

International Program Application Guide

International Program is an educational program for students in the School of Design that began in the academic year of 2021. The program aims to develop the stance, attitudes, and communication skills necessary to work independently in international society and to develop human resources with specialized design knowledge and skills and a sense of identity of their own country. By studying abroad or taking equivalent courses, students will learn approaches, methods, and ideas for design that do not exist in Japan to broaden their scope of design.

This application guide will provide important points for potential applicants to consider before joining the International Program.

When in the 1st year of undergraduate:

a. Before applying for International Program, you should consider if you are able to commit to the followings:

- Go abroad for exchange in the 3rd year of undergraduate study
- Achieve the credits for four subjects required in the program in the 2nd year
 - Intellectual Property Rights: Global Perspective (Summer semester in the 2nd year)
 - Global Design Innovation (Summer semester in the 2nd year)
 - Design Pitching Skills (Autumn semester in the 2nd year)
 - Start-ups and Global Disruptors (Winter semester in the 2nd year)
- Be active in planning your overseas exchange application yourself
- Be active in doing your own research to find out more useful information and resources for exchange
- Be active in participating or organizing activities to create an inclusive student community that integrate local and international students

b. Before applying to the International Program, you should find out some possible universities that you like to go to for exchange:

Step 1 (Overseas Exchange based on Faculty-to-Faculty Level Agreement)

Firstly, we recommend you to use the information provided in the link below to start your search for university information based on your preferred major related to design.

[Geiko Global Univeristy \(Exchange major information\).xlsx](#)

After you have identified the universities of your interested, please check out the detail information provided in the Geiko Global website.

List of overseas exchange universities based on agreement at the faculty level:

https://www.gg.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/current_students/faculty-level

Step 2 (Overseas Exchange based on University-to-University Level Agreement)

In addition, you are also encouraged to find other opportunities for overseas exchange through universities' information in the Kyushu University overseas exchange website.

List of overseas exchange universities based on agreement at the university level

<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/agreeview/agree-list3.php>

When in the 2nd Year of undergraduate:

c. **When you feel very strongly about going for overseas exchange and joining the international program:**

● **Filling up the application form**

In this application form, you will need to write down your desired overseas exchange universities. Thus, it is better to find out more about exchange opportunities in overseas universities before filling up the form

To apply for the International Program, please go to this link:

https://www.gg.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/current_students_category/international-program

d. **If you are accepted into the International Program, you need to complete the following:**

● **Four compulsory subjects**

- Intellectual Property Rights (Summer semester in the 2nd year)
- Global Design Innovation (Summer semester in the 2nd year)
- Design Pitching Skills (Autumn semester in the 2nd year)
- Start-ups and Global Disruptors (Winter semester in the 2nd year)

● **Application Preparation**

You need to prepare the following documents for applying for overseas exchange:

- Study Plan
- Academic Transcript
- Certificate of Language Proficiency (the requirements of the test score are generally as follow: TOEFL ITP 550 or iBT 80, or IELST 6.0. But students should check the requirements of the host university before taking the proficiency test)

● **Register Moodle to get support**

After being accepted into the program, you will register for the “International Program (School of Design)” in Moodle, so that we may provide the following support:

- English practice: you can book an English tutor to support you in preparing for the English test. Booking of the tutor is through Moodle in the “English Test Support” section
- Consultation for portfolio: you can book a tutor to advise you when making the portfolio. Booking of the tutor is through Moodle in the “Portfolio Consultation” section
- If budget allows, we may also provide scholarships and other useful information and resources for IP students through the Moodle

e. **Applying for the overseas exchange universities**

When applying for overseas exchange, students may make plans using the following steps:

- Take note of the application deadline for the universities of your interests
- Have consultation with the faculty members in-charge of the International Program
- Have consultation with the faculty members in-charge of the respective overseas exchange universities
- For information regarding the application deadline and faculty members in-charge of the respective exchange in the overseas universities, please go to this URL:

https://www.gg.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/current_students/faculty-level