge that can be leveraged in their research activities and future careers.
- (2) Acquiring cross-cultural communication skills by studying in a diverse learning environment.



Language Requirements

No special requirements for Japanese and English.  
\*Daily conversational level in Japanese or English is desirable.



	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1	Japanese A	Japanese A	Kanji	Japanese A	Japanese A
2	Japanese A	Japanese A		Japanese A	Japanese A
3	Japanese Culture in International Co-learning	Japanese Grammar A			
4					

Course Model for Beginner Level

Intensive learning enables students to obtain basic language proficiency in a short time. There are also classes where students can study Japanese/Okinawa history and culture in English.

Course Model for Upper-Intermediate Level

Students in the intermediate or advanced level may enroll in Business Japanese. Students with sufficient proficiency may also enroll in undergraduate/graduate classes offered by the respective faculties.

...Major course

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1	Business Japanese				
2		Food Functional Chemistry		Japanese Listening C1	
3	Japanese Conversation C1	Academic Japanese C1	Study of Okinawan Culture		
4		Introduction to Ryukyuan and Asian studies		Japanese Reading C1	Tourism Geography

Focus

Okinawan Culture Class

This class will introduce you to a basic knowledge of Okinawan culture and its historical contexts. Research topics will be discussed as a class with concept maps prepared in advance. Lectures, videos, field trips, in-class activities, dance and music will be provided in addition to discourse on class insights through group discussion, research and presentations. Some of the cultural experiences offered are as follows:  
Kasuri weaving, sanshin, eisa, clay shisa making workshop, traditional Okinawan dance and theater.

Okinawan culture classes are given in Japanese, and there is also an Okinawan culture class offered in English ("Okinawan Culture in Intercultural Collaborative Learning"). Students can select the class that best fits their needs.





### 03. Course Description—Glocal Leadership Course



#### Okinawa to the World! Multicultural Co-learning and Entrepreneurship

This program aims to develop entrepreneurial problem-solving skills for various “glocal” issues through collaborative learning with Japanese students and the local community.

#### Glocal Leadership Development

This program fosters “boundary-crossing” leaders who can connect the local and the global. Students will acquire the knowledge and courage to address social challenges from Okinawa’s unique perspective, along with the ability to drive global change from Okinawa.

#### Champ-lingual (Language Diversity)

Develop the ability to navigate seamlessly across multiple languages and cultures. Use language as a tool, embrace diversity as a strength, and become a new type of talent equipped with the “power to mix”—a vital force shaping the future of society.

#### 【Requirements for course completion】

Detailed information on required classes will be provided during the course guidance session after the student arrives in Japan. Students must obtain a total of 14 or more credits each semester.

#### 【Main Offered Classes】

- Introduction to Autoethnography
- Glocal Leadership
- Glocal Engagement Seminar
- Seminar on Glocal Innovation
- GLOCAL Co-Creation Field Study
- Japanese History in International Co-learning
- Okinawan History in Intercultural Collaborative Learning
- Okinawan Culture in Intercultural Collaborative Learning
- etc...



#### Who will Benefit

Students who wish to pursue future careers related to Japan, as well as bridging ties with their home countries, and those passionate about regional development and globalization.



#### Learning Goals

1. Learning to be autonomously engaged in addressing local challenges through global perspectives.
2. Mastering clear communication of one’s solutions to specific problems by motivating others through the use of optimized means and languages.
3. Learning to share common goals with team members of diverse backgrounds and collaborating to achieve them.
4. Critically re-thinking one’s position as a socially-derived being and acquiring the ability for reconstructing one’s role vis-à-vis society at large.



#### Language Requirements

\*Daily conversational level in Japanese or English is desirable. (CEFR A2 equivalent or above)

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1	Japanese A	Japanese A		Japanese A	Japanese A
2	Japanese A	Japanese A		Japanese A	Japanese A
3			Japanese History in International Co-learning		Okinawan Culture in Intercultural Collaborative Learning
4					Okinawan History in Intercultural Collaborative Learning
5			Introduction to Autoethnography / Glocal Leadership	Glocal Engagement Seminar	
*Intensive (Weekend) Seminar on Glocal Innovation / GLOCAL Co-Creation Field Study					

#### Course Model for Beginner Level

In addition to learning Japanese, students in the Glocal Leadership Course will participate in projects such as beach cleanups and the University’s Glocal Festival, which is mutually organized with Japanese students and local high school students. The course also includes plans to offer an internship program .



Class Magazine @ Seminar on Global Engagement Seminar 2019



### Focus

#### Glocal Engagement Seminar

In this course, international students, Japanese students, and local citizens collaborate on regional development and share their findings and outcomes through the “Glocal Festival”.

In the festival, participants create presentations and exhibitions of diverse cultural specialties that include regional languages, traditional practices, religions, social issues, food, music, performances, games etc. Discussions and presentations are managed “champ-lingually”, mixing use of diverse languages including Japanese and English, remaining true to the spirit of “leaving no one behind”. Seminar activities are aimed at nurturing budding glocal leadership.





### 03. Course Description—Japanese Language Teacher Training Course



This course is for students who wish to contribute actively to the global community as Japanese language teachers.

Students will be able to develop their language education skills by studying subjects related to their majors while understanding and practicing multilingualism and multiculturalism with Japanese students. Lectures are provided systematically and thematically, enabling students to learn about the language as well pedagogical methods on teaching Japanese as a foreign language. Practicums are also available in the second semester.

Students can also take other academic major-related subjects and language classes if they meet requirements for completion.

Students will take the Japanese Language Education minor courses together with Japanese students. The courses for the 2025 academic year are as follows:

#### 【Requirements for course completion】

Students must obtain a total of 14 or more credits each semester.

#### Required classes:

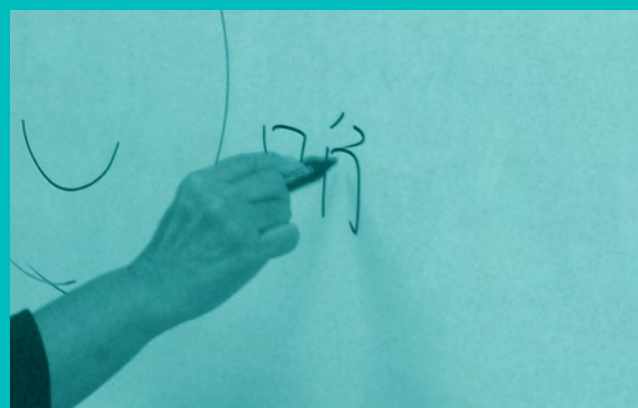
- Introduction to Japanese Language I & II
- Japanese Teaching Methods I & II
- Introduction to Japanese Teaching Methods I & II
- Japanese Teaching Materials I & II
- Language Training Practicum

#### Compulsory elective classes:

Students have to take at least 1 class from the following courses.

- Teaching of Japanese Language Special Lecture I
- Teaching of Japanese Language Special Lecture II

\*From the 2026 academic year onward, the curriculum will be gradually revised. Students will follow the revised curriculum once the changes take effect.



#### Who will Benefit



Students who wish contribute actively to the global community as Japanese language teachers imbued with a strong understanding of multilingualism and multiculturalism.

#### Learning Goals



- (1) Nurturing teaching talent to contribute to the construction and development of a tolerant and peaceful society in diversity through language education.
- (2) Developing the ability to appreciate languages and culture in relative aspects.
- (3) Acquiring basic skills to practice language education.



#### Language Requirements

JLPT N2 (equivalent or above)

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1	Business Japanese	Japanese Teaching Materials		Teaching of Japanese Language Special Lecture	
2			Introduction to Japanese Teaching Methods	Language Teaching Practicum	Study of Japanese History
3		Academic Japanese C2		Japanese Teaching Methods	
4				Introduction to Japanese Language	

...Required classes. Students are free to select electives from all other classes.



#### The Japanese Language Teacher Training Course is a one-year program.

The certificate of completion cannot be issued to students whose exchange period is 6 months.

One-semester study abroad students who wish to enroll in this course should consult with the Global Education Section ([inbound@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp](mailto:inbound@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp)) before applying.



### Focus

#### Classes on Japanese Teaching Methods and Japanese Teaching Practicums

Acquire the knowledge and the skills necessary to be a Japanese language teacher in a systematically. After learning essential theories on Japanese language education (direct and indirect teaching methods), students take turns to assume roles as teachers and model in mock lessons in the class on Japanese Teaching Methods. In the "Language Training Practicum," each student chooses a language to teach and designs a course. They will conduct a readiness survey, needs assessment, and placement test before developing the course syllabus, planning lessons, and eventually teaching course contents.

Our alumni in the Japanese language education minor are actively undertaking roles as Japanese language teachers abroad and in Japan.





### 03. Course Description—Major Studies Course

The Major Studies Course is provided to students who wish delve into deeper learning about their field of specialization.

Undergraduate exchange students attend lectures related to their majors, while graduate students conduct research and attend topic-centered study groups known widely in Japanese universities as “seminars”. By working together on research with Japanese students of the same field, students will be able to develop new ideas and flexible thinking.

As most undergraduate classes are taught in Japanese, students must possess at least JLPT N2 proficiency (or the equivalent). Students will choose classes based on consultation with their academic advisors upon enrollment.

#### Faculties

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Faculty of Global and Regional Studies  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Science  
Faculty of Engineering  
Faculty of Agriculture  
Faculty of Medicine

#### Graduate Schools

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Graduate School of Community Engagement and Development  
Graduate School of Education  
Graduate School of Medicine  
Graduate School of Health Sciences  
Graduate School of Engineering and Science (Science/Engineering)  
Graduate School of Agriculture

The Graduate School of Engineering and Science and Graduate School of Health Sciences offer classes and research guidance in English. Please refer to the website of each faculty for major fields of study and research (refer to Page 5 for links).



#### Who will Benefit

Students who wish to study or conduct research in their fields of specialization.



#### Learning Goals

- (1) Acquiring knowledge on specialized fields of the University's faculties and graduate schools.
- (2) Developing research skills and flexibility of thinking through collaborative research with Japanese students of different backgrounds.



#### Language Requirements

JLPT N2 (equivalent or above) is required. Certain academic advisors may be able to provide academic guidance in a foreign language that students desire. \*Requirements may vary depending on the faculties, graduate schools and programs. Kindly contact us for more information before application.



#### Academic advisors

Members of the University's faculty will serve as academic advisors in providing guidance on students' specialized fields of research. Students who wish to receive instruction from a specific faculty member should indicate so on their application forms.

Students who have not been successfully allocated with a suitable academic advisor may be requested to select a different course. Students who wish to apply for the Major Studies Course should contact the Global Education Section (inbound@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp) before application.

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1	Business Japanese			Introduction of Industrial Engineering	
2					
3		Academic Japanese C2		Japanese Listening C2	
4			Study of Okinawan Culture		Quantum Mechanics
5	Faculty of Engineering				

#### Requirements for course completion

**(Undergraduate level)** Students must obtain a total of 14 or more credits including 6 credits from compulsory elective subjects each semester

**(Graduate level)** Students must engage in their research work (including lectures) more than 10 hours a week

#### Focus

#### Major Studies Course - Japanese Language and Culture Studies Course

(Provided by the Faculty of Global and Regional Studies, Global Languages and Cultures Program, Japanese Culture Course)

The Global Languages and Cultures Program of the Faculty of Global and Regional Studies provides a unique course for students who are majoring in Japanese language and culture at their home institution.



#### Who will Benefit

Undergraduate or graduate school students majoring in Japanese language or Japanese culture at their home universities, who intend to acquire advanced knowledge in Japanese language and Japanese society and social structures.



#### Learning Goals

- (1) Develop independent thinking and learning not only in the classroom but also through observational and hands-on learning.
- (2) Acquire advanced Japanese language skills through in-depth study of literature, linguistics, social conditions, current Japanese affairs, as well as the history and background of Japanese and Okinawan culture within courses designed for students majoring in Japanese.



#### Language Requirements

JLPT N2 (equivalent or above) is required.

#### Course Model (Undergraduate level)

Major Studies Course students need to enroll in at least 6 credits related to their major and may also select electives for other classes they are interested in. Graduate students in the Major Studies Course will mainly engage in research work. Students must consult their academic advisor before registering for classes.

 ...Major course

#### Course Model ...Major course

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1	Business Japanese				
2	International Affaires II	Japanese Culture II		Special study of Japanese Culture II	Writing in Japanese II
3		Japanese Conversation C1	Study of Ryukyuan Culture II		
4	Exercises in Japanese II				Rules of Conduct for Social Surveys
5				Readings in Japanese Literary Works/Literature II	

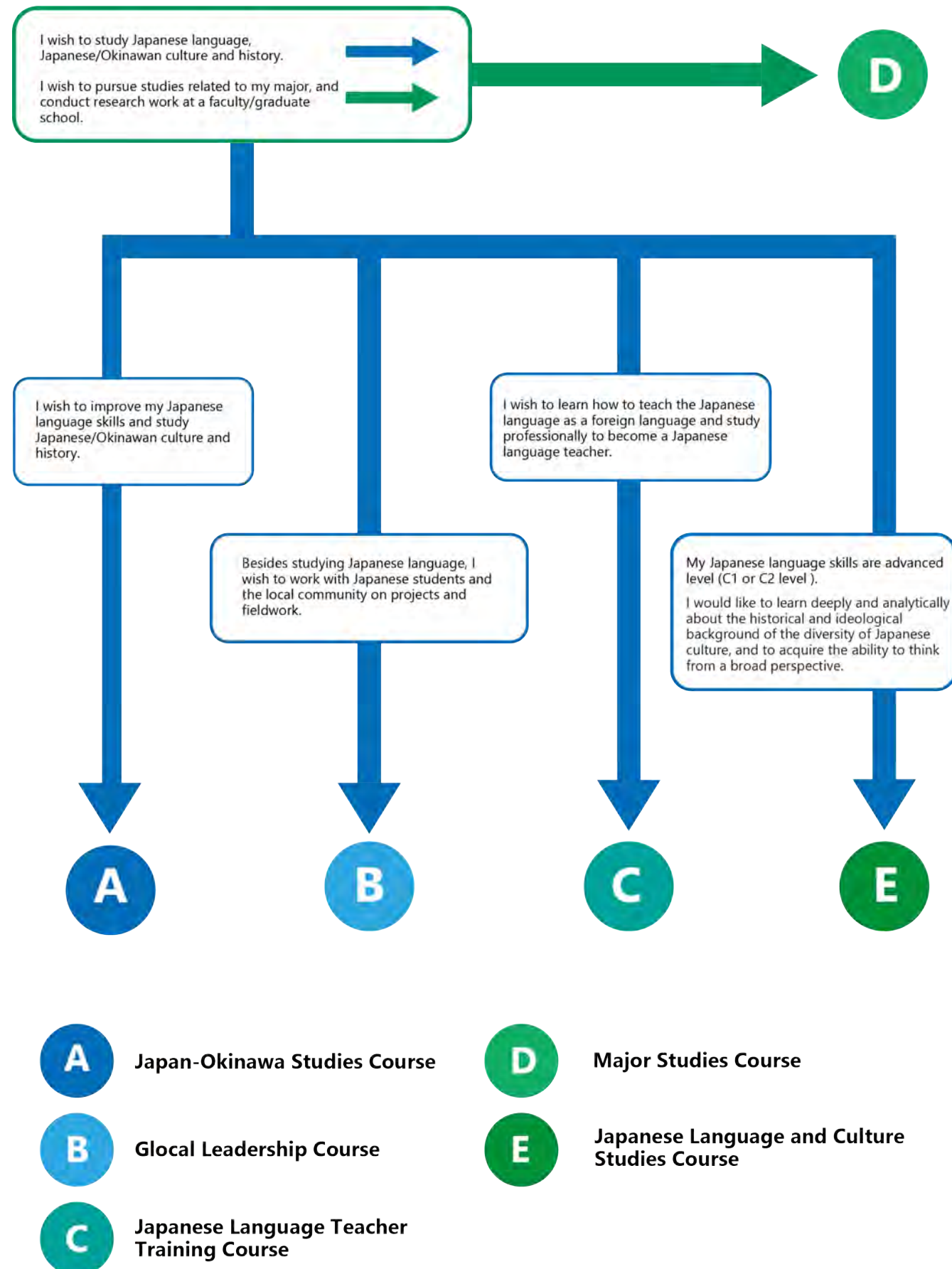


This course is designed for students with an advanced level of Japanese (C1 or C2 level). If your main purpose is to improve your Japanese language skills, please apply for the "Japan and Okinawa Study Course."



## 04. Application Process

### Which course is most suitable for you?



### Application Documents



- (1) Application Form (Form 1)
- (2) Application Form (Form 2-5)
- (3) Recommendation Letter
- (4) Academic transcript from the applicant's home university
- (5) Color photograph (showing clearly the applicant's head and shoulders, 3cm x 4cm against a plain background)
- (6) Color copy of applicant's passport (page with personal details)
- (7) Application form of Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
- (8) Evidence of financial Support (\*Please refer Form 3 for the details.)
- (9) Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Certificate issued by a medical institution designated by the Government of Japan  
\*(Only Applicants from countries subject to pre-entry tuberculosis (TB) screening)



Application documents may be downloaded from the following website: <http://isu.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/?lang=en>

### Submission Deadline



April 2026 Enrollment : Submission by **October 31 2025 (Fri.)**  
October 2026 Enrollment : Submission by **March 31 2026 (Tue.)**

### How & Where to Submit



Please submit all documents to the Global Education Section by **email (inbound@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp)** through the coordinator of the applicant's home institution.  
\*Postal submission not required.

### Notification of Selection Outcomes



Selection outcomes will be sent to the study abroad program coordinator of the applicant's home institution.



Application forms and necessary documents must be submitted to the University of the Ryukyus through the study abroad program coordinator of the applicant's home institution. Applications sent directly by students will be declined.



## 05. Scholarship



### Notes:

Students who have been selected to receive the scholarships will be notified when they are informed of their acceptance into the RISE program. However, those who have not been selected for the scholarship are eligible to participate in the program as privately-funded students.

*\*The following is information for AY2024 and may be subject to change.*

### JASSO Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship

Monthly Stipend: 80,000 yen  
Period: Up to 11 months  
(depending on the period of acceptance)

JASSO's purpose is to provide support to international students in order to improve standards of education and research, as well as to promote mutual friendship and goodwill.

### Applicant Qualifications and Conditions

To be eligible to apply for the JASSO scholarship, students must be in regular enrollment at their respective home universities. The following criteria must also be met.

- (1) The applicant must hold nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
- (2) The applicant must not be a citizen of Japan at the time of application.
- (3) The student's home university must have an exchange program agreement with the University of the Ryukyus.
- (4) The student is of good character and possesses outstanding academic performance at his/her home university. (According to JASSO requirements, the student's GPA must be 2.30 or above on a three point scale.)
- (5) The student has difficulty funding his/her studies in Japan for financial reasons.
- (6) The student will resume his/her studies or be conferred an academic degree at his/her home university after concluding his/her period of study in Japan.
- (7) The student must be able to attain "Student" visa status for his/her period of study in Japan.
- (8) If the student is due to receive financial aid and/or scholarships from other organizations while in Japan, the total amount of such financial aid must not exceed 80,000 yen per month.

*As of 2025, only students in the "Glocal Leadership Course" and "Major Studies Course (including Japanese Language and Culture Studies Course)", and students who receive funding from the University's Inter-University Exchange Project (p.25) will be eligible to apply for the JASSO Scholarship.*

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### QUEST Scholarship

Monthly Stipend: 80,000 yen  
Period: Up to 11 months  
(depending on the period of acceptance)

This scholarship's purpose is to provide support to exchange students in order to encourage student exchange and collaboration between the University and its partner universities.

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### Foundation Scholarship

Monthly Stipend: 60,000 yen  
Period: Up to 10 months  
(depending on the period of acceptance)

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide support to exchange students in order to improve and enhance international relationships between the University and its partner universities.

## Pickup

### Funding provided by the University's Inter-University Exchange Project

Students with outstanding academic performance who have received recommendation from the institutions stated below will be eligible to **receive partial travel and housing subsidies in addition to receipt of the JASSO scholarship.**

Students who receive funding from the University's Inter-University Exchange Project are required to participate actively in online learning with overseas partner universities, as well as in events and activities organized by the Project.

### Eligible Institutions

- University of Hawai'i at Hilo
- Kaua'i Community College
- Kapi'olani Community College
- National Dong Hwa University
- Chinese Culture University

### How to Apply

Interested students should indicate their intention to apply for receipt of the JASSO scholarship in Form 1 of the RISE Program application package. (No further action is necessary.)

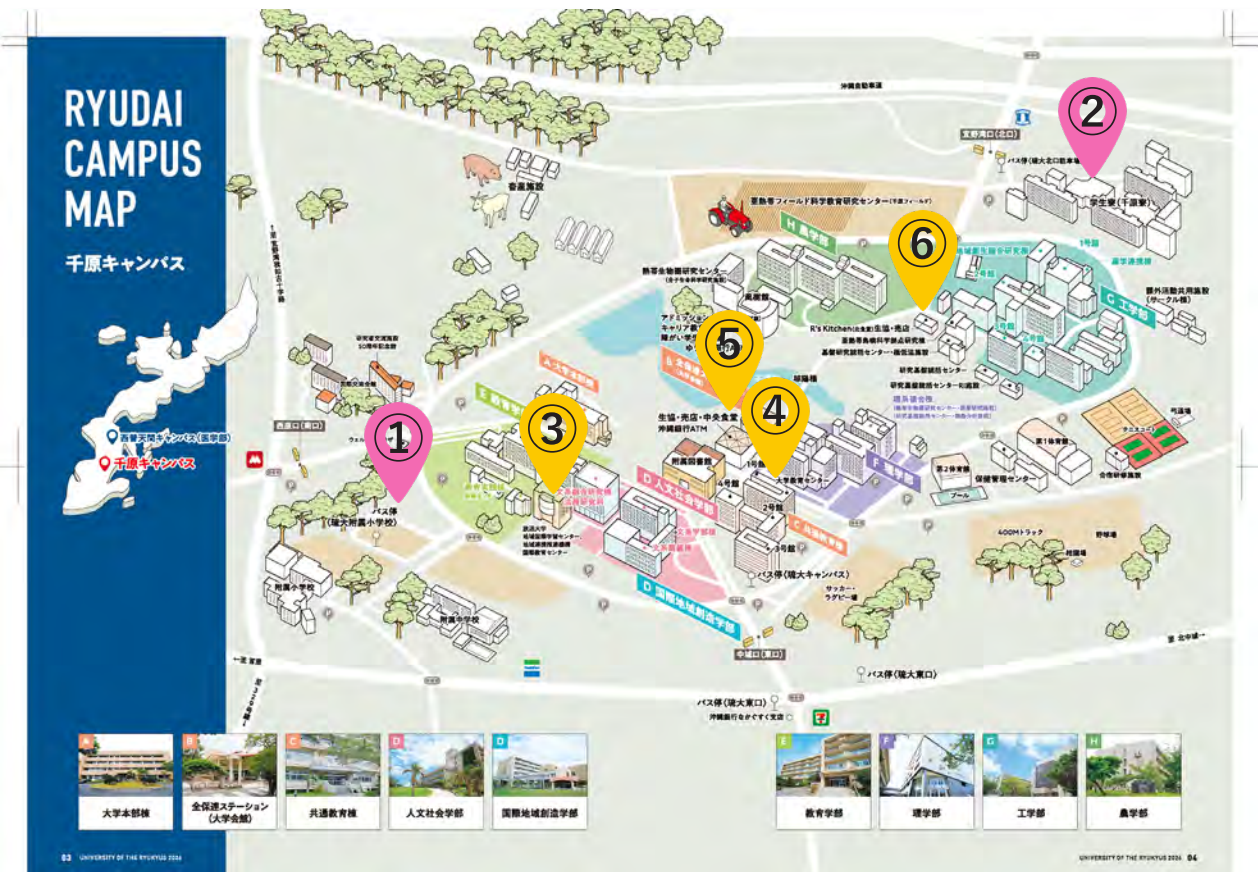




06. Campus Life — Accommodation

Accommodations

As a general rule of the University, international exchange students will be allocated residences in either the International House or the Senbaru Student Dormitory. Students may not be allocated with their desired room types as allocation is based on room availability. Students may choose to live in off-campus apartments if allocated rooms do not meet with their requirements.



Location map of frequently used buildings and venues

- ① International House
- ② Senbaru Student Dormitory
- ③ Global Education Center  
(building where students attend Japanese classes)
- ④ Global Education Section (Office)
- ⑤ University Co-op Central Cafeteria Store
- ⑥ University Co-op Northern Cafeteria Store

Senbaru Student Dormitory

Non co-ed dormitory  
Intended for Japanese and international students

International House

Co-ed dormitory  
Intended for international students and researchers

- A/C...Air Conditioner
- CL...Closet
- CA...Cabinet
- SB...Shoe box
- S.....Bookshelf
- T.....Table
- F.....Refrigerator
- SU...Shower room
- UB...Modular bath
- WC...Toilet
- W & D...  
Washing machine & Dryer

Senbaru Student Dormitory / Shin-to

Monthly Rent: 25,000 yen / month  
Maintenance Fee: 5,000 yen / month  
Gas/Water/Electricity Fees:  
Based on actual rates of usage / month  
Facilities: Desk, chair, bed, kitchen  
toilet, shower, and  
air conditioner  
Shared Furnishing and Facilities:  
Washing machine, dryer and elevator



Senbaru Student Dormitory / Shin-Konju-to

Monthly Rent: 20,000 yen / month  
Maintenance Fee: 5,000 yen / month  
Gas/Water/Electricity Fees:  
Based on actual rates of usage / month  
Facilities: Desk, chair, bed,  
toilet, shower, kitchen,  
and air conditioner  
Shared Furnishing and Facilities:  
Washing machine and dryer



Senbaru Student Dormitory / Ippan-to (Type 1)

( Ajisai-to A/C • Nansei-to A • Hokushun-to A/C • Kaiho-to A/B )

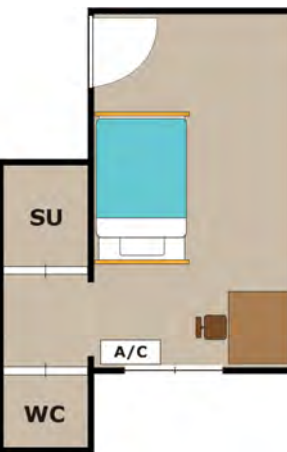
Monthly Rent: 10,000 yen / month  
Maintenance Fee  
(Gas, water fees included) : 9,400 yen / month  
Electricity Fees:  
Based on actual rates of usage / month  
Facilities: Desk, chair, bed, and  
air conditioner  
Shared Furnishing and Facilities:  
Kitchen, refrigerator, shower, toilets, washing  
machine, and dryer



Senbaru Student Dormitory / Ippan-to (Type 2)

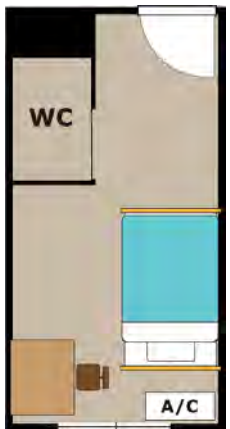
( Ajisai-to B • Hokushun-to B )

Monthly Rent: 15,000 yen / month  
Maintenance Fee: 5,000 yen / month  
Gas/Water/Electricity Fees:  
Based on actual rates of usage / month  
Facilities: Desk, chair, bed, shower,  
toilet, and air conditioner  
Shared Furnishing and Facilities:  
Kitchen, refrigerator, washing machine,  
and dryer



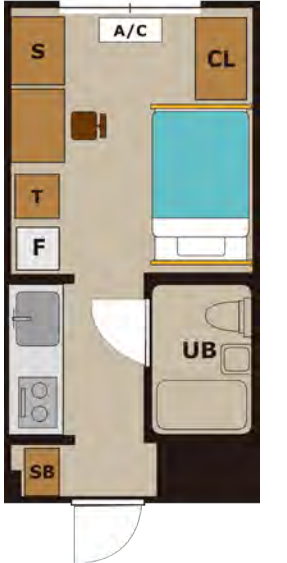
Senbaru Student Dormitory / Konju-to

Monthly Rent: 15,000 yen / month  
Maintenance Fee  
(Gas, water fees included) : 9,400 yen / month  
Electricity: Based on actual rates of usage / month  
Facilities: Desk, chair, bed, toilet, and  
air conditioner  
Shared Furnishing and Facilities:  
Kitchen, refrigerator, shower, washing machine,  
and dryer



International House / Single Room

Monthly Rent: 15,000 yen  
Maintenance Fee: 3,000 yen  
Cleaning Fee: 19,800 yen  
\*one-time payment  
Gas/Water/Electricity Fees:  
Based on actual rates of usage  
Facilities: Bookshelf, desk, chair, bed,  
air conditioner, kitchen,  
refrigerator, shower, and  
toilet  
Shared Furnishing and Facilities:  
Washing machine and dryer



\*Cleaning fees are subject to change.



# 06. Campus Life — Living Expenses/ Other Expenses

## Living Expenses

The costs of living in Okinawa are relatively low compared to other cities in Japan. However, students require approximately 80,000 yen a month to cover personal expenses. Students are advised to make adequate preparations for living arrangements in the case that they do not qualify for a scholarship. Due to the demands of the program schedule, students are also advised not to take on part-time work. As students will not be able to open a bank account immediately after their arrival in Okinawa, it is necessary for them to have sufficient cash to pay for two to three months' worth of living expenses, or have a credit card that can be used overseas.



## National Health Insurance

The National Health Insurance program provides financial assistance in the case of illness or injury. The annual insurance premium is approximately 16,000 yen and must be paid in full. Up to 70% of medical fees will be covered by the insurance program when insurance cards are presented at the time of treatment. The remaining 30% of medical costs will be borne by the student. All exchange students are required to join the National Health Insurance program immediately after arriving in Japan.

## Accident Insurance

The University recommends all exchange students to enroll in accident insurance to protect and prepare themselves against accidents. Accident insurance consists of two components: (1) Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) (valid for unexpected accidents that occur when students are engaged in regular curricular activities, school events, extracurricular activities and when students are on school premises or commuting to and from such activities) and, (2) Liability Insurance Coupled With PAS (students enrolled in this insurance scheme are entitled to seek damages for accidents caused to third persons such as bodily injuries and destruction of personal property when students engaged in regular curricular activities, school events, extracurricular activities and when students are on school premises or commuting to and from such activities). The total annual insurance premium is approximately 1,340 yen.



# 学生交流協定校一覧 / List of Partner Institutions

(2025 年 4 月 1 日現在)

(As of April 1, 2025)

## 大学間交流協定 University-level Agreements

### U.S.A

- Michigan State University
- University of Guam
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa
- University of Hawai'i at Hilo
- University of Hawai'i -Kauai Community College
- University of Hawai'i Community Colleges
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Eastern Michigan University
- University of California, Santa Cruz

### Canada

- Memorial University of Newfoundland

### Argentina

- National University of La Plata

### Bolivia

- Private University of Santa Cruz de la Sierra
- Gabriel René Moreno Autonomous University

### Brazil

- University of Sao Paulo
- University of Brasilia

### Dominica

- Universidad Iberoamericana

### Marshall Islands

- College of the Marshall Islands

### Palau

- Palau Community College

### Papua New Guinea

- University of Papua New Guinea

### Samoa

- National University of Samoa

### New Caledonia

- University of New Caledonia

### Fiji

- University of the South Pacific

### Micronesia

- College of Micronesia-FSM

### Tonga

- Atenisi University

### China

- Central South University of Forestry & Technology
- Fujian Normal University
- Yunnan Agricultural University
- Yanbian University
- Huazhong University of Science & Technology
- The University of International Business & Economics
- Hainan University
- Ocean University of China

### Korea

- Keimyung University
- Jeju National University
- Suncheon National University
- University of Seoul
- Yonsei University
- Mokpo National University
- Hoseo University
- Kyonggi University
- Changwon National University

### Thailand

- Chulalongkorn University
- Thammasat University
- Khon Kaen University
- Chiang Mai University
- King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang

### Indonesia

- Sam Ratulangi University
- Bogor Agricultural University
- Diponegoro University

### Vietnam

- Thai Nguyen University
- Hanoi National University of Education

### Taiwan

- National Taiwan University
- National Sun Yat-sen University
- National Taiwan Ocean University
- Tunghai University
- National University of Tainan
- National Penghu University of Science & Technology
- National Taiwan University of Science & Technology
- Taipei Medical University
- Chinese Culture University
- Kainan University
- Taipei City University of Science & Technology
- Chung Yuan Christian University
- National Dong Hwa University

- Soochow University
- Feng-Chia University
- Fu Jen Catholic University
- Providence University
- National University of Kaohsiung

### Laos

- National University of Laos
- University of Health Sciences, Lao PDR

### Germany

- Heinrich-Heine Dusseldorf University

### U.K.

- The University of Sheffield
- York St John University

### France

- French National Institute for Advanced Research
- University of Lille
- University of Toulouse Jean Jaures
- Toulouse Capitole University
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3

### Russia

- Far Eastern Federal University

### Spain

- University of La Laguna
- University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

### Kosovo

- University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"

### Poland

- University of Gdańsk's

### Italy

- Sapienza University of Rome





**学部間交流協定 Faculty-level Agreements**

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The following institutions have agreements only with specified faculties. Students other than those of the listed faculties are not allowed to apply.

- U.S.A**
- Fort Lewis College
  - Ball State University
  - College of Science & Humanities, Graduate School

- New Zealand**
- Victoria University of Wellington
  - Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

- China**
- Dalian Polytechnic University
  - Xiamen University of Technology
  - Faculty of Engineering

- Korea**
- Chungbuk National University
  - College of Engineering
  - College of Electrical & Computer Engineering
  - Kyung Hee University
  - College of Foreign Language & Literature
  - Korea University
  - College of International Studies
  - Kosin University

- India**
- Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology
  - Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management, Gwalior

- Vietnam**
- Vietnam National University of Agriculture

- Taiwan**
- National Yunlin University of Science and Technology
  - Wenzao Ursuline University of Language
  - National Quemoy University -College of Management

- Mongolia**
- Mongolian University of Science & Technology
  - School of Power Engineering

- Bangladesh**
- Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology

- Sri Lanka**
- University of Ruhuna -Faculty of Agriculture

- Cambodia**
- Institute of Technology of Cambodia

- Indonesia**
- Udayana University -Faculty of Engineering

- Iran**
- University of Tehran -College of Engineering

- Turkey**
- Pamukkale University -Faculty of Engineering

- France**
- Rennes 1 University,
  - Institute of Electronics & Telecommunications (IETR)

- Sweden**
- University of Gothenburg -Faculty of Arts

- Spain**
- University Autonomy of Barcelona
  - Faculty of Translation and Interpretation

- Belgium**
- KU Leuven

- Czech Republic**
- Brno University of Technology

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