

2026 Academic Year (April Matriculation)
Kurume University Intensive Japanese Course
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Kurume University

The Philosophy of Kurume University's Bekka Foreign Students

1. Have the ability to search for what's true, what's just, and what's important.
2. Decide on one's goals and actively work toward achieving those goals.
3. Communicate with people, learn how to think about things from various points of view, and be kind to others.
4. Value various kinds of diversity, such as different cultures and languages.
5. Realize the value of the local area and culture, promote it to people around the world, and be model citizens.

Bekka Foreign Student Admission Policy (The policy for students that enter the program)

Bekka students need to:

1. Have a sufficient base level of Japanese and the study skills to learn more Japanese.
2. Have strong intentions of entering Kurume University to study after completing the Bekka program.
3. Be able to set their own study plans and focus on their studies.
4. Be able to think about things from various points of view.
5. Have an interest or appreciation of things such as Japanese culture or Japanese society.
6. Value diversity.
7. Have the necessary independent and cooperative skills for group study.

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This course is for the instruction of students in Japanese Language and Japanese culture for those who wish to matriculate to Japanese Universities or graduate schools. In particular, Kurume University faculties of Languages and Literature, Human Health, Law, Economics, Commerce and their affiliated graduate schools.

The length of study is either one year or one year and a half, with matriculation in April or in the Fall semester.

1. Number of Acceptees

- One year course: 15 students (including Fall semester entrants and domestic entrance examinees)
- Eighteen month course: 20 students (including Fall semester entrants and domestic entrance examinees)

2. Requirements for Application

1) Applicants must hold foreign citizenship and meet the conditions below.

(1) They must have received 12 years of formal education in their home country. (The equivalent of Japanese compulsory education [6 years, primary, 3 years junior high school, 3 years high school] by the time of acceptance.

(2) For Kurume University, those who meet the requirements outlined in (1) or equivalent must have reached.

2) Applicants must have passed level N5 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Tests sponsored by The Japan Foundation / Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) or those who are recognized as having the equivalent qualification.

※ Applicants who have studied in another Japanese language institute for one year after arriving in Japan are ineligible for application.

Please note that when the applicant has not obtained 12 years of formal education, Kurume University will not accept the application. For further details, contact Kurume University Entrance Examination Center.

3. Dates for Submission of Application Documents

	Application Period	Test date	Notification of test results
First Term	Received between November 10 th (Mon.) ~ November 20 th (Thu.), 2025	December 3 th (Wed.)	December 17 th (Wed.)
Second Term	Received between February 12 th (Thu.) ~ February 19 th (Thu.), 2025	February 27 th (Fri.)	March 10 th (Tue.)

※In case of earthquake, typhoon, or other natural disasters, the date of the examination will be subject to change.

Note: Applications cannot be accepted if they reach us after the deadline indicated above.

4. Method of Selection.

Selections will be made based on the submitted application documents, written examination (30 minutes), and interviews.

5. Application Documents *Original documents are required for all certification unless otherwise noted.*

1. Entrance Examination Application Form (Kurume University form) **A**

The applicant must fill out the form in her/his own handwriting.

Paste a recent hatless front-facing picture taken within 3 months prior to application, in the space provided. (h. 4cm x w. 3cm)

Please fill in an alphabet full name listed in a passport.

When there is not a passport, I fill in a full name by a Romaji in order of a family name, first name, middle name.

Entry example Family Name : KURUME First Name : Taro Middle name : Michael

2. Resume (Kurume University Form) **B**

Filled in by applicant, in his/her own handwriting

In the educational background section, include school name, governing body, dates of entrance and transfer.

Where not possible to enter in the space provided, please attach a detailed description of your educational experience to the form (the same applies to the work experience section).

Fill out the form in complete detail, leaving no blanks.

3. Reason for Application (Kurume University form) **C**

The applicant must fill out the form in her/his own handwriting.

If documents are written in a language other than Japanese, it is applicant's responsibility to attach a Japanese translation.

4. Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency

Please submit both documents (1) and (2).

(1) Certificates related to Japanese language proficiency (original) /Score Report

Regarding Japanese language ability, the applicant must have acquired one of the following

- ◇Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT N5)
- ◇The Test of Practical Japanese (J.TEST)
- ◇The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU – sponsored by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization))

※See the details on p.8.

(2)Certificates concerning the Japanese language study certificate

Please submit a certification document with the following items. (original)

Not only the total learning time of the curriculum that the person has taken, but also the actual number of learning hours actually attended the class

- ①Learning period, Learning time ②Attendance rate ③Course content ④Course name
- ⑤End target level of the course ⑥Teaching materials used

5. Certificate or Diploma of Graduation(Including anticipated) from the Last School Attended (Original)※

※See the details on p. 6-7.

6. Official Transcripts from the Last School Attended (Original) ※

※See the details on p.6-7.

7. Certificate of Enrollment

Certificate of Enrollment is required if the applicant is studying in a higher education institution (such as junior college, college, or graduate school) when applying for SJLC.

※See the details on p. 6-7.

8. Certificate of Employment

Certificate of employment is required if the applicant has a job at the time of application. (Issuing date, address of issuing authority, name, position, contents of duties, and staff tenure should be stated clearly.) Note that the applicant should submit the certificate of employment on the latest job.

9. Letter of Guarantee (Kurume University form) D

To be filled out by the sponsor or the guarantor of expenses.

Financial sponsorship is limited to parents or the guarantor of expenses.

10. Receipt of payment of entrance examination fee. (Kurume University form) E

※Those applying directly to Kurume University Entrance Examination Center

A receipt of the bank wire transfer must be pasted to the form.

Once submitted, the entrance examination fee is non-refundable.

11. Certification of Finances

1) Certificate for Expenses Payment (prescribed form) F

Certificate for Expenses Payment should be filled out by the sponsor in his/her own handwriting.

2) International Student Survey

3) Photocopies of the sponsor's Savings Passbook

All photocopies of the savings passbook in which the history of banking in the last year is clearly

recorded are required.

※The savings passbook that can show the income is preferred.

12. Identification Documents (all relevant documents should be submitted)

1) Photocopies of the family register (family registry or Certificate of Registration)

If the applicant is from China, the photocopies of the family register (or of temporary residence permit if the residing address is different from the one in family register) should be enclosed.

2) Photocopies of ID or passport

The applicant who has a passport should submit the photocopies of the pages in which the name of the applicant and all previous records of entry into and departure from Japan appear.

13. Proof of Status of Residence

Including visa status and permissible length of stay (issued by local city office)

6. Entrance Examination Fee and Method of Payment

If you would like to apply, please contact the following.

I will tell you how to transfer the entrance examination Fee.

This can be done either by telephone 081-942-44-2160, or by e-mail: nyushi@kurume-u.ac.jp

※Once fees are submitted, they are non-refundable.

◇Entrance Examination Fee ¥10,000 (Japanese Yen)

Pay with commission fee in JPY

- Remit fee by wire through a financial institute (bank, post office) to the following bank account. Upon transfer, paste proof of payment (receipt from an ATM, etc.) to the Receipt of Payment for Entrance Examination Form provided by Kurume University. Applications without proof of payment as well as missing an official seal from a financial institute will not be accepted.

※Cash payments will not be accepted.

Remit fee to the following bank account:

Bank name: Chikuho Bank

Branch: Main Branch.

Account type: Ordinary savings

Account number: 1038660

Account name: Kurume University

Account number: Ordinary savings 1940648

- Handling charges connected with transfer of remittance are the responsibility of the applicant.

7. Application Notes

- 1) If there is any defective document, the application will not be acceptable. Therefore, please confirm that all of the documents are gathered and there is no mistake in the contents as soon as possible.
- 2) Any false statements made on this application may be grounds for dismissal from university.
- 3) The original documents of various submitted certificate may be required.
- 4) The applicant may be asked to send other additional documents if it is necessary.
- 5) Certificates of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) and other certificates may be referred to the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Center (JLPT) or other institutions to confirm the contents of the certificates.

- 6) The statements in the received application forms cannot be changed.
- 7) In principle, all application forms should be issued in the last 1 month.
- 8) Once received, the application fee cannot be refunded no matter what reason you have.
- 9) Submitted applications will not be returned except original Certificate of Graduation or other original certificates which cannot be reissued again
- 10) As a result of the examination, we may indicate different courses for the 1 year course and the 1 and a half course.
- 11) If you have a history of not being granted a Certificate of Eligibility by application in the past, your application will not be accepted.

8. Notification of Results

◇First Term: December 17th (Wed.) , 2025

◇Second Term: March 10th (Tue.) , 2026

The notification of results will be sent to all of the applicants. Any call about the results will not be replied.

9. Registration Procedures

Upon receiving notice of successful test scores, the applicant should make payment of registration fees by the deadline, and submit required documents. Applications not submitted will have their test scores nullified. Further details will be provided along with the notice.

Registration deadline. (This date is subject to change)

First application period: Forms must arrive by January 7th (Wed.), 2026

Second application period: Forms must arrive by March 19th (Thu.), 2026

10. Student Fees

(All amounts in Japanese yen)

Items \ Dates	1 Year Course		18 Month Course		
	Enrollment Application Deadline	End of October	Enrollment Application Deadline	End of October	End of April in following year
Enrollment fee	110,000		110,000		
Tuition fees	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Lab fees	47,000		50,000		
Total	382,000	225,000	385,000	225,000	225,000

※The table shows the 2025 fiscal year

11. Submission Address

Kurume University Entrance Examination Center

Mii-machi, 1635

Kurume-shi, Fukuoka-ken

Japan 839-8502

TEL (81)942-44-2160 (direct line) FAX (81)942-43-4539

Requirements of Certificate of Graduation and Transcripts of Grades

China

Status when applying	Documents you should submit
For people who have graduated from a university	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photocopies, including the cover, of Certificate of Graduation issued by the university 2. Transcript of Grades issued by the university (original) 3. Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate ※ 4. Verification Report of China Higher Education Student's Academic Transcript ※ 5. Certificate of Enrollment (original) (for those who are still studying in graduate schools)
For people who are still on the register of their universities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photocopies, including the cover, of Certificate of Graduation issued by the (senior) high school 2. Transcripts of Grades issued by the (senior) high school (original) 3. Certificate of Enrollment (original)
For people who have graduated from a (senior) high school	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photocopies, including the cover, of Certificate of Graduation issued by the (senior) high school 2. Transcripts of Grades issued by the (senior) high school (original) 3. Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate ※ 4. Verification Report of China National College Entrance Examination Scores, or Verification Report of China High School Academic Proficiency Test Results (for those who didn't take College Entrance Examination) ※
For people who are still on the register of their (senior) high schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Expected Graduation issued by the (senior) high school (original) 2. Transcripts of Grades issued by the (senior) high school (original) <p>※After graduation, the certificate of Graduation issued by the (senior) high school (original), the applicant should submit the photocopies (including covers) of Certificate of Graduation, and Transcript of Grades (original).</p>

※ For applicants who are from China and have not finished 12-year education or entered into any colleges after graduating from high schools, Verification Reports issued by CHSI (China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center) are required. When applying for a verification statement on the website of CHSI, please make sure that the statement will be sent directly to this email address: nyushi@kurume-u.ac.jp by the deadline. You must print out the proof that you applied for a verification statement from CHSI. By post, you must send the proof with your application documents to Kurume University, Admission office by the deadline. (Address: 1635 Mii-machi Kurume-shi Fukuoka-ken, 839-8502 Japan)

Other Countries

Status when applying	Documents you should submit
For people who have graduated from a university	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Graduation issued by the university (original) 2. Certificate of Transcripts of Grades issued by the university (original) 3. Certificate of Enrollment (original) (for those who are still studying in graduate schools) 4. Certificate of Graduation issued by the (senior) high school (original) (for Nepalese and Vietnamese) 5. Transcripts of Grades issued by the (senior) high school (original) (for Nepalese and Vietnamese)
For people who are still on the register of their universities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Graduation issued by the (senior) high school (original) 2. Certificate of Transcripts of Grades issued by the (senior) high school (original) 3. Certificate of Enrollment (original)
For people who have graduated from a (senior) high school	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Graduation issued by the (senior) high school (original) 2. Certificate of Transcripts of Grades issued by the (senior) high school (original)
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◆Please submit certified true copy of the original certificate.

If it is not possible to submit the originals, applicants must submit certified true copy documents. *

* Only the school (organization) that issued the certificate, an embassy, or a notary public can certify the document.

◆As for the tests related to Japanese language proficiency other than the Japanese Language Proficiency Test(JLPT), following items shall be treated as equivalent to the JLPT Test N5 or higher.

1. Must be certified at N5 or above in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) conducted by the Japan International Educational Support Association and the Japan Foundation.
2. Obtain a score of 300 or more on the BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test conducted by the Japan Kanji Proficiency Test Association.
3. Must be certified as grade F or higher in the J.TEST Practical Japanese Proficiency Test conducted by the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Association/J.TEST Secretariat, or have obtained a score of 250 or more on the FG level exam.
4. Must be certified at level 5 or above of the Japanese NAT-TEST conducted by Senshu Kyoiku Publishing.
5. Obtain a score of 350 or higher on the STBJ Standard Business Japanese Test conducted by the Association for Applied Japanese Language Education.
6. Be certified as Beginner A or higher in the TOPJ Practical Japanese Proficiency Test conducted by the TOPJ Practical Japanese Proficiency Test Implementation Committee.
7. Must be certified at the beginner level or higher level of the J-cert Japanese Language Proficiency Test for Daily Life and Professional Skills conducted by the International Human Resources Development Organization, a public interest incorporated foundation.
8. Must be certified as JCT5 or higher in the JLCT Japanese Language Proficiency Test for foreign national conducted by the Japan-Language Proficiency Testing Organization for foreign national .
9. Receive a certification of C- or higher in the Practical Japanese Communication Test Bridge (PJC Bridge) conducted by Certify Co., Ltd.
- 10 Obtain a score of 315 or higher on the JPT Japanese Language Proficiency Test conducted by the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Implementation Committee, or a score of 68 or higher on the JPT Elementary test.

※The above information is subject to change.