



Yamaguchi Prefectural University

Since 1941



Yamaguchi Prefectural University (YPU) was originally established by the prefectural government in 1941, over 80 years ago. It has three faculties with six 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 choose to come back to Japan after graduation to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (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
 - Department of Information Society Studies
- **Faculty of Social Welfare**
 - Department of Social Welfare
- **Faculty of Nursing and Human Nutrition**
 - Department of Nursing
 - Department of Human Nutrition
- **Division of Midwifery**
- **Graduate School of Intercultural Studies**
- **Graduate School of Health and Welfare**

YPU's Partner Schools

University of Lapland, Finland

Qufu Normal University, China

Qingdao University, China

Kyungnam University, Korea

Pusan National University, Korea

Public University of Navarre, Spain

National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan*

Aletheia University, Taiwan

Sinclair Community College, USA

Bishop's University, Canada

Eastern International University, Vietnam

Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore

Lapulapu-Cebu International College, The Philippines

Udayana University, Indonesia**

University of Newcastle, Australia

National Chiayi University, Taiwan

University of Hawaii Community Colleges, USA

University of West Florida, USA

*With the Faculty of Intercultural Studies **Between Faculty Members

YPU at a Glance

- Total Students: 1,300+
- 80+ Years Since Establishment
- Alumni: 17,000+ (1954-2024)
- Staff: 150+ (including academic staff)
- 100% Post-Graduation Employment (2019-2024, 5 Yr Average)
- Nationally Accredited (Association of Japan University Accreditation)

Inbound Programs

- ★ **Global Exchange Program (May):** 10-day Japanese cultural studies program with Japanese students for students from the U.S., Canada, and other English-speaking countries
- ★ **Global Exchange Program (June/July):** 2-week Japanese language and culture program for students from China and Korea, including study time with Japanese students

Study Abroad Program at YPU



Yamaguchi Studies

This program consists of several courses designed to provide students with an understanding of the people, history, art, and culture of Yamaguchi. It features 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 both Japanese and Foreign Students

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



Off-Campus Excursions for Exchange Students

- **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 to help local students better understand their culture.
- **Weekend Events & Activities:** The Yamaguchi 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.



Support from a tutor and Japanese student peers

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



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

- **Western and Japanese Visual Arts:** 6-week asynchronous COIL program for student collaboration between YPU and Sinclair Community College
- **Japanese Arts and Culture:** 6-week synchronous COIL program for student collaboration between YPU and Northern Illinois University
- **Summer Yamaguchi and Maui Online Exchange:** 4-day program for Japanese and Hawaiian high school students, planned and run by YPU students, and 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



About Yamaguchi

Yamaguchi Prefecture is located at the western end of Honshu, Japan's main island, between Hiroshima and Fukuoka prefectures. Access to YPU is available by both airplane (Yamaguchi-Ube Airport) and bullet train (Shin-Yamaguchi Station). The prefecture is surrounded by the sea on three sides and is rich in nature. One of its attractions is that you can enjoy the natural beauty of both the mountains and the sea at the same time.

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. They were active in the fields of national government, 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. Traditional arts and crafts developed during the Middle Ages of Japan still exist, such as Hagi-yaki pottery and Ouchi lacquerware.



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