

SAGA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE 2016-2017

SPACE (Saga University Program for Academic Exchange) is a special program designed for international students from affiliated universities around the world. It offers a unique curriculum of Japanese language classes and courses in the students' major in English and Japanese. Participating students deepen their knowledge and understanding not only of their major field of study, but also of Japanese society and people, through academic work and meaningful interactions with Japanese students and the local people.

1. Types of Academic Programs

Students choose either the "SPACE-E" or "SPACE-J" program, depending on the student's aim of study in Japan and their preference for language in which to study.

SPACE-E Courses are taught in *English*. This program is for only undergraduate students.

SPACE-J Students register in regular courses taught in *Japanese*. Both undergraduate and graduate students can participate.

We recommend that you choose SPACE-J if you already have high Japanese language proficiency and have passed the Level 2 or higher JLPT.

2. Eligibility

Students who meet the following conditions are eligible to apply.

1) Status

- The applicants must be enrolled in full-time degree programs at overseas universities that have concluded a student exchange agreement or memorandum of student exchange with Saga University or are in the process of concluding such.
- The student must be enrolled as a full-time student at the home institution throughout the period of study at Saga University.
- An applicant for SPACE-E must be an undergraduate student who has completed at least two years of study at the home institution.
- An applicant for SPACE-J must have completed at least one year of study at the home institution and be enrolled in either an undergraduate or graduate (Master's) program at one of our partner institutions.

2) Language Proficiency Requirements

SPACE requires exchange students to be proficient in either English or Japanese.

SPACE-E: You must submit your TOEFL or IELTS score.

SPACE-J: JLPT N2 or higher. If you are a graduate student, please contact us first.

*1: For a student who is unable to take the JLTP test, SPACE will consider scores in the Japanese language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (日本留学試験, EJU). Please contact our office if you have taken this examination.

* 2: All SPACE-J students will take a placement test after arrival. If the student's Japanese language proficiency is evaluated as at an "intermediate" level, he or she must take in the **Bridging Course** which provides intensive Japanese language education. At the end of the first semester, all students in the **Bridging Course** will take a test to determine whether they have obtained sufficient Japanese proficiency to register for regular courses.

3. Number of Students Accepted

A total of 60 students will be accepted for SPACE-E and SPACE- J for the academic year 2016-2017

4. Admissions and Period of Study

Exchange students commence their study either in October or in April.

Duration of ~~their~~ study: either one semester or two semesters.

5. Academic Calendar

The academic year at Saga University is divided into spring and fall semesters:

1) 2016 Fall Semester:

Classes	October 3 to mid February
Winter Break	December 27 to January 5
Exams	February 7 to 15
Spring Break	February 16 to early April

2) 2017 Spring Semester (**tentative**):

Classes	early April to late July
Exams	late July and early August
Summer Break	early August to September 30

6. Academic Programs and Credits

The SPACE program has a flexible curriculum in which exchange students fulfill their aims by taking courses from their major field of study while learning Japanese language and culture. The minimum coursework requirement for exchange students is 12 credits per semester, or 24 credits per year. At the end of the exchange period, those students who have fulfilled the requirements will receive a certificate of completion from Saga University. We will report the number of the credits that each student has earned to the international affairs division or the equivalent of the home university at the end of each semester.

SPACE students who have earned credits are provided with an official academic transcript from Saga University. The student's home institution may determine whether to grant the credits based on this transcript.

SPACE-E	Field Work on Japanese Affairs (exclusively for SPACE-E students)		compulsory 2 credits	12 credits or more per semester
	Courses in Student's Major	Education	4 credits or more	
		Art and Regional Design		
		Economics		
		Science and Engineering		
		Agriculture		
	Japanese Language Courses		elective	
Courses in Cross-cultural Interaction		elective		

SPACE-J	REGULAR COURSE	Field Work on Japanese Affairs (exclusively for SPACE-J students)		compulsory 2 credits	12 credits or more per semester
		Courses in Student's Major	Culture and Education	elective	
			Education		
			Art and Regional		
			Design		
			Economics		
	Science and Engineering				
	Agriculture				
	Japanese Language Courses			elective	
	Courses in Cross-cultural Interaction			elective	
BRIDGE COURSE	Intermediate II	Field Work on Japanese Affairs (exclusively for SPACE-J students)		compulsory 2 credits	
		Japanese Language Courses		6 credits or more	
	Courses in Student's Major or Cross-cultural Interaction			max 4 credits	
	Intermediate I	Field Work on Japanese Affairs (exclusively for SPACE-J students)		compulsory 2 credits	
Japanese Language Courses		10 credits			

(1) Courses in Students' Major for SPACE-E

SPACE-E students are able to register in courses throughout the university after consulting and obtaining permission from their academic advisor and the course instructor. Students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering and the Faculty of Agriculture will be required to conduct "guided independent study" as a part of their study at Saga University. Their supervisor will provide guidance at the beginning of the period and necessary advice and assistance throughout the program.

			F: Fall Semestser	S: Spring Semester				
Faculty of Education								
Creating WEB Pages on Japan (F, 2 credits)								
Modern Trends in Environment Conservation in Japan–Technology, Life Style, etc.(F, 2 credits)								
Developing WEB Pages on Japan (S, 2 credits)								
Field Methods in Linguistics (S, 2 credits)								
An introduction to second language acquisition and bilingualism (S, 2 credits)								
Guided Independent Study (F&S)								
Faculty of Art and Regional Design								
Japan & Southeast Asia in the Colonial & Postcolonial World (F, 2 credits)								
Public Speaking (F, 1 credit)								
English Thesis Writing (S, 1 credit)								
Guided Independent Study (F&S)								
Faculty of Economics								
Developing Economics (F, 2 credits)								
Guided Independent Study (F&S)								
Faculty of Science and Engineering								
Introduction to Science and Engineering A (F, 2 credits)								
Introduction to Science and Engineering B (S, 2 credits)								
Guided Independent Study (F&S)								
Faculty of Agriculture								
General Topics on Applied Biological Sciences (F, 2 credits)								
General Topics on Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (S, 2 credits)								
Oleo Science (S, 2 credits)								
Guided Independent Study (F&S)								

(2) Courses in Students' Major for SPACE-J

SPACE-J students can select courses in the student's major area of study with guidance of the academic advisors. Please refer to the following website for searching possible courses in your major.

Students who want to study in the field of humanities and social science don't have to choose any faculties to study in. After reading your essay, we'll decide which faculty you study at.

Faculty of Education	
http://next.pd.saga-u.ac.jp/	
Faculty of Art and Regional Design	
http://www.art.saga-u.ac.jp/	
Faculty of Economics	
http://www.eco.saga-u.ac.jp/index.php	
Faculty of Science and Engineering	
http://www.se.saga-u.ac.jp/ug/index.html	
Faculty of Agriculture	
http://www.ag.saga-u.ac.jp/	

(3) Japanese Language Courses (available for both SPACE-E and SPACE-J students) *

Saga University offers Japanese six levels of language courses from beginning to advanced. Students are required to take a placement test upon their arrival and will be placed according to their language level. The program offers flexibility and choice, and students are able to gain Japanese skills ranging from a daily life level to an academic level. SPACE students can earn credits after successfully completing these courses.

(4) Interface Subjects of Cross-Cultural Interaction (available for both SPACE-E and SPACE-J students)

OGE (Organization for General Education) of Saga University offers courses for Cross-cultural Interaction to international students together with Japanese students. International students should be aware that while they are encouraged to take these courses, the number of available class slots might differ among the classes offered. For example, some courses allow for one-half of the total number of students to be international students with the other half consisting of Japanese students. Other courses conducted in English however will accept only a limited number of international students who are expected to be “English” mentors and help lead the class. How international students enroll and participate in courses vary from course to course. Please read the description of the enrollment for each course for Cross-cultural Interaction at:

URL: <http://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/interest/space.html>

7. Application Procedures

1. Documents Required for Application

- (1) SPACE Application Form
- (2) 1 Letter of Recommendation
- (3) Academic Transcripts: issued by the student's home institution
- (4) Language Proficiency test results (i.e., TOEFL, IELTS or Japanese Language Proficiency Test score sheets).
Applicants for SPACE-E: You must submit your score sheet of TOEFL or IELTS
Applicants for SPACE-J: You must submit JLPT score sheets or the results of the Japanese language section of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). If you use the result of the Japanese Language Section of EJU, please contact Center for Promotion of International Exchange, Saga University.
- (5) 1 copy of the Certificate of Enrollment at the Home Institution: issued by the student's home institution
- (6) Application for Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence
- (7) Certificate of Health
- (8) A bank statement of funds available for supporting the Applicant's study abroad
- (9) 5 identical photographs: head and shoulders, plain background, 4cm x 3cm
- (10) A copy of your passport
- (11) Portfolio (only applicable to students in Art and Design major)
Up to ten images/photos of your work. If you include moving images, submit CD-ROM (format should be supported by Windows Media Player or Quick Time Player and within 5 minutes) besides your printed portfolio.

8. Application Deadlines

Complete application forms must reach the SPACE office by the following dates:

Fall Semester Admission 2016: March 15, 2016

Spring Semester Admission 2017: December 1, 2016

9. Where to Apply

SPACE Program

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10. Notification of Results

The results of the preliminary document screening examination will be made available to students through their home institutions.

Fall Semester Admission 2016: Mid-May 2016

Spring Semester Admission 2017: Early-February 2017

11. Japan Students Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship

The JASSO scholarship program for short-term exchange students is supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in order to expand and promote exchange between Japanese and foreign universities and students. Every year Saga University applies for JASSO Scholarship, but JASSO decides whether it grants us the scholarship and numbers of scholarships. The Short-Term Student Exchange Program Scholarship is as follows:

(1) Eligibility for a JASSO scholarship

1. Students must be enrolled in a university that has already or is planning to conclude a Student Exchange Agreement or Memorandum with Saga University.
2. Students who do not hold Japanese citizenship.
3. Students who demonstrate excellent academic and personal records at their home university.
4. Students who have strong motivation as well as clear goals and who are likely to benefit from studying in Japan.
5. Students who do not otherwise have the financial means to study in Japan.
6. Students who upon their completion of the program will return to their home institutions and continue their studies or obtain their degrees.
7. Students who are able to enter Japan on a student visa.

(2) Scholarship

Monthly amount: ¥80,000