

SAGA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE 2023-2024 (SPACE-E)

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. Participating students deepen their knowledge and understanding of their major field of study, and/or of Japanese society and people, through academic work and interactions with Japanese students and local people.

1. Type of Academic Program

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

2. Eligibility

Students who meet the condition(s) in each of the following three aspects 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 have completed at least two years of study at the home institution if he/she takes Independent Study. If he/she doesn't take Independent Study, he/she must have completed at least one year of study at the home institution.

2) Language Proficiency Requirements: SPACE-E requires exchange students to be more proficient in English than any of the minimum scores of:

TOEFL ITP: 530, IELTS: 5.5,
TOEFL iBT: 72, TOEIC: 740,
or equivalent (CEFR: B2) at the time of application.
(Note that we no longer accept the score of CET.)

3) GPA Requirement

GPA requirement is equal to 2.8 or higher of the four-grade GPA scale, 4 (Excellent), 3 (Good), 2 (Satisfactory), 1 (Pass) and 0 (Fail).

3. Number of Students Accepted

A total of thirty (30) students will be accepted for SPACE-E for the academic year 2023-2024

4. Admissions and Period of Study

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

Duration of study: either one semester or two semesters.

5. Academic Calendar

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

1) 2023 Fall Semester:

Classes	October 2 to February 8
Winter Break	December 23 to January 7
Exams	February 7 to 14
Spring Break	February 16 to early April

2) 2024 Spring Semester (tentative):

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

6. Academic Program 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 10 credits per semester. 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 (Undergraduate)	Field Work on Japanese Affairs		2 credits compulsory for students who don't take Independent Study	10 credits or more per semester
	Courses in Student's Major	Education	2 credits or more	
		Art and Regional Design		
		Economics		
		Science and Engineering		
		Agriculture		
	Japanese Language Courses		elective	
	Courses in Cross-cultural Interaction		elective	
Basic Courses in General Education		elective		
Independent Study		Compulsory for Faculty of S&E and agriculture; elective otherwise (2 or 4 credits)		

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

F: Fall Semester S: Spring Semester

Faculty of Education

Academic Writing I (F, 1 credits)
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

Faculty of Art and Regional Design

Japan & Southeast Asia in the Colonial & Postcolonial World (F, 2 credits)
Key Concepts in Art (F, 2 credits)
Introduction to Grammar Development: Implementing Grammar on Parser
(S, 2 credits)

Art in Context (S, 2 credits)
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

Faculty of Economics

Asian Economics (F, 2 credits)
Contemporary Social and Economic Issues in
Japan (S, 2 credits)
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Topics in Science and Engineering A (F, 2 credits)
Topics in Science and Engineering B (S, 2 credits)
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

Faculty of Agriculture

Introduction to agriculture A - Production and Management (F, 2 credits)
Introduction to Agriculture B - Food and Environment (S, 2 credits)
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

Center for Promotion of International Exchange

Intercultural communication and multicultural coexistence in Saga (F, 2 credits)

(2) Guided Independent Studies

(Spring and Fall; each 2 or 4 credits)

SPACE provides exchange students an opportunity to conduct "Independent Studies" with your supervisor. You need to write a research field and topic and possibly professor's name on your application form. You need to contact the professor you would like to have as your supervisor for Independent Study and obtain prior consent from him or her. For the students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering and the Faculty of Agriculture, Independent Study with your supervisor is compulsory. You need to write a research field and topic and professor's name on your application form. You can find the lists of professors together with their research topics. Please refer to the following URL to search information about professors and their specialization.

<http://research.dl.saga-u.ac.jp/search/index.html?lang=en>

(3) Japanese Language Courses

Saga University offers Japanese language courses from beginning. 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.

(4) Interface Subjects of Cross-Cultural Interaction

OGE (Organization for General Education) of Saga University offers courses for Cross-cultural Interactions 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. 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 Interactions at:

URL: <https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-e/>

(5) General Education Subjects offered in English

SPACE-E students can register English courses in General Education and study contents together with regular Saga University 1st-year or 2nd-year students. The contents of the courses are about natural science, cultures, societies, etc. The number of the international students each course joins is limited. The joining students also satisfies the English proficiency level each course.

Introduction to Science (Fall; 2 credits)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring; 2 credits)

Aspects of Modern Society(Spring; 2 credits)

Critical Thinking for the Modern Age(Spring; 2 credits)

Cultural Metaphors(Fall; 2 credits)

Western Culture (Fall; 2 credits)

Citizenship Education (Fall; 2 credits)

Life in the Global World (Fall; 2 credits)

(6) Fieldwork on Japanese Affairs, offered in English

The class consists of students' Project work and field work/trip. We also have some workshops. Students can learn more about Japan, Kyushu or Saga or the people of Japan, Kyushu or Saga by experiencing its culture and affairs.

7. Application Procedures

1) Documents Required for Application

- (1) SPACE Application Form (photo attached)
- (2) One (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.
- (5) One (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) Financial Statement (Bank Statement, Salary certificate of your supporter, etc.) for supporting the Applicant's study abroad (At least, 60,000 yen per month)
Even if you have a scholarship from JASSO or Saga University, you need to submit Financial Statement (Bank Statement, Salary certificate of your supporter, etc.) for supporting the Applicant's flight back to his or her country from Japan and for starting life in Saga.
- (9) A copy of your passport
- (10) Portfolio (only applicable to students in Art and Design major)
Up to ten images/photos of your work. If you include moving images, submit data in the format supported by Windows Media Player or Quick Time Player and within 5 minutes.

2) Application Deadlines

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

Fall Semester Admission 2023:

Nomination May 1, 2023

Application (by email) May 15, 2023

Spring Semester Admission 2024:

Nomination November 1, 2023

Application (by email) November 15, 2023

3) How to Apply

1. Your home university will nominate students.

2. Your home university will scan all the documents and send them by e-mail to the e-mail address. Application for Certificate of Eligibility should be sent in EXCEL Format.:

student-int@mail.admin.saga-u.ac.jp.

Documents should be sent through the international office of your home university.

We don't accept any documents sent directly by students. You do not have to send original documents by post.

8. Notification of Results

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

Fall Semester Admission 2023: Mid-July 2023

Spring Semester Admission 2024: Early-February2024

9. 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. We decide to whom we grant the scholarship considering the relationship with partners, so you don't have to apply for the scholarship separately. 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