


Kyushu University

Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture

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	Programme Name
	International Graduate Programs (IGP)
	Degrees
	Master of Science
	Credits and years required to graduate
	30 Credits, 2 Years
	Math Exam
	Required
	Acceptance Quota
	2 students per batch

Web Links

- University:
<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>
- Graduate School:
<http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/>
- JDS Kyushu University homepage:
<http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/international/graduate/jds/>
- Course/Programme:
<http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/international/graduate/jds/course/outline.html>
- International Student Support:
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/>

Features of the University

Founded in 1911, Kyushu University is a leading research-oriented institute of higher education in Fukuoka, which is historically renowned as Japan's gateway to Asia for profound cultural and economic interactions due to its geographical proximity to continental Asia. The University celebrated its first centennial anniversary in 2011 and is taking bold steps forward into its second century. With an enrollment of nearly 20,000 students, it is comprised of 12 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools, 17 faculties, 5 research institutes, and a hospital, as well as over 50 affiliated research centers. The University's 12th undergraduate school, the School of Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation was launched in April 2018. The international student population is more than 2,300, representing about

100 countries and reflecting our steadfast commitment to internationalization.

Features of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences has two graduate education programs: the standard Japanese taught program and the English taught special program for international students, the International Graduate Program (IGP), which was introduced in October 1994. The IGP focuses on international development research and geared toward international students.

The IGP has the Master's course. Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded a Master of Science (M.Sc). The IGP follows a four-quarter system. Master's course starts with the autumn term in October.

Features of the Programme

The Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences is composed of 73 laboratories covering wide range of research fields including plant breeding particularly on rice, production of high quality fruit trees and vegetables, agriculture of environmental conservation type, integrated pest control, plant pathology such as plant protection, sustainable agricultural production environment suitable for natural resource management and environmental protection, agricultural meteorology, irrigation, maintenance of agricultural environment such as water utilization technology, high-quality production technology for IT-driven agricultural products, postharvest technology, inspection technology for agricultural

products, livestock and fisheries technology, as well as agricultural economics, agricultural policy, farmer management, rural development and spreading of agriculture.

Students of the International Graduate Programs (IGP) belong to one of the following four departments and conduct their thesis research: Department of Bioresource Sciences, Department of Agro-environmental Sciences, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology. In addition to class works of the regular curriculum, our graduate school provides the 'JICA Program with Universities for Development Studies (JProUD)', which is part of a minor program for all graduate students, and are compulsory subjects for JDS students. This program offers an opportunity to learn alongside Japanese students about actual problems faced by Japan in the development of the country as well as the solutions used to overcome these issues.

Contents of Program

1. Pre-arrival program
Supervision on preparation about the learning material and study contents
2. During the graduate program
 - 1) Course work (regular curriculum of the degree program): JDS fellows enrol the International Graduate Program of Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences at Kyushu University.
 - 2) Special programs: the JDS committee at Kyushu University run a special program for the JDS fellows including various site visits, research skill seminars, and welcome/ farewell parties.
 - 3) After returning home
 - Follow-up seminars (held locally or online)
 - Alumni network

Curriculum

Students are required to complete an eight-quarter coursework over a two-year period. The course consists of lectures, practical work, seminars, and tutorials. Students must obtain 30 credits with a minimum passing grade of 60%. Students will be awarded the Master of Science (M.Sc) on completion of a satisfactory thesis.

List of Courses:

<http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/international/graduate/jds/course/course-work.html>

List of faculty members:

<https://hyoka.ofc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/search/organization/03160000/english.html>

Student Support System

- International Student and Researcher Support Center
When you need to prepare documents and submit them to public offices in order to study in Japan, including those needed for the Immigration Bureau, want to rent an apartment, or need help with any other documents or procedures, the International Student and Researcher Support Center located on each campus always stands by to help you. Please visit the International Student and Researcher Support Center website for more information:
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/>
- Student Accident Insurance
The Student Accident Insurance scheme is a nationwide mutual aid system applicable to areas such as physical injuries occurring during your academic day, official programs, and extracurricular activities. To join the Student Accident Insurance Plan, an initial fee must be paid at the time of matriculation.
- Health and counselling
The Center for Health Sciences and Counselling offers physical and psychological care services, and counselling and guidance for all students and staff of Kyushu University. The main office is located in the Center Zone 2 in the Ito campus.
<https://www.chc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/~webpage/english/>
- Accommodation
Students enrolled in the course are guaranteed a furnished single room with a private bathroom and balcony at the Kyushu University International Students House (KUIISH), or rooms provided by other institutions with which the university has an accommodation agreement, for the first six months after arrival at Kyushu University. More detailed information on housing is available at the following website:
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/housing>
Japanese Training Courses at International Student Center (Non-credit) courses are designed for extra-curricular, training purposes for those who has interest learning Japanese language as a beginner or in continuing to develop your proficiency in Japanese while pursuing the regular academic work of your major or specialization.
<https://isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/jtcs/>