

# About the Kyushu University and the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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## Location

The Kyushu University has 15 campuses in Japan. The main campus (No 1) is in Fukuoka city of Fukuoka prefecture in Kyushu Island. No 16 is an advanced new campus and will be the main campus of the Kyushu University in the near future. Fukuoka city is Kyushu's largest city, and the 9th largest in Japan, with a population of about 1,300,000. The climate of Fukuoka is generally mild, with the temperature rarely rising above 33 in the summer, and seldom falling below -3 in the winter. Since ancient times, Fukuoka and Kyushu have played an important role as the gateway of exchange between Japan and the rest of Asia.

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The area of Japan is 377,873 square kilometers, nearly equivalent to Germany and Switzerland combined or slightly smaller than California. Japan consists of four major islands, surrounded by more than 4,000 smaller islands. The area of Kyushu is 42,000 square kilometers. Japan's population is over 126 million.

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## History

The history of Kyushu University dates back to 1903 when Fukuoka Medical College was established as the foundation of Kyushu Imperial University. (The college was legally attached to Kyoto Imperial University at that time). In 1911, Kyushu Imperial University, along with the Colleges of Medicine and Engineering, were established.

Since then various reforms have been made to the higher education system in Japan, such as the introduction of a new educational format after World War II and the reorganization of national universities to University Corporations in 2004.

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Apr. 1903

Fukuoka Medical College established, which later became the foundation of Kyushu Imperial University

Jan. 1911 Kyushu Imperial University founded College of Engineering

Apr. 1911 College of Medicine

Apr. 1919 College of Medicine reorganized as the Faculty of Medicine, College of Engineering reorganized as the Faculty of Engineering, **Faculty of Agriculture**

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## Outline of Faculties and Schools

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### **Faculty of Agriculture/ Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences / School of Agriculture**

Faculty of Humanities/ Graduate School of Humanities/ School of Letters

Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies/ Graduate School of Social and Cultural Studies

Faculty of Human-Environment Studies/ Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies  
/School of Education

Faculty of Law/ Graduate School of Law/ School of Law

Faculty of Economics/ Graduate School of Economics/ School of Economics

Faculty of Languages and Cultures

Faculty of Sciences/ Graduate School of Sciences/ School of Sciences  
Faculty of Mathematics/ Graduate School of Mathematics  
Graduate School of Systems Life Sciences  
Faculty of Medical Sciences/ Graduate School of Medical Sciences/ School of Medicine  
Faculty of Dental Science/ Graduate School of Dental Science/ School of Dentistry  
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences / School of  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Faculty of Engineering/ Graduate School of Engineering/ School of Engineering  
Faculty of Design/ Graduate School of Design/ School of Design  
Faculty of Information Science and Electrical Engineering/ Graduate School of Information  
Science and Electrical Engineering  
Faculty of Engineering Sciences Interdisciplinary /Graduate School of Engineering Sciences

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## **Faculty of Agriculture**

All members of teaching and research staff of the agricultural research and education department belong to the Faculty of Agriculture, all undergraduate students belong to the School of Agriculture, and all Master's and Doctor's course students belong to the Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences.

The Faculty now comprises eight departments and five research and education facilities that include the University Farm, University Forests, Fishery Research Laboratory, Institute of Biological Control and Institute of Genetic Resources. The School of Agriculture comprises four courses.

### **Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics**

Department of Applied Genetic and Pest Management  
Department of Plant Resources  
Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology  
Department of Animal and Marine Bioresource Science  
Department of Bioproduction Environmental Science  
Department of Forest and Forest Products Sciences  
Department of Genetic Resources Technology

The current enrollment is 1,714 of which 996 are undergraduate and 619 graduate students. More than 80 international students, mostly graduate students, have come to study from various countries. The faculty members and staff members total 352, of which the number of full-time researchers is over 200, including 67 professors, 72 associate professors and 64 research associates.

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## **Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics**

The department conducts education and research on the international food system from the viewpoint of social sciences with the aim of maintaining a stable supply of safe food and sustainable development of food industries and regional societies. The main fields are as follows:

- (1) environmental life economics and bio-resource economics,
- (2) agricultural economics and agricultural policy,
- (3) agricultural management, farm management and rural planning,
- (4) international agricultural development and international agricultural relationships,
- (5) food industrial organization and international food trade, and
- (6) food distribution economics and food marketing.

In April, 2008, the student enrollment is 91 of which 47 are undergraduate (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year) and 44 graduate students (28 for MS., 16 for Ph.D.). There are 7 researchers including visiting researchers and research students. More than 20 international students, mostly graduate students, have come to study from more than 10 countries such as China, South Korea, Taiwan, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Brunei, Peru and Dominican Republic.

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