KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY

Campus Life Guide Book

Get Started!
KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR
TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITY PROJECT

In 2014, Japanese Government “MEXT” selected 37 universities for the ‘TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITY PROJECT’ including KU. It means KU has been officially recognized as one of the leaders in the globalization of Japanese universities. KU will receive intensive support from the Japanese government for the next 10 years.

Kanazawa University Facts & Figures

1. The 4th Largest Campus in Japan: 2,667,258㎡
2. Number of Students: 10,328
3. International Students: 495
4. Enrollment Includes Students from 42 countries/region
5. International Partner Institutions: 192
6. Number of Books: 1.86 million
7. Number of University Staffs: 3,793
8. Budget for 2012 Fiscal Year: 53,356 million yen
9. Journal Citation Ranking: 20th
10. University Hospital: 32 clinics

As of May 1, 2014
A Brief Introduction of Kanazawa University

1862  Third oldest university in Japan
Began with a Vaccination Center

1949  The birth of the new Kanazawa University
Its main campus was located inside Kanazawa Castle. The University soon gained fame around the country as the “university in the castle,” where students could pass through the great castle gate on their way to classes, feeling like samurai warriors.

1995  Kanazawa University Main Campus is relocated to Kakuma

2008  The faculties system is replaced by 3 colleges and 16 schools

2012  150 years since our origin
## Colleges, Schools, and Graduate Schools

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Course in Human Sciences  
Course in Field Study of Cultures  
Course in History and Culture  
Course in Linguistics and Literature |
| **School of Law** | Course in Public Law and Policy Studies  
Course in Business Law Studies  
Course in Advanced Legal Studies |
| **School of Economics** | Course in Economic Theory and Policy  
Course in Business Administration and Information  
Course in Comparative Studies of Social and Economic Systems |
| **School of Teacher Education** | Course in Educational Science  
Course in Curriculum Studies |
| **School of Regional Development Studies** | Course in Welfare Management  
Course in Environmental Coexistence  
Course in Regional Planning  
Course in Health and Sport Science |
| **School of International Studies** | Course in Global Studies  
Course in Japanese Studies  
Course in Asian Studies  
Course in American British Studies  
Course in European Studies |
| **School of Mathematics and Physics** | Course in Mathematics  
Course in Physics  
Course in Computational Science |
| **School of Chemistry** | Course in Chemistry  
Course in Applied Chemistry |
| **School of Mechanical Engineering** | Course in Advanced Mechanical Engineering  
Course in Intelligent Mechanical Engineering  
Course in Human and Mechanical Systems Engineering  
Course in Energy and Environmental Engineering |
| **School of Electrical and Computer Engineering** | Course in Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
Course in Information and Systems Engineering  
Course in Bioinformatics |
| **School of Environmental Design** | Course in Civil Engineering  
Course in Environment and Disaster Prevention  
Course in Urban and Transportation Design |
| **School of Natural System** | Course in Biology  
Course in Bioengineering  
Course in Chemical and Material Engineering  
Course in Earth Science |
| **School of Medicine** |  |
| **School of Pharmacy** |  |
| **School of Pharmaceutical Sciences** |  |
| **School of Health Sciences** | Department of Nursing  
Department of Radiological Technology  
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## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

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*denotes Doctoral courses, ◆ denotes collaborative courses, ★ denotes jointly offered courses
How to be an International Student of KU?

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho, MEXT) Scholarship Students
As can be seen in the chart below, there are mainly four types of Japanese government-sponsored scholarships available under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship program to study at Kanazawa University. Also, Japanese government scholarship students are recruited and selected in three ways.

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Useful Information>> STUDY IN JAPAN

Privately Financed Foreign Students
Undergraduate students
Language of instruction is only Japanese. Applicants will be evaluated according to different standards than those for Japanese students, based on the results of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), an achievement test and inspection of relevant documents.
http://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/enter/admission/index.html

Graduate Students
Please see page 7 for general flow of screening and entrance examination for degree students and non-degree students

Foreign-government Sponsored Students
We have received students from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, etc.

Exchange Students
These programs are designed for students from the institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University who intend to study at Kanazawa University for one semester up to one year. While remaining enrolled at their home institutions, they study in a non-degree program at Kanazawa University for the purpose of taking credited classes or participating in independent research under the guidance of a supervisor.

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| Contents | - Japanese language classes  
- Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society  
- Various elective courses on affairs in Japan and other topics | - Japanese language classes  
- (upper-intermediate to advanced level)  
- Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society  
- Seminars: Language Culture, Survey and Training, Completion Research | - Admitted in one of the colleges of Human and Social Sciences.  
- or  
- Admitted in Graduate School of Education or Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environmental Studies. | - Japanese language classes  
- Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society  
- Various elective courses on affairs in Japan and other topics | - Research activity at a laboratory  
- Japanese language classes  
- Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society |
| Language of instruction | English (and Japanese) | Japanese | English or Japanese | English (and Japanese) | English (and Japanese) |
| Period | One year | One year | One year or one semester | One semester | One year or one semester |
Find Your Supervisor!

Directory of Researchers


Graduate School's Web Page

Graduate School of Education
http://grad.ed.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/english/

Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environmental Studies
http://human-socio.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/

Graduate School of Natural Science & Technology
http://www.nst.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/eng/

Graduate School of Medical Sciences
http://www.m.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/eng/

Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences)
http://www.p.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/e/

Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Health Sciences)
http://mhs3.mp.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/eng/

General Flow Chart of Graduate Admission

degree and non-degree(research) students

Find a prospective academic advisor

Did you receive approval from the prospective academic advisor?

Yes

Do you want to get a degree?

Yes

Do you live in Japan?

Yes

Apply for acceptance as a degree student

Entrance examination

No

Find another academic advisor in another field or university

No

Do you want to get a degree?

Yes

Submit an application for acceptance as a research student

Screened by documents and an interview

To become a degree student after completion of the research period

Note: Conditions and flows are subject to change depending on each cases.
Kanazawa balances the unique character of its cultural history with the conveniences of a modern city.

**A city of tradition and beauty**

Kanazawa began to take shape during the Edo Period (1603-1867) at the hands of the Maeda clan who ruled the region. In its prime, the city was Japan’s 4th largest city after Edo, Osaka, and Kyoto, boasting a population of 1,000,000. The heritage and scenic beauty from this prosperous time remain in the city where they continue to attract people from all over the world.

This rich culture has permeated the lives of citizen while the policies of the Maeda clan continue to raise citizens’ interest in arts and crafts. The multitudes of traditional industries live on in the new generation.

**A city of colleges and students**

There are 19 institutions of higher education in the Ishikawa Prefecture, giving it the 2nd highest per capita after Kyoto, and the 5th highest number of university students. This rich academic tradition goes back to the Meiji Period, when the government began opening schools to educate the future elite of the country. Kanazawa University began as the first such institution established on the Sea of Japan, which attracted the brightest and best students in the literary arts.

**A city of comfort and convenience**

Ishikawa Prefecture has a population of 1,160,000, and 450,000 call Kanazawa their home. As the capital city located in the center of its prefecture, Kanazawa is the heart of politics, culture, and economics for the Hokuriku Region. The surrounding mountains and oceans afford breathtaking ambiance, while its fresh seafood and indigenous local vegetables tantalize your taste buds.
A city rich in the expressions of nature

Kanazawa enjoys four clearly defined seasons that paint the already stunning landscape with vibrant strokes. Springs and summers are pleasant, and the year-round moisture has seeped into the industry, crafts, and culture.

A city rich in tourism and the arts

In January 2009, several government ministries certified Kanazawa and four other cities as Level One Historic Cities. In June of the same year it became the 17th member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, the 3rd in Japan after Nagoya and Kobe, for its renaissance in the arts and music. Its professional performing group, the Orchestra Ensemble Kanazawa, has earned high praise for its performances overseas.

A city of abundant nature and traditional architecture

Another factor that led to the flourishing of traditional culture in Kanazawa is the region’s distinctive scenery in each of the four seasons. Seasonal changes keep life interesting — in spring cherry blossoms color the city pink; in summer sweetfish dance in clear streams; in fall crimson foliage resembles swaths of brocade; in winter the world turns white. In addition to two large gently flowing rivers, Saigawa River and Asanogawa River, a network of water canals runs through the city, making a pleasant babbling sound. Because Kanazawa was not damaged by the war, it still has historical and cultural buildings that are over 400 years old. When you stroll around town, you will find old temples, shrines, and merchant houses with lattice doors. Because Kanazawa has many sightseeing spots such as Kenrokuen Garden — one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan, Kanazawa Castle and samurai houses, it is also a tourist city.
Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society

Outlines
The International Student Center offers an opportunity to learn, through hands-on experiences, about the culture and society of Japan in the "Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society program."
This program consists of fifteen courses such as Budō, Japanese Art Performance and Music, and Pottery. It is open to both international and Japanese students, so that both can interact with each other through coming into contact with the traditional culture and society of Japan and deepening their understanding in terms of both knowledge and experiences.

Eligible students
1) International students who belong to the International Student Center
2) All other students, international or domestic, from other departments and faculties

Extracurricular Activities

Outlines
Extracurricular cultural activities such as Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy and Flower Arrangement are specially prepared for international students who particularly wish to get deeper understanding of traditional Japanese culture. An exhibition showcasing their work is held in July.

Eligible students
Mainly international students at Kanazawa University
Integrated Japanese Language Program

What is the Integrated Japanese Language Program?
We offer Japanese classes to our undergraduate and graduate students.

In general, all international students enrolled at Kanazawa University are eligible for this program, which is held in the spring (April - September) and autumn (October - March) semesters. It offers a wide range of classes that cater to all levels of Japanese language ability, from beginners to advanced.

The aim of the IJLP is to improve students’ Japanese language ability to help them fit into university and life in Japan. The ultimate goal, of course, is to give them enough language ability to be able to understand lectures in Japanese.

Eligible Students
Any international students enrolled at Kanazawa University (undergraduates, graduates, research students, auditors, etc.) whose native language is not Japanese are eligible.

Curriculum
This program consists of comprehensive classes, kanji classes and skill-specific classes. Students can select the appropriate level to fit their needs in each area.

- Comprehensive classes: Seven different levels, from zero (never studied Japanese before) to advanced. Learn Japanese comprehensively in a class that matches your own level.
- Kanji classes: Divided into difficulty levels, students learn how to read and write kanji, and how to use kanji vocabulary.
- Skill-specific classes: A range of classes for the four different skills of “talking,” “listening,” “writing,” and “reading.” Students can choose the class that best suits their learning goals and level.

Tutor System
Tutors are Japanese students who assist international students with their studies, living arrangements, and inter-personal relationships so that they can focus on their studies and social life. For example, tutors offer Japanese language support, help with submitting documents, and advise about life in Japan. They are an invaluable resource for international students getting used to life in Japan. They meet generally once or twice a week. Tutors will be your first friends in Japan!

The mentor period lasts for 2 years for undergraduate students and 1 year for graduate students.
Living in Kanazawa

**FOOD**
We have everything, from well-stocked supermarkets to ethnic dining.
Preparing your own meals with the clever use of supermarket ingredients is the basis of a healthy and economic diet. But who wants to eat at home every night? Around campus you’ll find no shortage of restaurants that fill you up without emptying your wallet. Make each meal an adventure!

**SHOPPING**
Foods stores, apparel shops, electronics stores and pharmacies have your needs covered.
Foods stores, apparel shops, electronics stores, pharmacies, and hardware stores close to campus have everything you need at affordable prices.

**DOWNTOWN**
Town guide close to the heart of downtown.
Getting from campus to where the action is couldn’t be easier. Kanazawa’s colorful downtown area is the talk of the town.

**TRANSPORTATION**
A student’s best friend!
Kanazawa University has excellent access by public bus, and there are 3 bus stops on campus. This makes the access to campus very simple.

**HOSPITAL**
Peace of mind in emergency!
National Health Insurance
All foreign nationals who stay in Japan longer than 3 months are required to join the National Health Insurance system. This insurance covers about 70% of the medical charges, including hospitalization.

**Living Expense**
Example of breakdown per month
- Rent 30,000 yen ~ 50,000 yen
- Utility (Electric/Water/Gas) around 10,000 yen (depends on the season)
- Food 25,000 yen ~ 30,000 yen
- Other expense 30,000 yen ~ 40,000 yen
Tuition and Accommodation

### Degree Students

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<td>Tuition (Annual)</td>
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*Tuition Exemptions

Students enrolled in the undergraduate or graduate programs with financial difficulties but exemplary records are eligible for tuition exemption (complete or partial).

### Non-degree Students

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<td>Admission</td>
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<td>14,800yen/unit</td>
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Basically, the period of residence in each accommodation is 6 ~ 12 months.

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<td>Kanazawa University Student Dormitory “Sakigake”</td>
<td>On Campus (Kakuma)</td>
<td>- Share house (Single gender housing) - 8 students share 1 unit (single persons); Shared with students of various nationalities including Japanese.</td>
<td>- New international students</td>
<td>Around 30,000yen ~ 40,000yen</td>
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<td>Kanazawa University International House (Main building)</td>
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<td>- Single Room (with small kitchen, shower room and toilet.) - New international researcher (negotiable)</td>
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*Fees include room charge, utility fee and internet fee.

### Private Housing

When you live in Kanazawa, the rent varies according to each housing (by size, location etc.) and the approximate total living cost is around 80,000 yen ~ 100,000 yen per month. Please plan how to cover your living cost financially before coming to Kanazawa.
Access to Kanazawa

- College of Science and Engineering
- Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Division of Pharmacy
- Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Access to Kanazawa in Japan

- College of Human and Social Sciences
- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environmental Studies
- Law School
- College of Science and Engineering
- Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Division of Pharmacy
- Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Tourist information

Kanazawa University

Kanazawa in Japan

Access to Kanazawa

- Tokyo
  - Airplane: 1 h
  - Bus: 40 min
- Osaka
  - Train: 2 h 40 min
- Tokyo
  - Bus: 35 min
- Osaka
  - Bus: 20 min

In 2015, the Hokuriku Shinkansen line started operation!