



YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY

Yamaguchi Studies Courses

2026 School Year

1 Purpose and Goals

The exchange program between Yamaguchi Prefectural University and other universities around the world allows students from each university to spend 1 or 2 semesters at the partner university and to take courses that are recognized for credit at the home institution.

The main goal of the exchange program here at YPU is to provide exchange students with as many opportunities as possible to both interact with Japanese students and people in the community as well as experience many aspects of a more traditional way of life in Japan.

The courses available for exchange students at YPU include Japanese for non-native speakers, academic classes taught in English, and experiential courses in Japanese arts, culture, and sports. Exchange students may also take courses offered for the Japanese undergraduate and graduate students if their Japanese comprehension is good enough.

2 Other Activities

- 1) Exchange students must participate in at least two Community Exchange Activities.
- 2) Barring extenuating circumstances, exchange students must participate in the 3-day 2-night homestay.

Spring/Summer Term (April 2026-September 2026)			
JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSES	No. of Credits	CULTURAL & EXPERIENTIAL COURSES	No. of Credits
Japanese I <i>Level determined by placement test</i>	4	International Exchange I a	2
ACADEMIC COURSES	No. of Credits	Yamaguchi Arts and Culture a (Pottery) <i>Intensive Course Only</i>	1
Japanese Economy and Globalization	2	Japanese Arts and Culture II a (Flower Arrangement)	1
The Influence of Zen on Japanese Culture	2	Japanese Arts and Culture I a (Tea Ceremony)	1
Yamaguchi History and Culture	2	Physical Education (Sports) I a Basketball	1
Debate I	2	Physical Education (Sports) I b Racket Sports	1
RESEARCH STUDY SEMINAR COURSES	No. of Credits	Physical Education (Sports) I c Aerobics	1
Major Studies Seminar I	2	Physical Education (Sports) I d Volleyball	1
Graduation Thesis Seminar I	2	Calligraphy <i>Intensive Course Only</i>	2

Fall/Winter Term (October 2026-March 2027)			
JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSES	No. of Credits	CULTURAL & EXPERIENTIAL COURSES	No. of Credits
Japanese II <i>Level determined by placement test</i>	4	International Exchange I b	2
ACADEMIC COURSES	No. of Credits	Yamaguchi Arts and Culture b (Pottery) <i>Intensive Course Only</i>	1
The Foundations of Japanese Society and Pop Culture	2	Japanese Arts and Culture II b (Flower Arrangement)	1
Introduction to Buddhism	2	Japanese Arts and Culture I b (Tea Ceremony)	1
Politics of Japan	2	Physical Education (Sports) II a Basketball	1
Debate II	2	Physical Education (Sports) II b Racket Sports	1
Introduction to Linguistics	2	Physical Education (Sports) II c Aerobics	1
Media and Communication in Japan	2	Physical Education (Sports) II d Volleyball	1
Teaching English as a Foreign Language	2		
RESEARCH STUDY SEMINAR COURSES	No. of Credits		
Major Studies Seminar II	2		
Graduation Thesis Seminar II	2		
Project Seminar I	2		

3 Registration Requirements

All exchange students must take a minimum of 14 credits.

Please confirm with the registrar of your home institution regarding any additional requirements and how each course will transfer to your home institution.

Specific Home Institution Requirements:

Bishops University

Must take Japanese Language Course (4 credits)

Physical Education Credits cannot be transferred as credit to BU