



KUMAMOTO TECHICAL COLLEGE

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Japanese Course



Training 「Engineers who can speak Japanese」

※Obtaining the title of «Professional Engineer» by the notification of the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

※Accepting university transfer



School Outline



School introduction

Our school is a technical college, which was founded in 1983. As one of the largest vocational schools in Kumamoto, we belong to the incorporated schools of Kaishin Gakuen, which includes Kaishin High School. The high school has more than 100 years of history. Our International Accommodation was built in 1991, and the Japanese Language Course was established in 2000 in order to train "students to advance to Japanese universities" and "engineers who can speak Japanese". In addition to the Japanese Language Course, we also have an **Automobile Maintenance Course**, **Mechatronics System Course** and **Electrical System Course**.

After studying Japanese for two years, most students advance to specialized courses for another two years. Once they have acquired specialized skills and a job offer from a Japanese company, they can get a "working visa" and start working in Japan.

Location

Located in Kumamoto City

◆ The third-largest city in Kyushu

Kumamoto City - an independent ordinance-designated city, has both convenience and beautiful nature.

◆ Low prices for easy living

Cost of living

In Tokyo: about 100,000~120,000JPY/month

In Kumamoto: about 50,000JPY/month

◆ Good security

Japan is well-known as a safe country, and Kumamoto is one of the safest cities in Japan.

◆ Convenient life

Many supermarkets and hospitals are located near the school so it is convenient for day to day life.

Japanese Course Outline

Course Introduction

◆ Course

2 years course: Enrollment in April
1 year 6 months: Enrollment in October

◆ School time

5 days a week: AM - First class: 9:00 ~ 10:30
Second class: 10:40 ~ 12:10
PM - Third class: 12:50 ~ 14:20

◆ Textbook

Basic 『Minna no Nihongo I&II』, basic level textbook
Intermediate Grammar, Reading, Vocabulary, Kanji, ...
Advanced Long documents reading comprehension, ...
There are also many other teaching materials.

◆ Contents of classes

Subjects: Japanese language, Reading, Listening, Kanji, Vocabulary, Communication, Writing, ...

Practical lessons: Lectures (Daily life guidance, Traffic rules, Living guidance), Experience lessons (Japanese affairs, Japanese culture, Japanese's way of thinking, Customs)

Others: General subjects, Science, Computers, ... etc



Graduation ceremony

Cultural Experiences Activities



Kimono Experience



Speech Contest



Cultural experience (Judo)



Cultural experience (Kendo)



Flowers arrangements



Suntory factory tour



GreenLand amusement park



Strawberry picking

School Features

Specialized Courses

We also have another three specialized engineering faculties: ①Automobile Maintenance Course – The goal is to obtain a second-level Engineering degree; ②Electrical System Course – Learning basic knowledge and techniques of electrical engineering; ③Mechatronics System Course – Learning advance materials and techniques. Students from the Japanese Language Course are exempted from the admission fee to advance to specialized engineering courses of 100,000JPY. Granting the title of “Professional engineer” upon graduation leads to finding employment and obtaining a working visa.



Automobile

Maintenance Course

Certified by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism as having qualified facilities to train First Class Car mechanic



Electrical System Course

Certified by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry as being qualified enough to train Second and Third Class Electric Chief Engineer.



Mechatronics System Course

Certified by the Japan Computer Software Association as being qualified enough to organize an engineering exam of using CAD.

More than 95% of foreign students have successfully obtained working visas

Many of the students who graduated from specialized courses are working in Kumamoto Prefecture as of March 2020.

■ Environment where foreign students can interact with Japanese students.

Studying in the same campus as Japanese students will provide foreign students with more opportunities to interact with native speakers.

■ Japanese cultural experiences

There are many Japanese cultural activities so students can learn Japanese not only in formal lectures but also through practical experiences.

■ 100% chance of advancing to higher education

All students who want to go to universities, colleges or vocational schools throughout Japan have 100% of going. An admission fee of 100,000JPY will be exempted for foreign students in the Japanese Course to enter to our specialized courses.

■ Support for foreign students

Privately funded foreign students who are certified by the Japan Student Support Organization may be able to get a scholarship.

48,000 JPY x 12 months = 576,000 JPY

Messages from Alumni



Nguyen Thi Hang Na (VietNam)

Graduated from Electrical System Course

Working at Kyushu Electronics Construction Joint Stock Company

My name is Hang Na. I have studied for 2 years in Electrical System Course at Kumamoto Technical College. The teachers were so kind and patiently taught us little by little. Thanks to that, I got a job in a Japanese company after graduating. Currently I am trying to get a certificate of construction engineer. I always tell myself that I have to keep moving forward.



Nguyen Phu Tu (VietNam)

Graduated from Automobile Maintenance Course

Certificate of Automobile Maintenance Engineer at level 2

Working at Volkswagen Kumamoto, Fahren Kumamoto KK

My name is Phu Tu, and I'm from Viet Tri, VietNam. In 2015, I passed the entrance examination of Automobile Maintenance Course – Kumamoto Technical College. Thanks to the dedicated teaching of the teachers in the department, after 2 years of study, I was able to obtain the certificate of Automobile Maintenance Engineer at level 2. After graduating, the teachers introduced me to a Kumamoto branch of the German automaker Volkswagen. Achieving my dream of working in Japan, from the bottom of my heart, I am so thankful to have been a student of Kumamoto Technical College and I will try harder to meet all of my teacher's expectations.



Badri Sapkota (Nepal)

Graduated from Automobile Maintenance Course

Certificate of Automobile Maintenance Engineer at level 2

Working at Ishida Auto Service Limited Company

I came to Japan in 2013. I had studied Japanese for 2 years and then studied car maintenance at Kumamoto Technical College. Thanks to my teachers, I passed the National Car Maintenance Examination Level 2 and JLPT N2. After graduating, I was able to get a job at Ishida Auto Service thanks to the school's introduction.

Kumamoto Technical College was kind enough to teach foreign students Japanese rules and manners. Also, since international students must study while working part-time, the teachers also understood our feelings and introduced us to part-time jobs. The school also provides apartments for international students. I am grateful to Kumamoto Technical College for taking care of me.



Ghimire Dipak (Nepal)

Automobile Maintenance Course – First year student

Certificate of Japanese language proficiency test N3

I came to Japan in May 2019. I had studied at Japanese Language Course of Kumaoto Technical College for 2 years and obtained the certificate of JLPT N3. Then I passed the entrance examination of Automobile Maintenance Course – which I've been dreaming of all the time since I enrolled in the school. As a Japanese Language Course's graduated student, I received preferential treatment on the entrance fee. Moreover, after graduating, I can change to an engineer visa in my major and start working in a Japanese company. I will try harder to become a good Automobile Maintenance Engineer in the future.

Student Support

Part-time Jobs

- We provide information on part-time employment to students.
- We also support the practice of writing Curriculum Vitae, phone manner and interview test.

Job examples:

Making box meals	:	packing food into boxes
Food packaging	:	processing and packaging meat, fish, vegetables,...
Courier delivery	:	postal parcels sorting
Medical device manufacturing factory	:	medical device parts manufacturing
Cooking assistant	:	at restaurant or hotel's kitchen
Convenience stores	:	cashier, product sorting
Food processing	:	processing frozen food
Semiconductor factory	:	semiconductor parts manufacturing

There are also many other jobs



Hourly wage: 900~1000JPY

(Some companies have transportation services)



Housing Assistance

- There are dormitories on campus.
 - A room for 1 person, 18,000JPY per month.
 - A room for 2 people, monthly 13,000JPY per student.
 - A room for 4 people, monthly 10,000JPY per student.
- Private apartments designated by the school at a cheaper cost with a room for 1 or 2 people, monthly 12,000~15,000JPY per student (as of July 2021)

Pictures of Apartments



No.2 Dormitory



No.1 Dormitory



Private apartment



Apartment's room

Recruitment / Application Procedure

Recruitment of International Students

① Number of Applicants

2 years course: 60 students
1 year 6 months: 20 students

② Application Qualification

Students with the following conditions:

Age

Age 18 or over.

Educational background

Meet one of the following conditions:

1. Having at least 12 years of school education in his/her native country (graduated from a regular high school, a vocational high school, or higher education).
2. Having received enough school education to take the entrance exam of a college or university in his/her home country.
3. Equivalent to any of the conditions listed above.

Japanese language proficiency

Learning Japanese for more than 150 hours at a school designated by the government or a private Japanese language school.

*Japanese proficiency of JLPT N5 or J-Test F or higher.

Economic capacity

Ability to pay for all of school expenses, living expenses, etc. Financial guarantor who owns capital equivalent of more than 2 million JPY.

③ Application Time

2 years course (Enroll in April): finish applying before beginning-November of the previous year.
1 year 6 months course (Enroll in October): finish applying before beginning-May of that year.

④ Application Procedure

The applicant must first request an Application form (the form of our school's Japanese Language Course) directly or through an acquaintance or a friend in Japan and fill out the form correctly in Japanese.

⑤ Selection Method

- ① Document evaluation ② Japanese test ③ Interview

Application Procedure

① Entrance Examination Fee

20,000JPY
(This fee is not returnable)

② Application Method

Send all necessary documents via post. In case of sending from abroad, send by EMS. Before sending documents, contact us to confirm by mail.
※Hand-in submission is also accepted.

Destination of Submission

Kumamoto Technical College Japanese Course

Post code: 861-8038

Address: 5-1-1 Nagaminehigashi, Higashi Ward, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Pref, Japan

TEL : +81 96380 8645

FAX: +81 96380 8646

Email: info@kumakosen.jp
nt-hien@kumakosen.jp

Note: Application period does not include the period of preparation. Please check carefully all application documents before they are dispatched.

③ Documents Evaluation and Examination

We will conduct the documents evaluation and notify you of your eligibility to take the Japanese test by email. Please write your email address on the application form.

④ Result Announcement

- 1) As soon as the Certificate of Eligibility from the Immigration Bureau of Japan is issued, the necessary documents such as Certificate of Eligibility and Admission Certification will be sent to applicants by EMS.
- 2) Applicants should apply for a passport and a visa in their home country, and contact us immediately after obtaining permission from the Embassy of Japan, please inform us of the flight time and flight number. We will pick up new students at the airport.



※Notice about Application Documents

- ① Be sure to fill in the form without abbreviation, adding (if necessary) an explanation of your special instruction and never fail to add the date of creation in Western calendar.
- ② Method of correcting mistakes: Draw a double line on the part you want to rewrite without using a correction pen, put correct information in the blank space and stamp your seal on the double line.
- ③ Translation: Attach Japanese translations with documents.
- ④ Submit certificate documents within the last 3 months.
- ⑤ We may cancel the admission even after enrollment, in case of false information.
- ⑥ Only application documents such as diplomas that cannot be reissued will be returned.
- ⑦ The required documents depend on your nationality. Contact us for more information.

Application Documents / Admission Fee and Tuition / Payment

① Application documents

No	Required documents	Notes
1	Documents certifying the applicant's identification	• Copy of ID or passport
2	4 photos (3cmx4cm)	• Taken within the last 3 months, white background, shirt with collar, no hat.
3	Application form with CV and the form of Study purpose	• The form designated by our college. To be signed by the applicant.
4	Graduation Certificate of last school	• In case of not having received a diploma at the time of application, submit a temporary graduation certificate, the official diploma can be added later.
5	Academic transcript of last school	• If your final education is high school, submit the academic transcript of high school.
6	Certificate of Japanese Language Test (JLPT N5 level above)	• If you do not have a Japanese language qualification (JLPT N5 level above), submit a more than 150 hours of learning history certificate which is issued by your Japanese school in your country.
7	Statement of financial guarantor	• The form designated by our college. To be signed by the guarantor.
8	Relationship between the applicant and the financial guarantor	• Copy of Birth registration of the applicant and copy of family registration book.
9	Certificate of financial guarantor's deposit balance	• To be issued within the last 3 months, with a balance of 2 million yen or more. • Please also submit a document of the financial institution's deposit agreement (describe details such as the type of deposit, period, and conditions for premature cancellation.)
10	Certificate of financial guarantor's employment	• In case of a certificate of employment, please submit the one that clearly shows the tax registration number of the company. • For private management, please submit a copy of the business permit, and for corporate officers, please submit a copy of the corporate register.
11	Instructions and materials that clarify the process that led to the formation of 9	• Please submit a copy of your passbook or a copy of your deposit certificate. • If you cannot objectively prove the deposit formation process with only the submitted documents, such as when you submit only a copy of the deposit certificate, please add a separate supplementary explanation.
12	Documents proving the family structure of the guarantor	• Copy of family registration book with all members. May coincide with document number 8.
13	Original proof of income, proof of tax payment or tax exemption	• Specify the date of issue, place of issue and contact information of the issuing authority.

※ Please contact us for more information about Application documents before submission.

② Admission Fee and Tuition

The list of school expenses

(Currency unit: JPY)

Enrollment	Year	Examination fee	Entrance fee	Tuition	Miscellaneous fee	Total
April Intake	First	20,000	100,000	580,000	120,000	820,000
	Second	0	0	580,000	0	580,000
October Intake	First	20,000	100,000	580,000	100,000	800,000
	Second	0	0	290,000	0	290,000

Note: Regardless of whether passing the test and being issued with a Certificate of Eligibility or not, the examination fee will not be refunded. If a student cannot get a Visa for some reason, the school will refund the admission fee, tuition and other related expenses with international transfer fees paid by the applicant.

③ Payment

For remittances from abroad, please remit to the following bank account with the name of the applicant.

Address of payment	BANK ／ THE HIGO BANK, LTD. MISOTENJIN BRANCH	SWIFT CODE ／ HIGOJPJT	ACCOUNT NO ／ 1432455
	BENEFICIARY ／ KUMAMOTO TECHNICAL COLLEGE JAPANESE COURSE	ETOU MASAYUKI PRESIDENT	
	BENEFICIARY'S ADDRESS ／ 5-1-1 NAGAMINEHIGASHI, HIGASHI WARD, KUMAMOTO CITY, KUMAMOTO PREF, JAPAN	Post code: 8618038	

Q&A



Q1 What are the special features of KTC?

A) In addition to Japanese language course, we also have another three specialized engineering faculties: Automobile Maintenance Course, Electrical System Course and Mechatronics System Course. After graduating from Japanese language course, students can enter to specialized course. After finishing 2 years-course, students can look for employment and obtaining a working visa.

Q2 When can I enroll?

A) In April and October.

Q3 When and how to apply?

A) For April intake, you need to finish applying before the beginning of November of the previous year. For October intake, it will be before the beginning of May of that year. There is also an interview in Japanese so please contact us for the application as soon as possible.

Q4 What are my career paths after graduating from the Japanese language course?

A) Since the main purpose of the Japanese language course is to go on to higher education almost all students enter universities or vocational schools.

Q5 How much is the monthly living cost?

A) Compared with major cities, living

expenses in Kumamoto are quite reasonable. Ther average cost for students is around 50,000JPY/month.

Q6 Can I work part-time?

A) If you get permission to engage in activities other than studying from the Immigration Bureau, you can work part-time within 28 hours a week (but up to 8 hours a day during long vacation time).

Q7 Does the school introduce part-time job openings to students?

A) Yes. In fact, most students are doing part-time jobs that were introduced by the school. However, there are some jobs that require basic Japanese speaking skills.

Q8 If I get sick or injured in Japan, how does the school help or how does the insurance work?

A) We introduce hospitals to students. Our staff will support you with Japanese communication. All students have to join the National health insurance system. Thanks to that, students only have to pay 30% of cost of treatment. Moreover, that 30% will also be paid for from another insurance from our school. Therefore, it costs students 0 yen to receive medical treatment in Japan. (However, there'll be exceptions depending on what kind of treatment and how long you receive it.)



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