

Saga University Fact Sheet for Exchange Students 2026-2027

Center for Promotion of International Exchange



1. General Information	
Name of University	Saga University
Category	Comprehensive National University
Mailing Address	Center for Promotion of International Exchange Saga University 1 Honjo, SAGA, 840-8502, Japan
University's website	https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ (English) https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/ (Japanese)
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Number of Campuses	3 (Honjo Campus, Nabeshima Campus and Arita Campus)
Number of Faculties	Undergraduate: 7 (Education, Economics, Art and Regional Design, Medicine, Science and Engineering, Agriculture, Cosmetic Science) Graduate 6: (Teacher Education, Regional Design in Art and Economics, Medical Science, Science and Engineering, Agriculture and Advanced Health Sciences) <u>*Faculty of Medicine doesn't accept exchange students nor offers any subjects for them.</u>
Number of Students (As of May, 2025)	Undergraduate: 5,787 Graduate: 827 International Students: 199

2. Academic Information	
Academic Calendar	2026 Fall Semester Classes October 1 to February 4 Winter Break December 25 to January 7 Exam February 8 to 15 Spring Break February 17 to early April

	<p>2027 Spring Semester (tentative):</p> <p>Classes early April to late July</p> <p>Exams late July and early August</p> <p>Summer Break early August to September 30</p>
Period of study	<p>Students can apply for one semester or two semesters.</p> <p>*SPACE-ARITA will accept students only for one semester.</p>
Nomination deadline	<p>Fall 2026: May 1,2026</p> <p>Spring 2027: November 1,2026</p>
Application deadline	<p>Fall 2026: May 15,2026</p> <p>Spring 2027: November 15,2026</p>
Minimum GPA required	GPA 2.8 /4.0 Scale
Program and studentship offered for exchange students	<p>https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/foreignstudent/space/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SPACE-SAGA Courses are taught in English. This program is for only undergraduate students. ● SPACE-ECON Courses are taught in Japanese. This program is for students who study economics in Japanese. ● SPACE-SE-B Courses are taught in English. This program is for only undergraduate students of Science and Engineering. ● SPACE-SE-G Courses are taught in English. This is research oriented program for only graduate students of Science and Engineering. ● SPACE-AG Courses are taught in English. This program is for only undergraduate students of Agriculture. ● SPACE-ARITA 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> ● General Exchange Student Undergraduate students and graduate students can take almost all the subjects in Japanese (with some exceptions) offered at Saga

	<p>University as regular students do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Research Student <p>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.</p>
Language requirement	<p>1) For SPACE-SAGA/SE/ARITA/AG CEFR B2: TOEFL ITP530/IELTS5.5/TOEFL iBT72/TOEIC 740 or higher</p> <p>2) For SPACE-ECON/General Exchange Student Undergraduate: JLPT N2 or higher Graduate: JLPT N1 (applicable only for “General Exchange Student”)</p>
Other requirement	<p>SPACE-SAGA/ECON/General Exchange Student: Students must have completed one year of study</p> <p>SPACE-SE/ARITA/AG: Students must have completed two years of study to participate in the program.</p>
Application guidelines and application forms	<p>SPACE-SAGA: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreignstudent/space-saga/</p> <p>SPACE-ECON: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-econ/</p> <p>SPACE-SE-B: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreignstudent/space-se/</p> <p>SPACE-SE-G: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreignstudent/space-se/</p> <p>SPACE-ARITA: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-arita/</p> <p>SPACE-AG: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-ag/</p> <p>General Exchange Student: https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreignstudent/space-j/</p> <p>Special Research Student: Please contact us.</p>
List of required documents	<p>Application form, 1 letter of recommendation, Transcript, Language Proficiency Test Result, Certificate of Enrollment, Certificate of Health, Application for Certificate or Eligibility(<u>EXCEL format</u>), Financial support certificate, Copy of Passport</p>

	<p>Portfolio (for SPACE-ARITA), Consent of acceptance (SPACE-SE/AG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>International office of home university will nominate students first and send us scanned document according to our instruction. We don't need the original documents to be sent by post.</u>
Class Registration	We'll explain students how to register classes upon arrival.
Japanese Language Course	Exchange students can take Japanese Language Course for free. https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/japanese
Minimum credits per semester	SPACE-SAGA/ ECON/SE/AG: 10 credits SPACE-ARITA:12 credits General Exchange: more than 10 hours per week
Grading System	<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>
Credit hour	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.

3. Other information

Visa	<p>Once you're admitted to Saga University as exchange student</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saga University will apply for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) which is required for visa application. 2. Once CoE is issued, Saga University will send it to you by email and you'll apply for visa at the Embassy/Consulate of Japan in your country.
Pick up	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.
Housing	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

	<p>a laundry room. The rent is 11,000 yen per month.</p> <p>You can use WIFI in your room.</p> <p>You will pay for the charge of room cleaning of 14,000 yen when you enter.</p> <p><u>First month: 11,000 yen+14,000 yen =25,000 yen</u></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>
Insurance	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Comprehensive Insurance for Students is also compulsory for exchange students, which covers Indemnity Liability and Rescuer expenses.</u></p> <p><u>For one semester (6 months) around 2,500 yen and for one year (12 months) around 3,000 yen. Students will purchase it upon arrival.</u></p>
Approx. living cost per month in Saga	<p>For your living in Saga, you need to prepare around 60,000~80,000 yen per month.</p> <p>Rent: 11,000 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> <p>Other cost:10,000 yen</p>
Tutor (Buddy)	<p>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.</p>