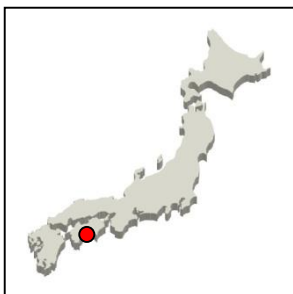


# Kochi University (Kochi pref.)



Opportunity for learning & research, Production of human resources



## ■ University Overview

### ① Characteristics and history

Kochi University has 6 faculties and 1 program at undergraduate level: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science and Technology, Medical School, Faculty of Agriculture and Marine Sciences, Faculty of Regional Collaboration and TOSA Sakigake Program. Also, Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Science offers 6 master's courses (Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science, Medical Science, Nursing Science and Agricultural Science), 3 doctoral courses (Applied Science, Medicine and KUROSHIO Science), and Programs for Advanced Professional Development in Teacher Education (Professional Degree Course). Kochi University has three campuses, Asakura Campus in Kochi City and Monobe and Oko Campuses in Nankoku City. Japanese studies students will study at Asakura Campus.



Asakura Campus

### ② International exchanges (as of May 1, 2018)

Agreements between Universities :  
61 Institutions (20 Countries and Regions)  
Agreements between Faculties :  
30 Institutions (18 Countries and Regions)  
Consortium 1(6 Institutions, 2Countries)

### ③ Number of International students and Japanese Studies students admitted (2016-2018)

FY	Number of	
	International students	Japanese Studies students admitted
2018	140	0
2017	130	0
2016	146	0

### ④ Characteristics of the area

Facing the vast Pacific Ocean to the south and surrounded by the Shikoku Mountains to the north, Kochi Prefecture, with its beautiful yet wild natural environment, ever nurtures freedom of thought and independence of mind. Kochi Prefecture is characterized by a climate of four distinct seasons. The Kagami River runs through the city. Kochi City is blessed with a variety of historical sites.

Distance from largest cities in Japan

From Tokyo: 1 hour and 20 minutes by air /

7 hours by train

From Osaka: 45 minutes by air / 4 hours by train

Kochi is also linked by airline connections to Nagoya and Fukuoka.

## ■ Outline of the Course in Brief

### ① Aims of the Course

b) The main aim is cultivation of Japanese language proficiency. The second aim is learning about Japanese issues and Japanese culture.

We aim to nurture individuals who can contribute to the local society at the view of JAPANESE STUDIES STUDENTS through the Kochi cultural experiences.

### ② Characteristics of the Course

We offer classes of 'Japanese Language' and 'Japanese Studies' for international students at General Education Course. Also, students can take specialized subjects offered by Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Regional Collaboration and TOSA Sakigake Program. If students wish to learn a wider range of Japanese and Japanese culture, it is possible to take Japanese Supplementary Classes offered by the Center for International Collaboration.

The courses aim to give students a chance to gain an understanding of Japanese culture while at the same time learning about different peoples and different cultures.

Students will also be able to acquire knowledge in their major fields and to improve their Japanese language abilities in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

### ③ Number of students to be accepted

2 students:

- 1 from Embassy Recommendation
- 1 from University Recommendation)

#### ④Qualifications and Conditions for Application

##### a) Japanese Ability:

Applicants must have passed JLPT N1 or N2, or be deemed to have the same or higher ability.

Applicants whose level is N2 must take Japanese courses offered by the Center for International Collaboration.

##### b) Study of Japanese:

Applicants must be those who major in a field related to the Japanese language and to Japanese culture.

#### ⑤ Expected Japanese language level at the end of the program

- Enhancement of Japanese language skills for discussion and writing theses
- Conducting research that cannot be carried out in one's own country

#### ⑥Period of the course

October 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Completion Ceremony will be held on August.

#### ⑦Contents of the course

Hours:

1 unit = 1.5h. × 15weeks + Test 1.5h

##### 1) Compulsory subjects

Kochi University does not force students to take compulsory subjects. Students can take courses designed by their own.

##### 2) Participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges

- Local Culture Understanding (experiential learning)
- Field trips to historical sites and cultural facilities
- Participation in an exchange event with Kochi Prefecture International Exchange Association
- Study Tour

##### 3) Themes of Completion Research

The students must research on Japanese language and Japanese Culture in comparison with one's mother language and mother culture, and make a paper and report it.

##### 4) Multicultural Study with Japanese Students

"Local Culture Understanding" and "Field trips to historical sites and cultural facilities", mentioned in 2), accepts both foreign students and Japanese students. Students also can take General Education Course subjects and Faculty subjects with Japanese students.

##### 5) Elective subject and others

- Japanese and Japanese Studies in General Education (8 units)
- Subjects related to inter and cross-cultural communication (6 units)
- Other subjects offered by each faculty (not limited)

<Subjects of General Education>

Japanese I – IV (2 units per week)

Japanese Studies I – IV (1 unit per week)

<Subjects of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences>

Japanese Oral Communication Advanced

Japanese Society

Japan and Traditional Culture

Seminar about Japanese Language Media

<Subjects of Faculty of Education>

Seminar in Linguistics of Japanese Language

Grammar of Japanese Language

Introduction to Japanese Literature

Introduction to Linguistics of Japanese Language

Lexicology in Japanese

Regional Culture and Language in Japan

History of Japanese Literature

Reading in Japanese Literature

<Subjects of TOSA Sakigake Program>

Practical Japanese for Academic Studies

Practical Japanese for Business Studies

Practical Exercises in Japanese I

Practical Exercises in Japanese II

Subjects offered by Center for International Collaboration

The Center for International Collaboration offers Japanese Supplementary Classes (non-credit subjects) for students qualified JLPT N2. Japanese Studies students may take Japanese Supplementary Classes if necessary.

The titles of the above courses are as follows;

- Intermediate Japanese Listening Comprehension I & II (30h × 2)
- Intermediate Japanese Conversation I & II (30h × 2)
- Intermediate Kanji · Vocabulary I & II (30h × 2)
- Intermediate Japanese Reading Comprehension (30h)
- Intermediate Japanese Composition (30h)
- Communication Japanese I & II (30h × 2)
- Kochi Studies (30h)

## ⑧ Events

Late September	Come to Japan
October	The orientation for new international students
November	Study Tour, Japanese Speech Contest
January	Exchange event with local people
May	Exchange event with local people
June	Japanese Language Seminar
August	Completion Ceremony
Late August	Return home

Others : Various events are offered by international exchange associations. (Home Stay, Kimono trying-on event, Tosawashi papermaking experience event and so on )  
There are also some opportunities to interact with local residents.



Study Tour

## ⑨ Guidance System

Responsible Person:  
Head of Center for International Collaboration

Expected Academic Adviser:  
Faculty members of Center for International Collaboration  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Regional Collaboration

\*Tutorials will be provided by academic advisers as necessary.

## ⑩ Requirements for Completion

Report and Presentation of Research Credits will be given each semester (Spring/ Fall) Credit Transfer: Students from affiliated universities will be accepted as Special students and be able to transfer credits back to their home universities.

## ■ Accommodations

Kochi University does not have dormitory for international students. Most international students rent an apartment or room at shared house. (monthly rent is JPY20,000-40,000) International Exchange Division will support your housing. Female students may live in Female Dormitory for domestic students.

### Female Dormitory

Rent: approx. JPY7,500 per month  
Facility: Table/ chair/ bed/ locker/ bookshelf/  
shared bathroom & kitchen  
10 minutes from campus by bicycle.

The neighborhood around Asakura campus is residential area. Grocery stores and restaurants are easily accessible.

## ■ Follow-up for former International students

Faculty members will keep in touch with students by e-mail after completion of the course. If possible, they will visit partner universities and discuss the former International students' current situation concerning studies.

## ■ Contact

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