

Yamaguchi
Prefectural
University

YPU Exchange Student Program *in Japan*



Faculties & Departments

Faculty of Intercultural Studies

Department of Intercultural Studies
Department of Culture and Creative Arts
Department of Information Society Studies

Faculty of Social Welfare

Department of Social Welfare

Faculty of Nursing & Human Nutrition

Department of Nursing
Department of Human Nutrition

Division of Midwifery

Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

Intercultural Studies (Master's Program)

Graduate School of Health and Welfare

Human Health Science and Welfare (Master's Program)
Human Health Science and Welfare (Doctoral Program)

Academic Year

Spring/Summer Semester

April – August

Fall/Winter Semester

October – February





YPU's Academics

Course Load

Regular Students	13+ Classes (25+ Credits) per Semester
Exchange Students	7+ Classes (14+ Credits) per Semester & Exchange Program Excursions

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. It is unique in that many classes 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, as well as many field trips to local schools and cultural activities.

Classes Taught in English

- Yamaguchi and the World
- International Exchange
- Japanese Modern Society
- Japanese Modern Culture
- Japanese Economy and Globalization
- Media and Communication in Japan
- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)
- ...and more!

Exchange Calendar

Major Events for International Students

April

Orientation & Welcome

May

- Weekend Homestay
- Ten-day Global Student Exchange Program for students from English-speaking countries (GSEP English)

May – July

International Students participate in cultural activities and interact with the local community

July

Three-week Global Student Exchange Program for Chinese and Korean Students (GSEP Japanese)

August

Farewell Party

September

Orientation & Welcome

October – March

International Students visit local schools, participate in cultural activities, and interact with the local community

November

Weekend Homestay

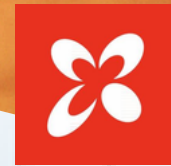
January

Farewell Party





Off-Campus **Excursions**



School Visits

Exchange students visit local elementary, junior high, and high schools at various times each semester. Activities vary by school, but students are often invited to give a brief presentation about themselves and their home countries, sharing items or visuals to help students better understand their culture.

Weekend Events & Activities

The Prefectural International Exchange Association and other groups offer a variety of international activities for students, such as apple-picking, barbecues, tourist monitor tours, and mentoring at high school English camps. Participation is voluntary, but most exchange students take part regularly, enjoying these opportunities to explore Japanese culture.

Homestay Experience

Exchange students can participate in short homestays lasting one to three days, providing a unique opportunity to experience Japanese family life. Many students form lasting bonds with their host families, often spending holidays together and staying in touch long after returning to their home countries.

Other Programs

Global Student Exchange Program (GSEP)

GSEP (English)

10-day Japanese cultural studies program with Japanese students
(For students from the US, Canada, and other English-speaking countries)

GSEP (Japanese)

3-week Japanese language and culture program with Japanese students
(For students from Asia)

Online Programs

- **Western and Japanese Visual Arts:** 6-week asynchronous COIL program for student collaboration (YPU and Sinclair Community College, Ohio, USA)
- **Japanese Arts and Culture:** 6-week synchronous COIL program for student collaboration (YPU and Northern Illinois University, Illinois, USA)
- **Summer Yamaguchi and Maui Online Exchange:** 4-day program for Japanese and Hawaiian high school students, planned and run by YPU students, sponsored by the Yamaguchi City International Relations Division.
- **Japanese Language Teaching:** Short- and long-term programs for non-Japanese citizens living in Yamaguchi and overseas.





Other Short-Term **Opportunities**

Short-Term Study

In addition to our one-semester and two-semester exchange programs, students also have the opportunity to audit classes at YPU for up to three months. This flexible option enables students to engage with Japanese students and community members, participate in classroom activities and discussions, and experience Japanese university life in a way that suits their individual needs. While we have welcomed students from Taiwan and the United States in this capacity, we warmly invite students from our partner universities around the world.

Internships

Students interested in teaching English language and/or culture and seeking experience assisting in a university classroom can arrange short-term internships at YPU. Each internship plan and schedule is determined individually, based on the student's goals and availability. Internships typically involve assisting in English language classes and courses taught in English. There are also opportunities to support the International Office with general office duties, as well as the planning and implementation of events and activities for our international students.

Join Us YPU Welcomes YOU!

Student Voices

"I came here nervous about being far from home, but I'm leaving with unforgettable memories and lifelong skills. It was great to experience a part of Japan that many of my friends studying in Tokyo and Kyoto never got the chance to."

"[My Student Tutor] was one of the best resources available to me as an exchange student! Beyond simple tutoring sessions, they proved to be a great friend and someone I could rely on for various necessities and activities."

For More Information/To Apply

- **YPU Website:** Want to know more about YPU? Check out our official English website at <https://www.yamaguchi-pu.ac.jp/en/>
- **Partner School Students:** Apply through your home university! Since each school has its own process and timeline, make sure to check with your International Affairs Office.
- **Non-Partner School Students:** Not from a partner school? Have your home university's international exchange office contact us about the possibility of partnership and exchange.

