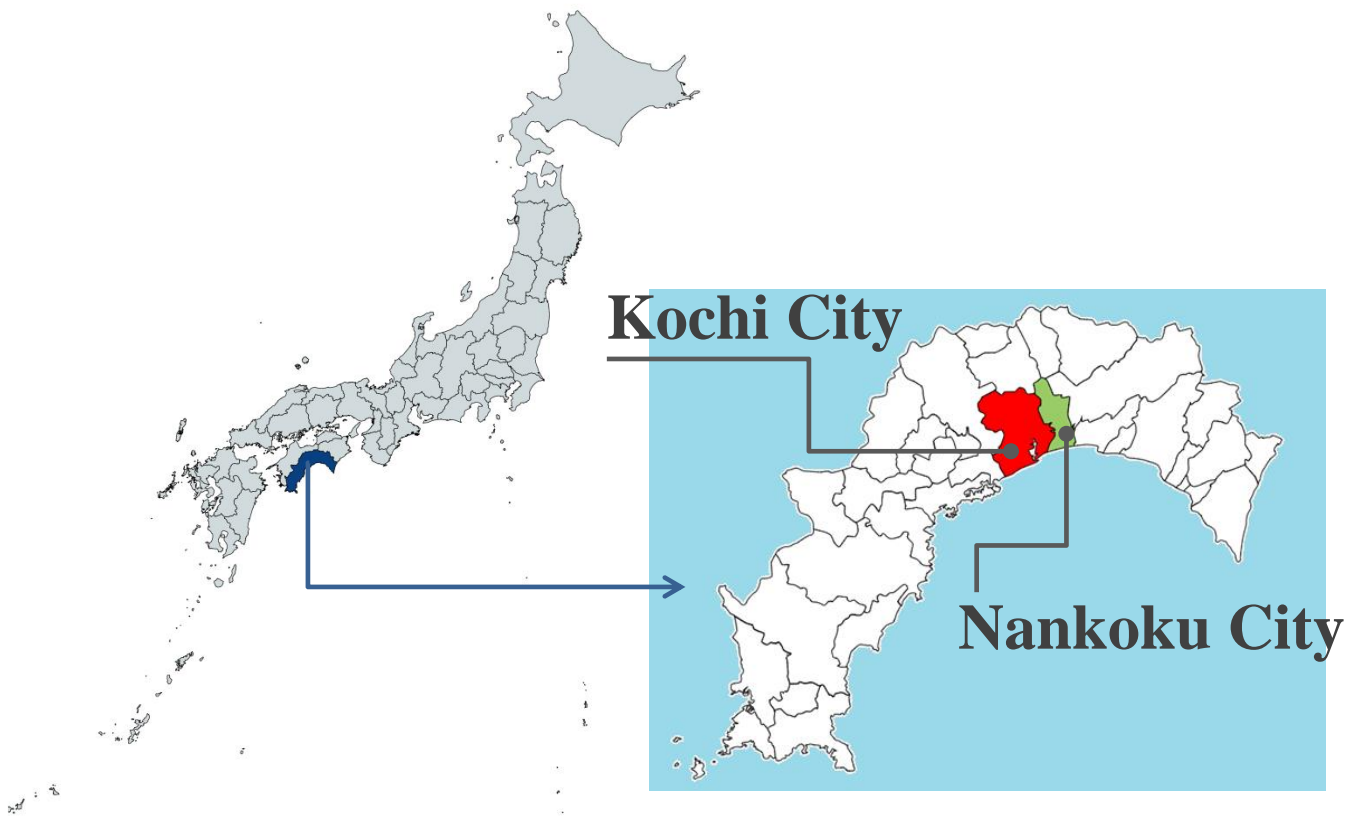


Kochi University Guide

for Exchange Students



—1st Semester 2019 ver.—



To Incoming International Students

Here is the information we would like you to know before you come to Japan as an exchange student. Please read this guide carefully.

Kochi prefecture is located in the south of Shikoku Island in the western part of Japan and there is the Shikoku Mountains in the north and the prefecture faces the Pacific Ocean in the south. Kochi has the mild climate through the year and you can enjoy the rich nature in each season.

Kochi University

Kochi University has three campuses located in Kochi city and Nankoku city.
Most exchange students study at Asakura campus.

*Asakura campus; Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science and Technology, Faculty of Regional Collaboration, TOSA Innovative Human Development Programs

*Okochi campus; Medical School

*Monobe campus; Faculty of Agriculture and Marine Science

International Exchange Office

International Exchange Office is in charge of international students affairs at Asakura Campus. The building, Center for International Collaboration, is located nearby the east gate of the Campus. Please contact us through the international office at your university, if you have questions.

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Academic Calendar < 2019 – 20 >

First Semester (Spring)

April 2	Exchange Students Arrival Day
April 4	Placement test for Japanese Classes, Welcome Party
April 5, 8	Orientation for International Students
April 10	Class Start
August 2-8	Examination Period
August 9 - September 30	Summer Vacation

Second Semester (Fall)

End of September (TBD)	Placement test for Japanese Classes
October 2	Class Start
December 27-January 6	Winter Break
January 31 - February 6	Examination Period

Visa

If you study at Kochi University as a student, you must obtain a “student” visa. The procedure is as follows:

- 1) Submit all required documents to Kochi University (about 6 months before your coming)
- 2) We apply for visa with the documents you submitted at the Immigration Office
- 3) We receive a Certificate of Eligibility from the immigration office (about 2 months after your application)
- 4) We send the Certificate to the international office at your university
- 5) Once you receive the certificate, you apply for visa at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate General of Japan in your country.
- 6) You will receive a “student” visa in a week. Please note that you must take the Certificate with you when you get on a plane.

Accommodation

There are no dormitories for international students on Asakura Campus. Therefore, exchange students are supposed to live in privately owned apartments. We arrange accommodation if you wish. We will inform you the details of accommodation two or three weeks before you come to Japan.

Accommodation Expense

We introduce apartments whose rent is from about ¥20,000 to ¥30,000 and common service fee is from about ¥3,000 to ¥5,000. In most cases, students must pay deposit, key money, or agent charge when they contract an apartment.

When you settle in an apartment, you might pay money range of ¥100,000 to ¥150,000 with cash.

Co-signer

You need a co-signer when you contract an apartment in Japan.

It is hard for you to find a co-signer in Japan, but Kochi University can be your co-signer if you join Renter’s Insurance. The premium is ¥4,000 per year.

Pickup Service

Preferred arriving date of 2019 Spring is April 2. Our university shuttle (for Asakura campus) will pick you up at JR Kochi Station on 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. Students who will arrive in Kochi in the afternoon should arrange their arrival on April 1, and stay in a hotel around Kochi Station. Then, take 9:30 university shuttle on April 2.

Once you set the arriving date, time, place and flight schedule, please let us know all the information.

We cannot receive your package instead of you even though you send a package from your country. Be sure to receive it after you come to Japan.

Procedures after Arriving

Necessary Procedures

- Residence registration
- Joining National Health Insurance
- Contract of electricity, gas and water of your accommodation
- Opening a bank account

You will be assigned a Campus Life Initiation Tutor, who will help you with these procedures. These are Japanese and international students at Kochi University.

Expense after Arriving

You need to buy the necessities of life right after you come to Japan. Futon, Japanese bed is around ¥10,000.

Sometimes you need maximum ¥150,000 for contract of accommodation. Since only cash is accepted on the contract, we recommend you to bring enough cash (JPY) to pay accommodation fee and buy necessities. Accommodation fee differs on each accommodation. Please ask the details at the International Exchange Division.

Cellphone • Wi-fi

We recommend you to get an international SIM card for a while before you come to Japan. If you want to use a cellphone that you have brought from your country, you can rent a SIM card at a SoftBank shop at the airport or in town. Please go to the URL below for more details.

<http://www.softbank-rental.jp/rental-plan.php>

You can buy a new cellphone at any of the shops of the major phone companies, such as “docomo”, “au”, or “SoftBank”. The normal contract period for a phone in Japan is two years; if you cancel it before it expires, penalty fees can be quite high. People under 20 years of age must have a guarantor for the contract. Kochi University cannot be a student’s guarantor.

Tutors and Other

Japanese students will support your study and life in Japan as a tutor. Language Partnership System and English Club are also good opportunities to make Japanese friends and improve your Japanese skills.

Classes

Exchange students can take classes of Japanese supplementary lessons provided by the Center for International Collaboration. Students must take at least seven classes altogether.

Japanese Supplementary Lessons

If you wish to take Japanese supplementary classes, you must take the placement test conducted in the beginning of each semester.

We will explain about the syllabus and timetable on the test.

Please remember, the classes are not official, therefore we cannot provide credits to you. We can only prove how many hours you studied. But it might be possible that your home institution converts the hours to credits. Please ask your home institution after you go back.

Classes of Common Education and Each Faculty

If you wish to take classes of common education or your faculty, you need a course registration.

Go to Educational Affairs, upstairs of Student Service Center, and ask about the course registration.

There is no restriction but you might have some classes you cannot take.

Events

Study Tour for international students will be scheduled in November. In addition, you will have many opportunities to take part in events. Get involved and have fun!

Looking forward to seeing you
in Kochi!