



# University of the Ryukyus

(Okinawa Prefecture)



Practical learning experiences, making use of Okinawa's geographic and cultural characteristics

## ◇ University overview

### ○ Characteristics and history

The University of the Ryukyus was established under the U.S administration governing Okinawa in 1950 and became a national university of Japan in 1972. At the time of our university's founding we received valuable guidance from Michigan State University. Today, we still try to uphold the very best traditions of the American university system with both local and global features.

The University currently consists of seven faculties (Law & Letters, Tourism Sciences and Industrial Management, Education, Science, Medicine, Engineering, and Agriculture), eight graduate schools (three Master Programs in Tourism Sciences, Education and Agriculture; four Master and Doctoral Programs in Humanities and Social Sciences, Medicine, Health Science, Engineering and Science; and one Doctoral Program at the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University), Special Needs Education Programs, and a Juris Doctoral Program. There are approximately 8,200 students and 1,700 teaching and administrative staff.

### ○ International Exchange (As of March, 2016)

• Affiliated Universities and Institutions: 79 (from 32 countries and regions)

• Number of International students  
2014 : 268 (from 42 countries and regions)  
2015 : 279 (from 43 countries and regions)  
2016 : 286 (from 44 countries and regions)

### • Number of Teacher Training students

2014 : 0  
2015 : 0  
2016 : 0

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## ◇ Outline of the course for Teacher Training students

### ○ Characteristics of the program

To meet individual needs for professional development, academic supervisors will give tutoring and guidance to the trainee teacher in his or her laboratory. There will be frequent opportunities for information exchange with Japanese students, including actual schoolteachers studying at the University as graduate students.

### ○ Number of students to be accepted: 3 people ( See the list of Advisors)

### ○ Outline of the course

• Japanese language education (October,2017 to March,2018)

a) Basic courses :Mainly for beginners of Japanese, trainee teachers take intensive Japanese language courses on Basic Japanese and learn about Japanese society and culture.

b) Japanese Language Classes for Research and Graduate Students: Trainee teachers who so wish can take these classes, from beginners ' to the advanced level.

• Specialized training(April,2018 to March,2019)

a) Supervisors will give appropriate guidance for each trainee to master the fundamentals of training in specialized fields of study. While classroom instruction is delivered predominantly in Japanese, individual instruction may be given in English.

b) If interested, trainee teachers may participate in lectures/seminars at undergraduate or graduate level as auditors.

c) At the end of the period of study, each trainee teacher writes a paper, and receives a certificate of attendance.

• Participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges  
a) The Elementary and Junior High Schools attached to the Faculty of Education are very useful for actual education training.

• Others

a) A Japanese tutor is assigned to help each trainee teachers not only in their studies, but to adjust to their new environment for the first year.

b) Trainee teachers may participate in various events such as the International Student Festival, parties, etc.



## ◇ Follow-up for Graduates

A follow-up to courses may be offered at the discretion of advisors.

## ◇ Accommodations

Accommodation on campus is offered for trainee teachers in this program. A bed, a desk, a chair, and a locker are installed in each room. They share a shower room, a laundry, a lounge, a dormitory shop, and a vending machine. (Rooms in new dorm building are fully equipped with kitchen, toilet and shower)

### ○ Cost of accommodation (per month)

	Type of accommodations	Room rent	Water&Gas Charges	Electric Charges
dormitory	"Ippan-to"	¥4,300	¥4,400	According to quantity Consumed
	"Konju-to"	¥4,700	¥8,400	
	"Shin konju-to"	¥15,000	¥4,000	
	Private apartment house	Approx. ¥35,000		

### ○ Information for Daily Life

• The student dormitory is conveniently located on campus. Also, hospitals, community services and supermarkets are close to the campus.

## ◇ Contact

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