

Kyushu University

Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences

Graduate School code: 24

Web site: [http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/]

1. Graduate School code	24			
2. Maximum number of participants	2 participants per year			
3. Fields of Study	□Environmental Science □Marine Science □Meteorology □Natural Disaster/ Disaster Prevention Science □Tourism □Politics □Economics □Sociology □Education □Engineering ■Agriculture (incl. Fisheries) □Geology □ICT □Medical Science □Others()			
Sub Fields	Irrigation, Water and Soil Management, Crop Science, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Food Science, Livestock Science, Marine Fisheries Science, Forest Resources, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Other Agricultural Fields (Animal Science, Sustainable Bioresource Science, Agricultural Economics)			
4. Program and Degree	Program Degree		rnational Development Research Course ster of Science	
5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)	2 years as a Master's Student			
6. Language of Program	English			
7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background	Linguistic Ability		TOEFL iBT:80, PBT:550	
	EJU, IELTS, GRE of else		Necessary Academic background: Bachelor's degree	
8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)	Student Section of Faculty of Agriculture: noggakus@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp			
9. Website	http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/			
10. Professors and Associated Professors	Name	Name Research Subject, Contact (e-mail), Special message for the Future students		
	Please see the following website for the detailed information of each member: http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/about/faculty/			
11. Features of University	Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka which is Kyushu's largest city, and has 5 campuses (Ito, Hospital, Chikushi, Ohashi and Beppu (Oita prefecture)). Our university was established in 1911 as Japan's fourth imperial university, and since then we have developed as one of Japan's leading universities, and we have watched over the graduation of innumerable			

students of exceptional talent.

Our university has been striding for internationalization and as a result, we were selected for inclusion in the Top Global University Project administered by MEXT. It is designated a Type A(superior) grantee, the category for universities conducting world-class education and research that have the potential to be counted among the World University Rankings first 100 institutions.

For the further information about the university, please refer to the website: http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/

12. Features of Graduate School

The Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences emphasizes the role of agricultural sciences in overcoming challenges related to global food security and the environment, contributing to global progress in maintaining a stable supply of food and resources, environmental conservation, and promotion of health and welfare. To this end, the school's leading researchers and specialists are highly knowledgeable in the fields of life science, environmental science and socioeconomics.

The International Development Research Course strives to build on the capacity attained in the above fields for international students from developed and developing countries aiming to contribute to global sustainable development. The master's program emphasizes acquisition of synthetic and practical abilities, while the doctoral program promotes specialty-specific and creative scientific abilities.

The International Development Research Course is designed to enhance their knowledge on both academic and cultural experience at Kyushu University. It filled with a number of academic activities that inspire you academically while allowing you to explore Japanese culture and to enjoy campus life during your study.

[Features of the program]

- Special lectures/seminars/workshops on the domestic/international/regional issues*,
- 2. Special seminars by international guest scholars
- 3. Well-provided facility with basic equipment for the classes and research,
- 4. Special supplementary lessons for the needy students,
- 5. Individual tutoring assistance for the foreign student system.

(*These are taught by both Kyushu University faculty as well as invited foreign scholars during the intensive lectures. The uniqueness and the specific information and technology are provided for individual regional developments).

13. Features and Curriculum of Program

1) International Seminar

We invite well-known researchers from all over the world. This is a great opportunity to hear about their research, and also a good chance to discuss it with them personally.

Recent seminar titles are, "New Challenges of ODS for Agricultural Development Schemes in Recipient Countries" in 2012, and "Contemporary Issues in East Asian Agriculture, its Market, Environment, and GIAHS" in 2013. This will be one of the most exciting experiences you will have in your academic career.

2) Research Skills Seminar

We will help you get started on your research as smoothly as possible. We have several research seminars such as survey methodology, writing skills, and presentation practice.

3) Research Trip

Based on the student requests, we organize research trips and visit to recycling of organic waste, bio-gas production facilities as well as water resources management facility. This is an exciting opportunity to get to know and see the leading technology in biomass and water related civil engineering as a future technological leader in your home countries.

4) Life in Kyushu University

Life in Kyushu University Academic life at Kyushu University is intense as well as warm and welcoming.

Post-program

1. Guidance of the journal article submission

Supervisors will continue to guide you and support you to submit a journal article based on data and analysis conducted during the program

2. Network building

The graduate of the graduate course program at Kyushu university continue to get updated information of activities as well as that of alumina via Kyushu University homepage and Facebook

[Curriculum of the program]

The International Development Research Course follows a two-semester system, starting with the autumn term in October, followed by the spring term. Students are also required to complete four semesters of 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%.

Please refer to the following website for the details:

http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/international/graduate/overview/master/index.html

-Compulsory Subjects-

Master's Thesis Research I

Master's Thesis Research II

Seminar in a Specified Field I

Seminar in a Specified Field II

Seminar in a Specified Field III

-Module Subjects

Fundamentals of Agricultural Sciences I (Basic Statistics)

Fundamentals of Agricultural Sciences II (Advanced Statistics)

Biological Resources: Utilization and Conservation

Soil and Water Environment

Current Topics in Agriculture and Food Environment

Agricultural English I (Presentation Skill)

Agricultural English II (Paper Writing Skill)

Special Lecture on International Development I

Special Lecture on International Development II

International Rural Development

Rural Survey Methodology

Advanced Technology in Agriculture Food Science and Food System -Specialized Subjects-Agricultural Bioresource Sciences Animal & Marine Bioresource Sciences Forest and Forest Products Sciences **Bioproduction Environmental Sciences** Agronomy and Environmental Sciences Agricultural and Resource Economics Molecular Biosciences Systems Biology Applied Molecular Microbiology and Biomass Chemistry Food Science & Biotechnology -PBL Subjects-Agricultural Problem-Based Learning I Agricultural Problem-Based Learning II -Communication Subjects-Business Japanese I Business Japanese II The following are common features of the master's program: (1) All course work is conducted in English as the course is geared toward international students. (2) The thesis should be based on research conducted during the course, and upon completion, should be submitted to the Division of Agriculture, Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences. An appropriate degree is awarded when the examiners' requirements are satisfied. (3) Students are expected to learn the Japanese language during the course of their studies, and while not compulsory, this opportunity provides students an opportunity to learn another language and to improve their communication in daily life. 2018 Schedule Enrollment Ceremony for newly-enrolled students: October 2, 2018 Class Schedule: First block: mid-April, 2018~mid-May, 2018 Second block: late May,2018~ mid-June, 2018 14. Academic Schedule Third block: early July, 2018~ late July, 2018 Fourth block: early October, 2018~ late October, 2018 Fifth block: mid-November, 2018~mid-December, 2018 Sixth block: early January, 2019 ~ early February, 2019

Deadline of Master's Thesis: mid-July 2018

	Oral Presentation: mid-July, 2018		
(Graduation Ceremony: September 25、 2018		
15. Supporting service to Internation	tional Students		
International Students Support Center for Consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment etc.	We have 'International Student and Researcher Support Center', which assist new incomin international students and researchers with such as visa procedure, airport pickup residential assistance(housing information), cooperation with international student supporteam and other assistance upon request. For the further information, please refer to the website: http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/		
Provision of Student Dormitory	The period of residence in a dormitory is up to 6 months in Hospital, Chikushi, and Ohar Area, up to about 1 year in Ito Area as a rule. For exchange students, and students who jo the short-term program within a year, and research students, the period of their resider should correspond to the term of their program or the terms of their enrollment. For the further information, please refer to the website: http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en/housing		
Japanese Language Education Program for International Students	We have several Japanese Training Courses for international students, which can be offered to begging and higher levels. For the further information, please refer to the website: http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/center/f/japanese.html		
Cultural Activities	Our International Student Support Center conducts cultural activities like tea ceremony, which can be provided to international students.		
Any special attention to Religious Practice	None.		
facilities (Library etc)	-Library: The library provides a diverse set of study spaces for different objectives and learning formats. It holds a variety of lectures and offers a full range of assistance in the form of study consultations provided by graduate students serving as library learning assistants-all in support of the work of active learning by students. And with the number of international students growing year by year, the library also provides an array of services for these individuals, from guidance for new students and lectures in English to ample Japanese-language learning materials. -Counseling and Health Center: Counseling and Health Center seeks to maintain and promote the mental and physical health of students, staff, and faculty members at Kyushu University, to ensure that the campus is safe and comfortable for everyone, and to foster self-reliance and growth among students through the provision of counseling services. These services are provided by physicians, psychiatrists, counselors, and faculty members who specialize in physical education. -International Student Center(ISC): ISC provides Japanese Language Courses for international students, counseling etc. -Sport Facilities: On our campus there are facilities, which are available except regular physical class. There's also rental of sports tool and mountain-climbing equipment. -Cafeteria and other stores: On our campus, we have student cafeteria, restaurants and food/book stores.		

Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.

In order to support international students, we offer a broad range of support services. One of the most helpful services for our international students is a tutors system. This is a system where a team of Kyushu University students is assigned to each new international student as tutors. This team will be your guide to your new environment and will support you in adjusting to life in Japan. For example, your tutors will be able to meet you at Fukuoka airport upon your arrival and take you to your residence. They will also be able to help you with your daily shopping as well as with official procedures at the ward office. In addition, the tutors will help you with opening an account at a local bank or acquiring a mobile phone. Furthermore, if you wish to learn Japanese, your tutors can assist you with basic communication practice so that you can make the best of your time here in Japan.

16. Message to Prospective International Students

Message from University

We hope your academic activity and study at Kyushu University will be fruitful.

I started my PhD at Kyushu University in the fall semester of 2014 and it has been a memorable 2 years at the University. Kyushu University has not only provided me with the opportunity to gain a higher academic degree but also provided me the opportunity to do research which will directly benefit my country (Fiji) as all my research was based in Fiji. The University provided me with funding, in terms of a research budget and covered all my travelling costs to and from Fiji to do 14 months of research in Fiji. Kyushu University has also enabled me to attend several academic symposiums and research trips which have helped me network at many academic levels.

For a little background knowledge of Kyushu University, Kyushu University is regarded as one of the top 7 Universities in Japan and is a state funded University. It is also regarded as one of the top 120 Universities in academic achievements in the world. The facilities within the University are of extremely high standard and provide a basis for achieving quality research results.

Voice of International Students

Kyushu University is also based in a scenic campus and has all the facilities to make ones stay as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. The eateries and cafes are exceptional and all at affordable prices for the students. I have also had the opportunity to involve myself in several Japanese festivals and international student exchange programs at the University that further enlightened me on Japanese culture which I thoroughly enjoyed.

The student support services are also very helpful and see to it that all international students are well looked after and provided with every opportunity to smoothly run through their academic paths at the University. There are also many scholarship opportunities available at Kyushu University which makes life a lot easier and enables you to concentrate solely on your research. I encourage everyone to seek assistance from the student support services to tap into these resources.

So to all my brothers and sisters from the Pacific, Kyushu University is a great place to further your dreams at higher education and I encourage you to come over and enjoy the facilities at the University and also immerse yourself in the ever welcoming Japanese culture.

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