

Yamaguchi Prefectural University was originally established by the Prefectural government, and has just celebrated its 80th anniversary. It has three faculties with five departments, and two postgraduate schools, with a total of approximately 1,400 students. The student-teacher ratio is low, so students are able to receive the utmost support from the 100+ full-time teaching and administrative staff. Overseas students receive support through a tutoring system by both professors and peer students. You will find a friendly, at-home atmosphere on our newly built university campus. We hope that Yamaguchi and YPU will become our students' second home. Many overseas alumni students actually choose to come back to Japan after graduation, to work on the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (the JET program), or pursue graduate level degrees in Japanese language or cultural studies.



- **Faculty of Intercultural Studies**
 - Department of Intercultural Studies
 - Department of Culture and Creative Arts
- **Faculty of Social Welfare**
 - Department of Social Welfare
- **Faculty of Nursing & Human Nutrition**
 - Department of Nursing,
 - Department of Human Nutrition
- **Graduate School of Intercultural Studies**
- **Graduate School of Health and Welfare**

Student Exchange Programs

6 countries
8 universities



Lapland University
Rovaniemi, Finland



Chin Tao University
Shandong, China



Bishop's University
Quebec Province, Canada



Centre College
Danville, Kentucky



Public University of Navarra
Pamplona, Spain



Qufu Normal University
Shandong, China



Kyungnam University
Changwon, Korea



Pusan National University
Pusan, Korea

Short-term Study Abroad Programs for YPU students

- ★ Canada (Bishop's University) : English Language & Cultural Studies Course (Summer)
- ★ China (Qufu Normal University) : Chinese Language & Cultural Studies Course
- ★ Korea (Kyungnam University) : Korean Language & Cultural Studies Course
- ★ Australia (Newcastle University) : English & Cultural Studies Course (Spring)
- ★ Singapore (Singapore Polytechnic) : English & Cultural Studies Course (Spring)
- ▲ Hawaii (University of Hawaii Maui College) : Field Studies
- ▲ Taiwan (National Chung Cheng University) : Field Studies
- Japanese Teaching Assistant positions in Canada, USA and China

Inbound Programs

- ★ **Global Exchange Program (June/July) :**
3-week program for students from China & Korea (Japanese language and culture), Including study time with Japanese students.
- ★ **Spring Exchange Program (May) :**
10-day program for students from the US & Canada (and other English-speaking countries); Japanese Cultural Studies program with Japanese students.

Long-term Foreign Exchange Students Program



Yamaguchi Studies

This is a program consisting of several courses designed to provide overseas students with an understanding and appreciation of the people, history, art and culture of Yamaguchi. They are unique in that they feature not only a lecture component given by professors specializing in each field but also an on-site component that enhances and expands upon the understanding gained in the classroom.

Classes taught in English for Japanese and Foreign Students

Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Introduction to Buddhism, Politics of Japan, Yamaguchi and the World, Japanese Modern Society, Japanese Modern Culture, Japanese Economy and Globalization, Media and Communication in Japan.

Off-Campus Excursions for Exchange Students

- **School visits** : Visits to local elementary, junior high and high schools are made at various times throughout each semester. Activities at each school vary, but exchange students are often asked to do a simple presentation about themselves and their home countries and show students things to help students visualize their country's culture.
- **Weekend Events and Activities** : Various international activities are offered to students by the Prefectural International Exchange Association and other groups. Some examples are apple-picking, barbecues, tourist monitor tours, and high school English camp mentoring. Participation is voluntary, but most exchange students participate in things every week as an opportunity to see various aspects of Japanese culture.
- **Home-visits/Homestay** : One-to-three day home-visits or short homestays are arranged for exchange students each semester. It is a good opportunity to get an insight into Japanese family life. The relationships established during these visits generally last even longer, and students often spend holidays with their host families, and continue to stay in touch even after leaving Japan.

Support from a tutor and Japanese peer students

Overseas students are assigned a Japanese student tutor, who helps with individual peer support. Exchange students are encouraged to ask for help and assistance with Japanese language, life and academic work.

Online Programs – YPU is committed to expanding our international profile through online programs

- ▲ YPU and Sinclair Community College, US, operate a 6-week asynchronous online COIL program for student collaboration under the theme of Western and Japanese visual arts.
- ▲ YPU and Northern Illinois University implement a 6-week synchronous online COIL program for student collaborations about Japanese arts and culture.
- ▲ Summer Yamaguchi and Maui Online Exchange Program is a 4-day online program for Japanese and Hawaiian high school students, planned and run by YPU students, sponsored by Yamaguchi City International Office.
- ▲ Japanese-language Teaching Programs – short- and long-term programs for foreign people living in Yamaguchi and overseas.

About Yamaguchi

Yamaguchi Prefecture is located on the west end of Honshu (Japan's main island), between Hiroshima and Fukuoka prefectures. Access to YPU can be made by both airplane (Yamaguchi-Ube airport) and bullet train (Shin-Yamaguchi station). It is surrounded by the sea on three sides and is rich in nature. One of its attractions is that you can enjoy the nature of both the mountains and the sea at the same time. The YPU campus has recently relocated and rebuilt many of its buildings with a sleek and modern design and updated facilities.

Yamaguchi is also a place that strongly influenced the development of modern Japan. In particular, the Choshu Five, as they were called, brought Western culture back to Japan in the late 1800s, which they had gained from their studies abroad, and were active in the fields of cabinet, diplomacy, industry, minting, and railroads at the beginning of the Meiji Period. Many of their homes still remain, and visitors come from around Japan and the world to learn about the history of modern Japan. Traditions on arts and crafts developed in the middle ages of Japan still exist, such as Hagi-yaki pottery and Ouchi lacquerware.



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