KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY

Campus Life Guide Book

Get Started!
Over its 150-year history, our school has stood as one of the intellectual hubs of East Asia. Our campus surrounded by nature has everything needed for your studies.

Kanazawa University Facts & Figures

1. The 4th Largest Campus in Japan: 2,667,258㎡
2. Number of Students: 10,431
3. International Students: 497
4. Enrollment Includes Students from 36 countries/region
5. International Partner Institutions: 174
6. Number of Books: 1.84 million
7. Number of University Staffs: 3,775
8. Budget for 2012 Fiscal Year: 52,657 million yen
9. Journal Citation Ranking: 20th
10. University Hospital: 31 clinics

As of May 1, 2013
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 of Field Study of Cultures  
Course of History  
Course of Linguistics and Literature |
| School of Law | Course of Public Law and Policy Studies  
Course of Business Law Studies  
Course of Advanced Legal Studies |
| School of Economics | Economic Theory and Policy Course  
Business Administration and Information Course  
Comparative Studies of Social and Economic Systems Course |
| School of Teacher Education | Course in Educational Science  
Course in Curriculum Studies |
| School of Regional Development Studies | Welfare Management Course  
Environmental Coexistence Course  
Regional Planning Course  
Health and Sport Science Course |
| School of International Studies | Global Studies Course  
Japanese Studies Course  
Asian Studies Course  
American–British Studies Course  
European Studies Course |
| **College of Science and Engineering** | |
| School of Mathematics and Physics | Mathematics Course  
Physics Course  
Computational Science Course |
| School of Chemistry | Chemistry Course  
Applied Chemistry Course |
| School of Mechanical Engineering | Advanced Mechanical Engineering Course  
Intelligent Mechanical Engineering Course  
Human and Mechanical Systems Engineering Course  
Energy and Environmental Engineering Course |
| School of Electrical and Computer Engineering | Electrical and Electronic Engineering Course  
Information and Systems Engineering Course  
Bioinformatics Course |
| School of Environmental Design | Civil Engineering Course  
Environment and Disaster Prevention Course  
Urban and Transportation Design Course |
| School of Natural System | Biology Course  
Bioengineering Course  
Chemical and Material Engineering Course  
Earth Science Course |
| **College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences** | |
| School of Pharmacy | |
| School of Medical Sciences | |
| School of Health Sciences | Department of Nursing  
Department of Radiological Technology  
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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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<td>- Japanese language classes (upper-intermediate to advanced level) - Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society - Seminars: Japanese Culture, Survey and Training, Completion Research</td>
<td>- Admitted in one of the colleges and take courses in Japanese. or - Admitted in one of the graduate schools and carry out their research in Japanese or English.</td>
<td>- 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</td>
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<td>One year or one semester</td>
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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/index.html
Graduate School of Natural Science & Technology  ➤ http://www.nst.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html
Graduate School of Medical Sciences  ➤ http://www.m.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html
Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences)  ➤ http://www.p.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/e/index.html
Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Health Sciences)  ➤ http://mhs3.mp.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html

**General Flow Chart of Graduate Admission**

1. **Find a prospective academic advisor**
2. Did you receive approval from the prospective academic advisor?
   - No  ➤ Find another academic advisor in another field or university
   - Yes  ➤ Continue
3. Do you want to get a degree?
   - No  ➤ Submit an application for acceptance as a research student
   - Yes  ➤ Continue
4. Do you live in Japan?
   - No  ➤ To become a degree student after completion of the research period
   - Yes  ➤ Apply for acceptance as a degree student
5. Entrance examination

Note: Conditions and flows are subject to change depending on each cases.
What Makes Kanazawa Special?

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.
Study in Kanazawa

Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society

Outlines
“Experiences in Japanese Culture and Society” is the name given to a number of courses on Japanese culture and society held by the Kanazawa University International Student Center.

Eligible students
The main intake will be from students in the short-term exchange programs run by the Kanazawa University International Student Center. (*) In addition, some classes will also admit Japanese students with priority, open to the entire student body of the university. (Changes each academic year)

(*) As of the 2012 academic year, these are the five programs of KUSEP: the Japanese Language & Culture Program, the Semester Program, the Intensive Japanese Language Program, and the Korea-Japan Joint Program for Science & Engineers

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 each July.

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

What is the Integrated Japanese Language Program?
The Integrated Japanese Language Program (IJLP) started in the autumn semester of 1998. We offer supplementary Japanese classes to our undergraduate and graduate students, and this program was designed as a Japanese language course to allow students taking the supplementary Japanese classes.

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
As a rule, any international student enrolled at Kanazawa University (undergraduate, graduate, research, auditor, 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

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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.
Tuition and Accommodation

Degree Students

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<td>Admission</td>
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<td>Tuition (Annual)</td>
<td>14,800yen/unit</td>
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List of Accommodations at Kanazawa University

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>
<td>On Campus (Kakuma)</td>
<td>・ Single Room (with small kitchen, shower room and toilet.)</td>
<td>・ New international students ・ New international researcher (negotiable)</td>
<td>Around 30,000yen – 40,000yen</td>
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<td>Kanazawa University International House ANNEX (Male only)</td>
<td>Kanazawa, Yayoi</td>
<td>・ Single Room (Share kitchen, shower room and toilet with other residents.)</td>
<td>・ New international students</td>
<td>Around 18,000yen</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.