

Graduate School of Design, School of Design, Kyushu University

Exchange Program Fact Sheet

For 1st Semester (October 2025 – March 2026)

The information below is subject to change.

General Information	
Mailing Address	4-9-1 Shiobaru, Minami-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka, 815-8540, Japan
Section in charge	Student Affairs Section, Student Affairs Division, Administrative Office of Design, Kyushu University E-mail: gkggakusei@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp
Website	https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/home/
Campus	(Ohashi campus) https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/campus

Application Information	
Please note that we DO NOT accept applications directly from individual students. Only selected as a nominee at home university may apply.	
Nomination Deadline	March 10 for Fall Admission
Application Deadline	March 15 for Fall Admission
Application Result	July for Fall Admission
Exchange period	1 year (October - September), 1 semester (October - March)
Academic Calendar	https://std.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/education/calendar/
NOTE	Applicants must be enrolled in a formal degree program at their home university throughout the period of exchange at Kyushu University. Please check the expected graduation date. Students will NOT be accepted as exchange students after they graduate from their home university. In the event that the graduation date changes due to unforeseen circumstances and students graduate from their home university before the end of the exchange, the exchange will terminate according to the graduation date.

Student Exchange Category
For our exchange program, there are two categories that students can register. However, once students have selected the categories in their application, they are NOT allowed to change. The two categories are shown below. Please consider carefully before selection.
<p>●Special Auditing Student : This refers to students who want to attend classes and earn credits. They must take at least 14 credits per semester. Transcripts with course results will be issued.</p>

●Special Research Student(Master's/Doctoral students only): This refers to students who want to conduct research activities based on their own theme only. In principle, these students cannot attend courses offered in the undergraduate and graduate schools. If they attend courses, credits and grades will NOT be given. Transcripts with course results will NOT be issued.

Selection of Preferred Supervisor

- Please choose your supervisor by selecting the professor whose field is closest to your desired area of study, as listed on the Design Faculty's website. <https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/faculty/>
- Special auditing students do not receive research supervision, but they still need to select a Supervisor who will mainly act as a mentor, providing advice on course selection.

Subject Information for Special Auditing Students only

Number of credits a student must register in a semester	Students must register for subjects equivalent to at least 14 credits per semester (6 months) under Japanese Immigration Law. Therefore, students must confirm the number of credits for the subjects they wish to take in advance by checking the syllabus.
Language Use	<p>School of Design: Japanese</p> <p><u>Most of the subjects at the School of Design are offered in Japanese, and there are very few courses that are conducted in English. It is not possible to earn more than 14 credits from solely English-conducted courses.</u></p> <p>(List of Courses Conducted in English)</p> <p>https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/english</p> <p>Please check the subjects of "School of Design".</p> <hr/> <p>Graduate School of Design: Japanese and English</p> <p>(List of Courses Conducted in English)</p> <p>https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/english</p> <p>Please check the subjects of "Graduate School of Design".</p>
Timetable	<p>https://std.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/education/timetable/</p> <p>April enrollees: First Semester Class Schedule</p> <p>This varies between undergraduate and graduate schools.</p> <p>The timetable for the 2025 AY has not been published yet. Please refer to the one for the 2024 AY as a guide.</p>
Subject List	https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/curriculum/
Syllabus	<p>To search the syllabus in the English version, please take the following 4 steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access the URL below. https://syllabus.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ 2. Click "Click here" on the above page. 3. Choose "English" at the top right corner and choose "Search by Course Title"

	<p>in the box of "Syllabus Search."</p> <p>4. Choose the "Department." Please select "School of Design or Graduate School of Design." <u>Undergraduate students can only register for subjects in the School of Design.</u></p> <p>* If students cannot find the syllabus of the course, they can enter the course title in Japanese. They will be able to view the syllabus in both languages.</p>
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Required Documents for Application	
Academic Transcript	Transcripts must include a description of the academic grading system (e.g., A: 90% above). If the transcripts are in a language other than English or Japanese, students must submit an English or Japanese translation.
Letter of Recommendation	The Letter of Recommendation must be written in English or Japanese by the student's academic advisor at their home university. <u>Documents prepared by administrative staff cannot be accepted.</u>
Language Proficiency Certification	If students wish to study in English, please submit their scores in English. If students wish to study in Japanese, please submit their scores in Japanese. If students are unable to submit the certificate, they will need to ask their academic supervisor at their home university to prepare a document stating that they have sufficient English and/or Japanese language proficiency to take classes at Kyushu University. <u>Documents prepared by administrative staff cannot be accepted.</u>
Portfolio (if any)	If any
ID photo (Taken within 6 months)	It will be used for the creation of the student ID card.
Passport Copy	
NOTE: Please note that all required documents should be written in English or Japanese. If the documents are written in a language other than English or Japanese, students must submit an English or Japanese translation.	

Miscellaneous Information	
Support Services for International Students	<p>Kyushu University offers various kinds of support for international students, which is beneficial for new incoming students as well.</p> <p>Regarding the Visa/Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CoE), the relevant information on the application procedure will be provided to successful applicants via email.</p>
Housing	<p>Dormitories are available for exchange students.</p> <p>https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/housing</p>

	<p>*If applicants' enrollment period is until September/March, they are required to leave on-campus accommodation before the end of August/February due to the preparation of students coming next semester. Please check the website above for further information.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living per Month	<p>Please refer to the following to understand how much it costs to live in Fukuoka.</p> <p>https://www.gg.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/prospective_students/living-expenses-in-fukuoka</p> <p>*Emergency Secure Plan (ESP)</p> <p>https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/page-019</p> <p>International students who are enrolled in Kyushu University are required to join the "Emergency Secure Plan (ESP)" and pay the membership fee</p>
Health Insurance	<p>All international students are required to subscribe to the National Health Insurance (NHI) Plan during the study period. By paying monthly premiums, subscribers only pay 30% of their medical expenses.</p> <p>*In addition, we recommend that exchange students consider buying travel insurance for emergency-related evacuation and repatriation costs, which NHI does not cover.</p>
Information on Student Exchanges (Geiko Global)	<p>For more information on student exchanges and exchange students' experiences, please refer to the "Prospective students" on the right of the following website.</p> <p>https://www.gg.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en</p>
Latest News	<p>Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest activities on campus.</p>



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