

## Academic Program and Credits

The SPACE program has a flexible curriculum in which exchange students fulfill their aims by taking courses from their major field of study while learning Japanese language and culture. The minimum coursework requirement for exchange students is 10 credits per semester. At the end of the exchange period, those students who have fulfilled the requirements will receive a certificate of completion from Saga University. We will report the number of the credits that each student has earned to the international affairs division or the equivalent of the home university at the end of each semester. SPACE students who have earned credits are provided with an official academic transcript from Saga University. The student's home institution may determine whether to grant the credits based on this transcript.

SPACE-E (Undergraduate)	Field Work on Japanese Affairs		2 credits compulsory for students who don't take Independent Study	10 credits or more per semester
	Courses in Student's Major	Education	2 credits or more	
		Art and Regional Design		
		Economics		
		Science and Engineering		
		Agriculture		
	Japanese Language Courses		elective	
	Courses in Cross-cultural Interaction		elective	
	Basic Courses in General Education		elective	
Independent Study		Compulsory for Faculty of S&E and agriculture; elective otherwise (2 or 4 credits)		

(1) Courses in Students' Major for SPACE-E

F: Fall Semester S: Spring Semester

**Faculty of Education**

Academic Writing I (F, 1 credits)  
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

**Faculty of Art and Regional Design**

Japan & Southeast Asia in the Colonial & Postcolonial World (F, 2 credits)  
Key Concepts in Art (F, 2 credits)  
Introduction to Grammar Development: Implementing Grammar on Parser  
(S, 2 credits)  
  
Art in Context (S, 2 credits)  
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

**Faculty of Economics**

Asian Economics (F, 2 credits)  
Contemporary Social and Economic Issues in  
Japan (S, 2 credits)  
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

**Faculty of Science and Engineering**

Topics in Science and Engineering A (F, 2 credits)  
Topics in Science and Engineering B (S, 2 credits)  
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

**Faculty of Agriculture**

Introduction to agriculture A - Production and Management (F, 2 credits)  
Introduction to Agriculture B - Food and Environment (S, 2 credits)  
Guided Independent Study (F&S)

**Center for Promotion of International Exchange**

Intercultural communication and multicultural coexistence in Saga (F, 2 credits)

(2) Guided Independent Studies

(Spring and Fall; each 2 or 4 credits)

SPACE provides exchange students an opportunity to conduct "Independent Studies" with your supervisor. You need to write a research field and topic and possibly professor's name on your application form. You need to contact the professor you would like to have as your supervisor for Independent Study and obtain prior consent from him or her. For the students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering and the Faculty of Agriculture, Independent Study with your supervisor is compulsory. You need to write a research field and topic and professor's name on your application form. You can find the lists of professors together with their research topics. Please refer to the following URL to search information about professors and their specialization.

<http://research.dl.saga-u.ac.jp/search/index.html?lang=en>

### (3) Japanese Language Courses

Saga University offers Japanese language courses from beginning. Students are required to take a placement test upon their arrival and will be placed according to their language level. The program offers flexibility and choice, and students are able to gain Japanese skills ranging from a daily life level to an academic level.

### (4) Interface Subjects of Cross-Cultural Interaction

OGE (Organization for General Education) of Saga University offers courses for Cross-cultural Interactions to international students together with Japanese students.

International students should be aware that while they are encouraged to take these courses, the number of available class slots might differ among the classes offered. How international students enroll and participate in courses vary from course to course. Please read the description of the enrollment for each course for Cross-cultural Interactions at:

URL: <https://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/foreignstudent/space-e/>

### (5) General Education Subjects offered in English

SPACE-E students can register English courses in General Education and study contents together with regular Saga University 1st-year or 2nd-year students. The contents of the courses are about natural science, cultures, societies, etc. The number of the international students each course joins is limited. The joining students also satisfies the English proficiency level each course.

Introduction to Science (Fall; 2 credits)  
Introduction to Sociology (Spring; 2 credits)  
Aspects of Modern Society(Spring; 2 credits)  
Critical Thinking for the Modern Age(Spring; 2 credits)  
Cultural Metaphors(Fall; 2 credits)  
Western Culture (Fall; 2 credits)  
Citizenship Education (Fall; 2 credits)  
Life in the Global World (Fall; 2 credits)

### (6) Fieldwork on Japanese Affairs, offered in English

The class consists of students' Project work and field work/trip. We also have some workshops. Students can learn more about Japan, Kyushu or Saga or the people of Japan, Kyushu or Saga by experiencing its culture and affairs.