



Okayama University (Okayama Prefecture)



Okayama University offers fascinating programs on practical pedagogy in collaboration with schools in the community on the basis of its long-accumulated wisdom

◇ University overview

(1) Characteristics and History

Okayama University was founded in 1949 on the basis of its predecessor, Okayama Medical College and Sixth High School, which were founded in 1922 and 1900 respectively. It now has 11 faculties and 8 graduate schools and is one of the biggest national universities in Japan.

One of its characteristics lies in its emphasis on international exchanges. The Center for Liberal Arts and Language Education provides Japanese language courses to International Students and the Center for Global Partnerships and Education supports their living in Japan.

Okayama University has made exceptional efforts to contribute to the attainment of SDGs. In December 2017, Okayama University was presented with the “SDGs Partnership Award” in the first Japan SDGs Awards selected by the SDGs Promotion Headquarters of the Japanese government. Okayama University was the sole national or public university to receive the award.

· Number of Students (as of May 1, 2018)

Undergraduate students : 10,157
Postgraduate students : 2,988

(2) International exchanges (as of May 1, 2018):

International Exchange Agreement:
41 Countries 307 University

(3) Number of International Students & , teacher trainees (as of May 1, each year)

2018: International Students : 710,
teacher trainees : 2

2017: International Students : 685,
teacher trainees : 1

2016: International Students : 602,
teacher trainees : 3

We have been accepting one to eight teacher trainees from abroad every year since 1980, totaling 156 trainees from 19 countries.

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

(1) Characteristics of the Course: The first 6 months focuses on the mastering of Japanese language and culture for the beginners and in the remaining one year trainees have a teaching-training to achieve the aims of own specialties.

(2) Number of Students to be Accepted: up to 12

(3) Outline of the training course:

○ Preparatory Japanese Language Education

·From October to March, for 6 months, Preparatory Japanese Language is taught at the Center for Liberal Arts and Language Education, totaling 600 hours.

·Different classes are prepared depending on the student's proficiency level and their use of Chinese characters in their mother tongue.

·Supplementary Course is provided for each level.

○ Teaching Training

[1 Year Course]

·Academic supervisors make research plans according to the interests and Japanese language ability of teacher trainees through interviews. Teacher trainees take courses on campus and educational practicum at the neighboring elementary and secondary schools in line with their research plans and purposes.

[1 Year and a Half Course]

·Teacher trainees can take Teaching Training Course from October, if academic supervisors allow the exemption from Preparatory Japanese Language Education for teacher trainees by October.

* Teacher trainees may have an interview with their prospective academic supervisor in advance.

○ Participatory Subjects such as Field Trips and Regional Exchanges

·Participatory subjects such as school visits and international exchange programs at elementary and secondary schools in Okayama are provided.

◇ Follow-up for graduates

Okayama University founded Okayama University international Alumni Association in October 2011. The Okayama University International Alumni Association will serve as a way to disseminate information between alumni association members and International students at Okayama University in addition to providing alumni who do not belong to the association a way to stay connected with Okayama University. Okayama University hold Super Global Homecoming Day and have a place of exchange for alumni and international students.

◇ Accommodations

Okayama University has four dormitories for international students. They are all conveniently located within about 5–10 minutes walk from the Tsushima Campus, main campus of the University.

Teacher trainees have a priority to reside in one of the dormitories for the first one year of the training. The rent and utility bills are as follows. Besides the dormitory admission fee of 30,000 yen (once upon arrival), the fees of electricity, water and gas will be charged.

· Kuwanoki Dormitory

Rooms : 142 Rent : 14,000–16,000 yen/month

· International Student Shared House

Rooms : 30 units Rent : 23,000 yen/month
* Every unit consists of a common room and 4 private rooms.

· International House

Rooms : 18 Rent : 27,000 yen/month

· Fukui Dormitory

Rooms : 21 Rent : 28,000 yen / month

* Rent is subject to change.

* Dormitories are no smoking in all locations whether shared areas or private rooms.

* If spouse of trainees lives in Okayama prefecture, trainees cannot stay at the dormitory.

◇ Contact

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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

Name of department	Graduate School of Education						
Course code	Name of adviser	E-mail	Teaching field(s)	Course description	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
38001	Norio TANAKA	tanakano@okayama-u.ac.jp	Japanese Education	Analyses of Teaching Method of The Japanese Language	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read, write, speak and listen Japanese.
38002	Kohei IDO	idoko@okayama-u.ac.jp	Japanese Language	Analyses of Expression of Japanese Language	Japanese		It is needed to be able to read, write, speak and listen Japanese.
38003	Takumi KIMURA	kimutaku@okayama-u.ac.jp	Japanese Literature	Analyses of Japanese Modern Literature	Japanese		It is needed to be able to read, write, speak and listen Japanese.
38004	Mavumi UKIDA	maukida@okayama-u.ac.jp	Japanese Language Education	Teaching Method and Curriculum of The Japanese Language arts	Japanese		It is needed to be able to read, write, speak and listen Japanese.
38005	Satoshi TSUCHIYA	tsuchi-s@okayama-u.ac.jp	Chinese Classics	Analyses of Chinese Classics	Japanese		It is needed to be able to read, write, speak and listen Japanese.
38006	Satomi MATAYOSHI	satomim@okayama-u.ac.jp	Japanese Language	Analyses of Japanese Language	Japanese		It is needed to be able to read, write, speak and listen Japanese.
38007	Yosuke IIDA	y-iida@okayama-u.ac.jp	History of Europe	World History (particularly German history or relations between Europe and Asia)	Japanese, English, German	1	It is required to be able to speak Japanese, English, or German.
38008	Hiroshi OE	oehiroshi@okayama-u.ac.jp	Law	Jurisprudence	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read ,write and speak Japanese.
38009	Masanori OHKUMA	ohkuma@okayama-u.ac.jp	Applied Economics	Monetary economics and other fields of applied economics	Japanese or English	1	Sufficient proficiency in English or in Japanese
38010	Tsutomu KAWADA	tkawada@okayama-u.ac.jp	Human Geography	Training about geography of Japan and geography education	Japanese, English, German	1	It is required to be able to speak Japanese, English, or German.
38011	Toshinori KUWABARA	kuwabara@okayama-u.ac.jp	Social Studies Education	Curriculum and Instruction of Social Studies Education	Japanese, English	1	It is needed to be able to read and speak Japanese or English. South Korea 1
38012	Hirofumi TAKADA	h_takada1978@okayama-u.ac.jp	Political Science	Western History of Political Thought and Political Philosophy	Japanese, English	1	It is needed to be able to read, write and speak Japanese or English.
38013	Nobuhisa MATSUTA	matta@okayama-u.ac.jp	Physical Geography	Tectonic Geomorphology and Natural hazard	Japanese, English	1	It is needed to be able to read and speak Japanese or English
38014	Hiroshi MIYAZAKI	sophia@okayama-u.ac.jp	Ethics	Moral education based on ethics	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read, write and speak Japanese.
38015	Rvosuke MURAI	murair@okayama-u.ac.jp	Japanese History	Japanese medieval history	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read ,write ,speak and listen Japanese.
38016	Hidekazu YAMADA	hiyamada@okayama-u.ac.jp	Social Studies Education	Curriculum and Instruction of Social Studies Education (History Education)	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read, write and speak Japanese. Indonesia 1
38017	Yasuhisa HIRAI	hiraiv@okayama-u.ac.jp	Mathematics Education	Teaching arithmetic in elementary level	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English.
38018	Masakazu OKAZAKI	masakazu@okayama-u.ac.jp	Mathematics Education	Theories of understanding and classroom design in Mathematics Education	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English. Philippines 2
38019	Noboru NAKAMURA	n-nakamu@okayama-u.ac.jp	Analysis	Functional Analysis	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English.

38020	Masaki NAKAGAWA	nakagawa@okayama-u.ac.jp	Geometry	Topology	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English.
38021	Michitaka MIYAUCHI	miyauchi@okayama-u.ac.jp	Algebra	Number Theory	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English.
38022	Kento NAKADA	nakada@okayama-u.ac.jp	Algebra	Representation Theory, Combinatorics	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English.
38023	Mitsuo IZUKI	izuki@okayama-u.ac.jp	Analysis	Real Analysis, Complex Analysis	Japanese, English	1	Speaks Japanese or English.
38024	Masakazu KITA	kitam@okayama-u.ac.jp	Chemical education/Environmental Education	Development of science/environmental curricula and teaching materials for developing countries such as South Africa, Ghana, Philippines, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Indonesia	Japanese, English	1	Good at English. Indonesia 1, Philippines 1
38025	Motonori ANDO	andom@okayama-u.ac.jp	Biology	Cell physiology, Biophysics, Morphology	Japanese, English	1	Good at English or Japanese.
38026	Teruhiko ISHIKAWA	teruhiko@okayama-u.ac.jp	Chemistry	Development of new synthetic reactions	Japanese, English	1	Good at English or Japanese.
38027	Yoshihiko INADA	y-inada@okayama-u.ac.jp	Physics/Physics Education	Physics Education/ Condensed Matter Physics (Superconductor, Magnetism, Ultra Low temperature physics)	Japanese, English	1	Good at English or Japanese.
38028	Kuranoshin KATO	kuranos@okayama-u.ac.jp	Meteorology and Climatology	Climate and water cycle systems mainly in East Asia/ Extreme events and climate variability / Development of interdisciplinary lesson plans on climate and cultural understanding education, relating to ESD	Japanese, English	1	Good at English.
38029	Hiroki FUJII	fujii-hi@okayama-u.ac.jp	Science Education	Curriculum and Instruction of Science Education	Japanese, English	1	Good at English or Japanese.
38030	Takeshi SAITO	saitake@okayama-u.ac.jp	Composition and Conduct	Composition and Conduct method	Japanese	1	Teacher who has academic ability over undergraduate degree.
38031	Isao OHASHI	isa-o@okayama-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Arts and Crafts Education	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to speak Japanese.
38032	Rikako AKAGI	rikako@okayama-u.ac.jp	Art Education, Art History	Arts and Crafts Education	Japanese		It is needed to be able to speak Japanese.
38033	Kazufumi YAMAMOTO	kazuyama@okayama-u.ac.jp	Wood Craft	The wood craft, the method of processing material	Japanese		It is needed to be able to speak Japanese.
38034	Tetsuo KIYOTA	kiyota925@okayama-u.ac.jp	Art Education	Arts and Crafts Education	Japanese		It is needed to be able to speak Japanese.
38035	Masaru KAGA	mkaga@okayama-u.ac.jp	Kinematics	Biomechanics	Japanese, English	1	Can speak English or Japanese.
38036	Minoru ADACHI	adachi@okayama-u.ac.jp	School Health Education	Health Education and Preventive Medicine	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38037	Yuichi HARA	yuichi@okayama-u.ac.jp	Physical Education	Physical Education	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38038	Sono SATO	ssono@okayama-u.ac.jp	Home Economics Education	Home Economics Education	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38039	Lee Kyoungwon	leekw@okayama-u.ac.jp	Home Management	Family Relation	Japanese		Can speak Japanese.
38040	Yoko SHINOHARA	sw20@okayama-u.ac.jp	Clothing science	Laundering and finishing	Japanese		Can speak Japanese.
38041	Takashi IRIE	irie@okayama-u.ac.jp	Electricity	Electrical Energy Education	Japanese, English	1	Good at English or Japanese.

38042	Toshinobu KASAI	kasai@okayama-u.ac.jp	Computer Science	Information Technology Education, Uses of Information Technology in Education	Japanese	1	Japanese ability for enough understanding contents of lectures. Fundamental knowledge in the field you wish to work in.
38043	Kazuya OKADA	kazokada@okayama-u.ac.jp	British Literature	English Poetry	Japanese, English	1	Good English Proficiency.
38044	Kyoko WAKIMOTO	kwakimot@okayama-u.ac.jp	English Philology	Study on the language and style of eighteenth-century British literary works	Japanese, English	1	Students should be able to understand English or Japanese at advanced level.
38045	Takashi KOYAMA	tkovama@okayama-u.ac.jp	English Language Education	Research on Listening Comprehension in English	Japanese, English	1	Students should be able to communicate either in English or in Japanese. Malawi 1
38046	Scott GARDNER	scott@okayama-u.ac.jp	English Communication	(Academic) English Writing, Intercultural Communication, Bakhtinian Dialogue	Japanese, English	1	
38047	Satoru SATO	sato2ru@okayama-u.ac.jp	Psychology of Disability	Theory and practice of education for students with mild disabilities (e.g., ADHD, LD, AS)	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38048	Yoshihisa OHTAKE	ohtake@okayama-u.ac.jp	Curriculum and Instruction in Special Education	Exploring current issues regarding special education for students with developmental disabilities in Japan	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38049	Iori OHMORI	iori@okayama-u.ac.jp	Pathophysiology of developmental disorders	Research of molecular basis for neurodevelopmental disorders	Japanese, English	1	Able to read and write scientific reports in English.
38050	Munehisa YOSHITOSHI	yositosi@okayama-u.ac.jp	Special Education Law and Policy	Analyzing laws and policies promoting inclusive education	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38051	Takayuki TANJI	tanji@okayama-u.ac.jp	Psychology of Disability	Exploring theory and practice based on behavior analysis for students with developmental disabilities	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38052	Nobuyuki KAJITANI	kajitani@okayama-u.ac.jp	Kinematics	Sport Methodology	Japanese	1	Can speak Japanese.
38053	Toshiyuki TAKAHASHI	foxbat@okayama-u.ac.jp	Childcare contents studies, Juvenile culture studies, Art pedagogics	A lecture about cooperation education of expression of an infant, words, environment, juvenile culture, childcare practice, home training, a kindergarten and an elementary school, elementary school home economics education.	Japanese	1	It is for to some extent a condition to be able to speak Japanese.
38054	Osamu NISHIYAMA	osam@okayama-u.ac.jp	Childcare contents studies	Childcare contents (Human Relationships and Environment) in Japan	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38055	Mika KATAYAMA	kmika@okayama-u.ac.jp	Developmental Clinical Psychology	A study about the psychosocial support in childhood	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38056	Tomovoshi YOKOMATSU	yokoma@okayama-u.ac.jp	Infant education	Research on infant education	Japanese	1	Ability to speak Japanese to some extent.
38057	Atsushi TAKASE	takase@okayama-u.ac.jp	Educational Management and Administration	A study on Educational Administration and System in Japan and Russia	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38058	Masanobu ONOUE	onoue@okayama-u.ac.jp	History of Western Education	Review of Studies in Japan about History of Education in France	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38059	Shinnosuke KUMAGAI	kumagai@okayama-u.ac.jp	Adult Education	A Study on Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Japan	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38060	Kenji YAMAGUCHI	yama_ken@okayama-u.ac.jp	Sociology of Education	Sociological approach to the systems of Japanese education	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38061	Taku OJIMA	ojitaku@okayama-u.ac.jp	Educational Methods	A Study on Educational Methods in Japan	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles. Indonesia 1
38062	Kazuaki KAJII	kkajii@okayama-u.ac.jp	History of Japanese Education	Historical and Cultural Studies on Education in Japan	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles.
38063	Yoshitsugu HIRATA	yoshitsugu@okayama-u.ac.jp	Philosophy of Education	Philosophical Approach to Education	Japanese	1	It is needed to be able to read and understand Japanese articles

38064	Tazuko AOKI	aokit@okayama-u.ac.jp	Developmental Psychology	Development of character strenghts	Japanese, English	1	Stuednts are required to have enough abilities to read and write in Japanese or in English.
38065	Takafumi TERASAWA	terasawa@okayama-u.ac.jp	Learning Psychology	Mechanism of Human Learning and Memory	Japanese		Students should be able to communicate in Japanese.
38066	Tsuyoshi YAMADA	tyamada@okayama-u.ac.jp	Educational Evaluation and Psychometrics	Educational measurement & psychometrics	Japanese, English		It is needed to be able to speak either English or Japanese.
38067	Motoko MIYAKE	mivake@okayama-u.ac.jp	Developmental Psychology	Psychological approach to peer relationship	Japanese, English		It is needed to be able to speak either English or Japanese.
38068	Yoshihiro OKAZAKI	okazakiys@okayama-u.ac.jp	Developmental Psychology	Mechanisms of Cognitive Development	Japanese, English		It is needed to be able to speak either English or Japanese.