

SAGA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE 2026-2027 (SPACE-ARITA)

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 studying Art work, especially ceramics. 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.

For more detail, please check the HP of SPACE-ARITA.

<http://www.art.saga-u.ac.jp/english/arita/>

1. Types of Academic Programs

SPACE-ARITA Course is for students who are specializing in Art.

Students of affiliated universities can participate.

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 Design Academy Eindhoven, Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle, Kookmin University, Pusan National University, Pai Chai University, Beijing University of Technology, Capital Normal University, Slippery Rock University, University of Technology, Sydney, University of Jyväskylä and Vytautas Magnus University..
- The student must be enrolled as a full-time student at the home institution throughout the period of study at Saga University.

2) Language Proficiency Requirements

SPACE-ARITA requires exchange students to communicate in either English or Japanese.

3) Students are recommended to have finished ceramic minor course.

3. Number of Students Accepted

A total of 4 students (2 students for each semester) will be accepted for SPACE-ARITA for the academic year 2026-2027.

4. Admissions and Period of Study

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

Duration of study: one semester.

5. Academic Calendar

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

1) 2026 Fall Semester:

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| Classes | October 1 to February 4 |
| Winter Break | December 25 to January 7 |
| Exams | February 8 to 15 |
| Final presentation of independent study | After Exams Week |
| Spring Break | After final presentation to early April |

2) 2027 Spring Semester (tentative):

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| Classes | Early April to late July |
| Exams | Late July to early August |
| Final presentation of independent study | After Exams Week |
| Summer Break | After final presentation to September 30 |

Note:

- We'll hold Entrance Ceremony and Closing Ceremony (held just after exam period) which are compulsory to attend.
- DO NOT arrange your personal travel for sightseeing before coming, as it may affect your curriculum here.
- Professors will choose some works produced in SPACE-ARITA and keep them in Arita Campus, Saga University, as material of the program.

- Please also refer to the following URL <http://www.art.saga-u.ac.jp/english/arita/pdf/Schedule2020.pdf>
- The Arita Ceramic Specialization, Fine Art Course, Faculty of Art and Regional Design, Saga University requests that students pay a part of the material fee (*) (12,500 yen for six months) associated with class course production activities during the period of study abroad.

6. Academic Programs and Credits

The SPACE-ARITA program has a flexible curriculum in which exchange students fulfill their aims by taking courses from their major field of study. The minimum coursework requirement for exchange students is 12 credits per semester. Students plan a main project in Arita and determine its direction after meetings with professors in charge.

You'll study the whole process for ceramics, from the design of ideas, forming, molding, producing to firing, and students control the project including its schedule by themselves. In the final presentation, many people involved in this program, such as professors, students, ceramic industry of Hizen(around Arita) district, local community, etc. 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.

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| SPACE-ARITA | Field Work on Japanese Affairs (exclusively for SPACE-ARITA students) | | compulsory 2 credits | 12 credits or more per semester |
| | Art and Regional design | Model and Mold Making | 4 credits or more | |
| | | Ceramic forming techniques | | |
| | | Wheel Throwing Techniques | | |
| | | Painting Techniques | | |
| | Science of ceramic raw materials | | | |
| Independent study | | 6 credits | | |

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

SPACE-ARITA 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 Art and Regional Design 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.

7. Application Procedures

1) Documents Required for Application

- (1) SPACE Application Form (Photo attached)
- (2) 1 Letter of Recommendation
- (3) Academic Transcripts: issued by the student's home institution
- (4) Proof Letter for ability of communication in English or Japanese
- (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) Financial Support Statement (3500USD for 1 semester /7000USD for 1 year) with the bank statement of financial supporter
- (8) A copy of your passport
- (9) Portfolio
Up to ten images/photos of your work within 8MB must send e-mail to Center for Promotion of International Exchange, Saga University. If you include moving images, that format should be 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 2026: May 15, 2026

Spring Semester Admission 2027: November 15, 2026

3) How to Apply

1. The applicant's home university will nominate candidates. The link for accepting nominated candidates will be sent from Saga University (Center for Promotion of International Exchange) to the applicant's home university's international office.

2. Applicants need to submit their application to the International Office of their home university.

3. Note to applicants: Please scan all the documents (except application for Certificate of Eligibility, which should be sent in Excel format), and send them by e-mail. Documents should be sent through the international office of your home university. We don't accept any documents sent directly by students. You don't 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 2026: Mid-July 2026

Spring Semester Admission 2027: Early-February2027

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 additionally. 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