

# Saga University Fact Sheet for Exchange Students 2023-2024

Center for Promotion of International Exchange



1. General Information	
<b>Name of University</b>	Saga University
<b>Category</b>	Comprehensive National University
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<b>University's website</b>	<a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/</a> (English) <a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/</a> (Japanese)
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<b>Number of Campuses</b>	3 (Honjo Campus, Nabeshima Campus and Arita Campus)
<b>Number of Faculties</b>	Undergraduate: 6 (Education, Economics, Art and Regional Design, Medicine, Science and Engineering, Agriculture) Graduate 6: (Teacher Education, Regional Design in Art and Economics, Medical Science, Science and Engineering, Agriculture and Advanced Health Sciences)
<b>Number of Students</b> (As of May, 2022)	Undergraduate: 5,716 Graduate: 782 International Students: 136

2. Academic Information	
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>2023 Fall Semester</b></p> <p>Classes ..... October 2 to February 5</p> <p>Winter Break... December 23 to January 7</p> <p>Exams ..... February 7 to February 14</p> <p>Spring Break ... February 16 to early April</p> <p><b>2024 Spring Semester (Tentative)</b></p> <p>Classes ..... Early April to early August</p> <p>Exams ..... Early August to mid-August</p>

	Summer Break... Mid-August to late September
<b>Period of study</b>	Students can apply for one semester or two semesters.
<b>Nomination deadline</b>	Fall 2023: May 1      Spring 2024: November 1
<b>Application deadline</b>	Fall 2023: May 15      Spring 2024: November 15
<b>Minimum GPA required</b>	GPA 2.8 /4.0 Scale
<b>Program and studentship offered for exchange students</b>	<p><a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/foreignstudent/space/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/foreignstudent/space/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SPACE-E</b> Courses are taught in English. This program is for only undergraduate students.</li> <li>● <b>SPACE-ECON</b> Courses are taught in Japanese. This program is for students who study economics in Japanese.</li> <li>● <b>SPACE-SE</b> Courses are taught in English. This is research oriented program for only graduate students of Science and Engineering.</li> <li>● <b>SPACE-ARITA</b> Courses are taught in English. Students will learn about the production of ceramics. <u>*This program is not open for all the partner universities. If some students are interested in your university, please ask us first.</u></li> <li>● <b>General Exchange Student</b> Undergraduate students and graduate students can take almost all the subjects in Japanese (with some exceptions) offered at Saga University as regular students do.</li> <li>● <b>Special Research Student</b> Students conduct research activities under supervision of professors. This is only for graduate students and students should have permission by a supervisor at Saga University beforehand.</li> </ul>
<b>Language requirement</b>	<p>1) <b>For SPACE-E/SE/ARITA</b> CEFR B2: TOEFL ITP530/IELTS5.5/TOEFL iBT72/TOEIC 740 or higher</p> <p>2) <b>For SPACE-ECON/General Exchange Student</b> Undergraduate: JLPT N2 or higher Graduate: JLPT N1 (applicable only for “General Exchange Student”)</p>

<b>Other requirement</b>	<p><b>SPACE-E:</b> Students must have completed two years of study to participate in the program if they take “Independent Study”. If they don’t take “Independent Study”, they must have completed one year of study.</p> <p><b>SPACE-ECON/General Exchange Student:</b> Students must have completed one year of study to participate in the program.</p>
<b>Application forms</b>	<p><b>SPACE-E:</b> <a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-e/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-e/</a></p> <p><b>SPACE-ECON:</b> <a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-econ/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-econ/</a></p> <p><b>SPACE-SE:</b> <a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreignstudent/space-se/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreignstudent/space-se/</a></p> <p><b>SPACE-ARITA:</b> <a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-arita/">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-arita/</a></p> <p><b>General Exchange Student:</b> <a href="http://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/interest/space-j.html">http://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/interest/space-j.html</a></p> <p><b>Special Research Student:</b> Please contact us.</p>
<b>List of required documents</b>	<p>Application form, 1 letter of recommendation, Transcript, Language Proficiency Test Result, Certificate of Enrollment, Certificate of Health, Application for Certificate or Eligibility(EXCEL format), Copy of Passport</p> <p>Portfolio (for SPACE-ARITA and SPACE-E majoring art)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>International office of home university will nominate students first and send us scanned document by email. We don't need the original documents to be sent by post.</u></li> </ul>
<b>Class Registration</b>	Upon arrival, paper based
<b>Japanese Language Course</b>	<p>Exchange students can take Japanese Language Course for free.</p> <p><a href="https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/japanese">https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/japanese</a></p>
<b>Minimum credits per semester</b>	<p>SPACE-E/SPACE-ECON/SPACE-SE: 10 credits</p> <p>SPACE-ARITA:12 credits</p> <p>General Exchange: more than 10 hours per week</p>
<b>Grading System</b>	<p>S 90-100 Excellent</p> <p>A 80-89 Good</p> <p>B 70-79 Satisfactory</p> <p>C 60-69 Pass</p> <p>F 0-59 Fail</p>
<b>Credit hour</b>	1 credit = approx. 45 hours. Credits hours consist of lectures,

	practical work, seminars, individual work in the laboratory, library or at home, and examinations or other assessment activities.
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3. Other information	
<b>Visa</b>	<p>Once you're admitted to Saga University as exchange student</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Saga University will apply for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) which is required for visa application.</li> <li>2. Once CoE is issued, Saga University will send it to you by post and you'll apply for visa at the Embassy/Consulate of Japan in your country.</li> </ol>
<b>Pick up</b>	Saga University students will pick up international students at Saga Station. Students should come to Saga Station by bus or train from Fukuoka airport or Saga airport.
<b>Housing</b>	<p>University Accommodations for International Students are a minute walk from campus. Each room has kitchen, bathroom and toilet. It comes furnished with a bed, a closet, a bookshelf, a refrigerator, a desk, a chair, a dining table and a gas-cooker, for the convenience of students setting up to live in Japan. Each floor has a laundry room. The rent is 11,000 yen per month.(Subject to change).</p> <p>Students needs to pay for utility fee (electricity, water, gas), separately.</p> <p>Even if you cannot live in university dormitory, International Office will support students to find reasonable private apartment near university.</p>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	National Health Insurance, compulsory for exchange students. It costs around 2,000 yen per month. By joining this insurance plan, students will be charged only 30% of the full medical expense.
<b>Approx. living cost per month in Saga</b>	<p>For your living in Saga, you need to prepare around 60,000~80,000 yen per month.</p> <p>Rent: 9,700 yen (dormitory), 20,000~35,000 yen (private apartment)</p> <p>Food:15,000~20,000 yen</p> <p>Electricity, water and gas:6,000~10,000 yen</p> <p>Internet and cell phone:3,000~5,000 yen</p>

	Other cost:10,000 yen
<b>Tutor (Buddy)</b>	You'll have one-to-one tutor who can help you in your daily life in Saga. Tutor will help you study Japanese, with procedures at City Hall, etc.