



Hauser Global Law School Program

# Kyushu University Fukuoka, Japan

## Exchange Program Information Package 2010-2011



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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by Kyushu, such as their website – <http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/english/index.php>, handbooks, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

## **Important Application Dates**

<b>January 21</b>	NYU application deadline
<b>Mid-January to Mid-February</b>	Applicants screened
<b>Mid to late February</b>	Selections made
<b>March 12</b>	Kyushu application deadline

## **I. Program Description and Information**

### **A. About the Program**

Up to two NYU Law students may study at Kyushu University per semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. **All courses at Kyushu are taught in English.**

Students will participate in the Faculty of Law's LL.M program, Japan's first English language LL.M program. Taught from a Japanese perspective, the one year program offers students the opportunity to study international economic and business law in a Japanese law faculty. A three-year LL.D. program and another one-year Master's course in Comparative Studies of Politics and Administration in Asia (CSPA) were launched in October 1999. As a result of the success of these programs, in 2001, Kyushu University was invited by the Ministry of Education to host the Young Leader's Program in Law.

### **B. About the Kyushu University and the Faculty of Law**

Kyushu University was founded in 1911 as one of the seven Imperial Universities in Japan. Since its founding, the University has grown in order to meet the challenge of securing Japan's role in an increasingly global society. Today, Kyushu University consists of an Institute of Languages and Culture and the eleven Faculties of Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Architecture and Design, with approximately 18,000 students (with over 1,100 international students) and 2,310 faculty members. In addition to each Faculty's Graduate School, the University hosts an Interdisciplinary Graduate School, as well as various kinds of research institutes and facilities.

The Faculty of Law was established in September 1924 and now consists of over 40 chairs. With its outstanding staff and library, it is one of the leading research and educational institutions of law and political science in Japan. Like its sister law faculties in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Tohoku Universities, the Kyushu University Faculty of Law has contributed a great deal to the advancement of the study of jurisprudence and politics. The Faculty is particularly well known for the historical and comparative research in which its members have engaged. It has also taken an active theoretical interest in legal or political problems appropriate to its geographical location; i.e., Western Japan, especially Kyushu, and the Southeast Asian countries.

### **C. About Fukuoka**

Situated on the northwest of Japan's Kyushu Island between picturesque Hakata Bay and evergreen hills, Fukuoka is a thriving metropolis that has somehow managed to maintain a "small town feel." Traditionally known as Hakata, Fukuoka has preserved the many crafts and traditions that from the city's rich heritage, while at the same time opening its doors to those from a wide variety of national and cultural backgrounds. For the foreigner living among Fukuoka's 1.7 million residents, life is both comfortable and stimulating. *Newsweek* has identified Fukuoka as one of the "Ten Most Dynamic Cities" in the world, identifying an energetic and innovative regional economy, an excellent infrastructure, and the proximity and openness to Asia as key features behind its continued growth.

In addition to the city's international airport and renowned seaport, Fukuoka offers several large municipal parks, a public zoo, museums and art galleries, the largest entertainment and sports venue in Japan – the Fukuoka Dome, and a newly completed seaside area with beach and boardwalk. All areas of the city are easily accessible by subway, bus, or bicycle. The 19,000 foreign residents of Fukuoka find its downtown area, Tenjin, well stocked with imported foods and foreign-language books. Nakasu, Fukuoka's famous night life district, boasts a variety of restaurants and cinemas with the most recent foreign films.

In recent years, Fukuoka has established an international reputation as a hub for contemporary architecture. A recent *New York Times* article reviewing recent buildings in the city suggested that, " Fukuoka is now both a monument to Japan's prosperous "bubble" period, and one of the best places in the world to see the works of world-class contemporary architects side by side...From the futuristic Nexus World housing development with blocks by Rem Koolhaas and Steven Holl to a bank designed by the Japanese luminary Kazuo Shinohara; from a stunning shopping complex by the mall specialist Jon Jerde to a seaside stadium development housing Cesar Pelli's Sea Hawk Hotel, Fukuoka has so much interesting construction that it has quietly become a pilgrimage site for architecture students from all over Asia." (*New York Times*, 2006/9/24).

And yet, perhaps the most important feature of Fukuoka for the foreign resident is its people. Known throughout Japan for their friendliness, the people of Fukuoka have long enjoyed good relationships with visitors from abroad. Fukuoka is host to a number of international cultural centers and friendship societies, such as the Japan-America Foundation and Rainbow Plaza, a city-sponsored center designed to provide foreign residents with a wide range of services.

#### D. Program Dates\*

The academic calendar for 2010-2011 has not been published yet. Below is an approximation of next year's dates. Because of the nature of Kyushu's academic calendar, students are encouraged to study at Kyushu in the fall. Program dates can be found at <http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/llmacademiccalendar.htm>

##### Fall Semester

<b>Early October</b>	Classes begin
<b>Late December</b>	Winter holidays begin
<b>Early January</b>	Classes recommence
<b>Mid January – early February</b>	Exams

##### Spring Semester

<b>Mid April</b>	Classes begin
<b>Late July – Early August</b>	Exams

\* to be confirmed

You are advised to arrive in Fukuoka for the Fall semester no later than the first week of October. If you are staying in the International Students House, you can move in on 1 October.

#### D. Courses

A sample of the courses available to you include the following. Full course descriptions are available at <http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/ylpcourses.htm>

- Comparing Legal Cultures
- International Business Law and Foreign Investment
- Conflict Management and Mediation Training
- International Law and Legal System in East Asia
- Law of GATT/WTO
- Introduction to Japanese Law
- Law and Theory Colloquium
- Legal Research Methodology and Writing
- International Economic and Institutional Law
- Japanese Constitutional and Administrative Law
- International Maritime Law
- European Union Law and International Trade
- Japanese Corporate Law
- International Litigation /Cultural Diversity and International Law
- Contemporary Debates in Criminal and Commercial Law
- Japanese Labor and Employment Law
- Corporate Crime
- Information Transactions in the Digital Age
- Business Law Japanese
- Japanese Case Law and Practice
- Intellectual Property Law in a Globalized World

#### Course Requirements

NYU School of Law students will be expected to take a minimum of 5 courses while studying at Kyushu. Additionally, in order to ensure compliance with all ABA regulations, NYU School of Law requires that all courses be approved by our office before your schedule has been finalized.

#### Language Courses

The International Center of Kyushu University offers a wide range of Japanese language courses that are available to all students enrolled at the Graduate School of Law. General classes are offered for every level of student from complete beginners to advanced learners. Specialized classes are also available in composition, kanji and conversation skills. All classes are free to registered LL.M. & LL.D. students.

#### Exams

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by Kyushu University faculty in accordance with their grading system. However, because grading standards between NYU School of LAW and Kyushu University may differ, a direct translation to NYU School of

Law's letter grading system can be quite difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.** We expect, however, that all credits earned at the Kyushu University will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

## E. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Fukuoka, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs, will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

## II. Kyushu Staff and Facilities

### A. Kyushu Staff

Until students are admitted to the Exchange Program by both NYU School of Law and the Kyushu University, we ask that students not contact the administration at Kyushu University directly with inquiries about the exchange program. Until that point, NYU School of Law will be your point-of-contact for all questions you might have. However, upon admission to the program, the following contacts from Kyushu University may prove useful:

Machiko Hachiya is responsible for international exchanges at the Law Faculty. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of International Legal Studies whose specialization is European Politics and International Politics. He teaches classes in both Japanese and English and is the professor in charge of international students at the Law Faculty. His area of research focuses on EU studies with special interest on its decision making procedure as a multilateral institute. Ms. Hachiya can be reached at the following:

Admissions Office of LLM  
Faculty of Law, Kyushu University  
6-19-1, Hakozaki, Higashi-ku  
Fukuoka, 812-8581  
Japan  
Tel: ++ 81 92-642-4162  
Email: [Admission@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:Admission@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp); [hachiya@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:hachiya@law.kyushu-u.ac.jp)

International Student Exchange Division of the International Affairs Department is available to assist you with matters pertaining to student life such as immigration, finding an apartment or a job, reimbursement for medical expenses, and opening a bank account. They also provide counseling services. Their address is:

International Student Exchange Division  
International Affairs Department  
Kyushu University  
6-10-1 Hakozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka 812-8581 Japan  
Tel: +81 (92) 642-7351  
Fax: +81(92) 642-2144  
Email: [intlrkoryu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:intlrkoryu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp)

### B. Library

The University Library provides comprehensive academic resources to support Kyushu University's diverse studying, teaching and research activities. It also extends its services to neighboring universities and communities in the Kyushu region. The Library consists of six general libraries - the Central Library on Hakozaki Campus, the Medical Library on the Hospital Campus, the Design Library on Ohashi Campus, the Chikushi Library on Chikushi Campus, the Ropponmatsu Library on Ropponmatsu Campus and the Science and Technology Library on Ito Campus.

One characteristic feature of the University Library is the Medical Library's collection of domestically rare foreign periodicals in the fields of Medicine and Life Science. It has been developed since the Medical Library was designated as a member of the National Center for Overseas Periodicals (NCOP) in 1977. After 2000 the library has been cooperating with the reorganized Computing & Communications

Center in promoting the function of the electronic resources center. In addition to the Library's variety of databases and e-journals, information literacy programs are also offered to the Library users.

The latest library technologies can be seen in the Chikushi Library, which was established in April 2001, unifying all the library facilities at Chikushi Campus. In April 2004, it was moved to the new building, where the automated storage and retrieval system and the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system have been working to provide users with higher quality services. In October 2005, The Science and Technology Library began its service on Ito Campus. Kyushu University Library is now seeking to take a new step as an academic resources center which links the university to the surrounding communities.

The Law Library of Kyushu houses one of the largest collections in Japan with over 310,000 volumes. It is particularly well known for its collection of international and foreign-language materials, and is an excellent resource for LLM students.

In addition, the LLM study room contains PCs from which students are able to access a number of electronic legal databases, including LEXIS/NEXIS and Westlaw.

### III Preparing for Your Trip

#### A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

##### Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

##### Living Expenses

While Japan is often touted as the most expensive country in the world, living in Japan does not have to break the bank. Like any country, there are ways to live inexpensively if you know where to shop and how to adjust your lifestyle. If you choose to live like a westerner and insist on buying western products, then you will pay much more for goods and services.

Rent at Int'l Student House	¥5,900
Maintenance fee at Int'l Student House	¥1,700
Movie theatre	¥1,500
Japanese "fast food"/noodle restaurant	¥500-¥1,000
Pizza delivery	¥2,000
Books and course materials	¥3-5,000

One US dollar is approximately 90 Japanese yen. To see how much things might roughly cost in Japan, visit <http://www.pricechecktokyo.com/>. Kyushu recommends that you have about ¥70,000 – 100,000/month for living expenses, including rent and utilities.

#### B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

All international students, including exchange students, live in international student houses. These are located in a safe area in Kashihama, Fukuoka. All rooms are furnished and en-suite. The kitchen is shared. In addition to rent, you will pay a maintenance fee for public services like garbage collection and maintenance around the building, a final cleaning fee, and utilities. In the House there is a lounge, conference room, computer room, and laundry facilities. For further information please see the Kyushu University International Students House website at: [http://ish.gozaru.jp/ISH\\_HP\(English\)/home.htm](http://ish.gozaru.jp/ISH_HP(English)/home.htm).

#### C. Visa and Residence Permit Information

##### Student Visas

Upon formal admission to an academic course or program at Kyushu University, you will be sent an official admission letter, issued by the University, and a study permit, issued by the Fukuoka Immigration Bureau and referred to as a "Certificate of Eligibility." Both documents--the letter and the certificate--must be presented to the Japanese consulate serving your area of residence when you apply for a visa; together they establish your "college student" status and eligibility to receive a "student visa."

In making your application for a visa, you must bring the following:

- An application form, completed and signed. Blank forms are available at Japanese consular offices and online at [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/apply-form.pdf](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/apply-form.pdf) (You can fill in the form by online, then print and sign the form). **Note:** The application form must be filled out completely. For example, if the applicant has no criminal record, please write "none" on the appropriate line.
- Valid passport with sufficient space for a visa (at least one full empty visa page).

- A 2-inch square photograph, taken within six months of application, attached to the application form. This photo must be glued to the application form. NOTE: GLUE ONLY, do not staple or tape.
- For Non-U.S. citizens, Green Card or valid I-94, and U.S. resident visa (F or J visa holder must bring an I-20 or DS-2019 plus one copy)
- Certificate of Eligibility, original and one photocopy

To find a Japanese consulate near you, visit <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/visa/map.htm>.

### The Residence Permit

Foreigners residing in Japan are required, under the "Alien Registration Law", to register themselves **at the municipal office of the city, ward, town or village in which they are living within 90 days after arriving in Japan**. Certificate of Alien Registration (Alien Registration Card) will be issued in a few weeks of your application. Please carry the card always with you, and if you do so, you will be no need to carry your passport. When registering, you need to bring along a passport and two photographs (4.5cm x 3.5cm) taken within the last 6 months.

## D. Health Insurance

### Healthcare on Campus

The Health Science Center on campus is established to care and promote students health both mentally and physically. These institutes offer daily services such as health consultation, counseling, casework, first aid, etc. as well as a periodic checkup. We hope you feel free to ask for any consultations or treatments whenever you have a health problem. Experienced doctors, counselors, caseworkers and nurses are ready to assist you and your privacy will be completely protected. This service is free of charge.

### National Health Insurance

As you will not be residing in Japan for more than a year, you may choose to join the National Health Insurance plan or purchase a private insurance plan from home.

With the Japanese National Health insurance, benefits include:

- 70% of the total charge is borne by the city.
- If the amount of the charge to be paid for one hospital in one month (30% of the total medical charge) exceeds ¥35,400, the exceeded is borne by the city.

Although you need to pay monthly premium, this plan is beneficial for you especially in case of serious illness or hospitalization, and you can also take advantage of the joint use of National Health Insurance and JASSO Medical Fee Reimbursement. Under these two schemes, should you get hurt, you should pay your 30% of the medical costs (be sure to get a receipt) and apply for reimbursement, which is around 35% of what you paid (note that it takes 2-3 months for a reimbursement to be dispersed). Application forms for the reimbursement are available in the International Student Exchange Division.

Affiliation for the National Health Insurance Plan is to be carried out at the municipal office of the city or ward after the completion of Alien Registration. Consult with them about your monthly premiums as those are differing to the earnings in the last year. Payment of the premium can be made at a bank, post office or by bank account transfer.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 80%/20% co-insurance. For more information, visit [http://www.chickering.com/stu\\_conn/travel\\_assistance.aspx](http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx).

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit <http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/how.to.enroll.waive.html> or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

## E. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

Provisions for students with disabilities are dealt with on a case by case basis at Kyushu. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs who will contact Kyushu to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

## F. Resources for Living, Studying, and Traveling in Japan

Below are websites you can visit to get more information about living, studying, and traveling in Japan.

<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/kufsa/> - Foreign student association  
[http://www.jasso.go.jp/index\\_e.html](http://www.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html)  
<http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp/english/top/index.htm>  
<http://www.city.fukuoka.jp/index-e.html>  
<http://kyushu.com/fukuoka/index.html>  
<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2202.html>  
[http://www.jagam.org.my/05\\_student/05\\_student12a.html](http://www.jagam.org.my/05_student/05_student12a.html)  
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>  
<http://www.roughguides.com>

#### Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

*STA Travel.* There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at [www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)

*Travel CUTS.* There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at [www.travelcuts.com](http://www.travelcuts.com).

[www.studentuniverse.com](http://www.studentuniverse.com). Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

#### Getting Around

##### *By Plane*

<http://www.ana.co.jp/eng/index.html>

<http://www.bangkokair.com/?lang=en>

<http://www.jal.co.jp/en/>

<http://www.skymark.co.jp/en/index.html>

<http://www.airdo.jp/ap/index.html> (in Japanese, with a number to call for assistance in English)

##### *By train*

No trip to Japan would be complete without riding the world famous Japanese bullet train. Note that Fukuoka is serviced by Hakata Station.

<http://www.japanrail.com/>

#### Student Discounts

*International Student Identity Card.* This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit [www.isic.org](http://www.isic.org) to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

## **IV. Semester Follow-Up**

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with the Kyushu University

## **V. How to Apply**

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at Kyushu University, you must complete a written application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The timetable for the application process is as follows:

<b>January 21</b>	NYU application deadline
<b>Mid January-Mid February</b>	Applicants screened and initial interviews completed
<b>Mid-Late February</b>	Selections made
<b>March 12</b>	Kyushu application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with Kyushu, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your application to Kyushu where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Kyushu, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

## **VI. Additional Information**

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at: [lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu](mailto:lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu) .