

Kumamoto University - Fact Sheet 2027/28

Short Term Exchange Program

General Information	
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, 2026)	Undergraduate: 7,709 students Post-graduate: 2,248 students
Total Number of International Students (as at May, 2026)	535 students
Number of Faculties and Graduate Schools	Faculties: 7, Inter-Faculty Programs: 2 Graduate Schools: 6
Number of Exchange Agreements (as at May, 2026)	University Level: 127 partner institutions Department Level: 127 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 2026 (JP contents): https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/daigakuseikatsu/kyoumu/yotei/2023kyoyocalendar.pdf

International Student Office, Contact Information	
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Information on Student Exchange: Academic Aspects	
Program Information	EN: https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/undergraduate/exchange/ JP: https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/kokusaikouryuu/gaikokujinryuugakusei/kyouikuprogram
Nomination Deadlines	Fall Semester 2027: March 12, 2027 Spring Semester 2027: October 30, 2026
Application Deadlines	Fall Semester 2027: April 16, 2027 Spring Semester 2027: November 6, 2026
Grade Requirements	2 nd year (sophomore) students or above
Language Requirements	J-Course: CEFR B2 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, School of Pharmacy, School of Informatics and School of Social Innovation are not open.
Classes open for exchange students (Syllabus)	TBA towards the beginning of each semester http://syllabus.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/auth/

Information on student exchange: General Aspects	
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 *Fees may be subject to change.
Cost of Living	Approximately, 90,000 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	
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	2026: https://publicholidays.jp/#2026-public-holidays 2027: https://publicholidays.jp/#2027-public-holidays