

University of Miyazaki

Exchange Program

The Miyazaki Experience

The exchange program with the University of Miyazaki is over 30 years old. Students study from October through August using three Evergreen Individual Learning Contracts to structure their studies. Students typically focus on Japanese language study, cultural studies of all types, and a self-designed research project. Students build both credit-bearing and audited courses at Miyazaki into their contracts. The university has about 5600 students and nearly 1400 faculty and staff, four undergraduate schools, two graduate schools, research centers and more.

Miyazaki Region

Miyazaki City (pop. 400,000) is located on the east coast of the southern island of Kyushu and enjoys a milder, near-tropical climate. With many beautiful beaches nearby, it is something of a year-round surfing destination, such as at Aoshima Beach below. The university is located south of the urban center, in a somewhat more rural part of the city.



Japanese Language Study

The university welcomes international students from around the world and maintains a multi-level program for Japanese language and culture study. Based on pre-testing, students are placed into an appropriate level of study. Students typically assign 8 credits of each 16-credit contract to language study.

Academics

Students arrange for an Evergreen faculty sponsor or sponsors over the course of their three contracts, self-designing their goals and activities with faculty guidance. Students utilize credit-bearing and audited course work at Miyazaki, such as Japanese courses, art courses, and more,

to give structure to their study. They also conduct their independent project study within the contract. Each quarter's contract will generally be set up as follows, with increasing flexibility over time. Contracts may range from 12-16 credits, resulting in 36-48 credits over three quarters.

Language Study	8 credits
Cultural Study	4 credits
Project of Inquiry	4 credits
Total:	16 credits

Housing and Meals

Evergreen exchange students live in campus housing, essentially in small apartments that are passed from one Evergreen student to the next, along with furnishings and household goods! The university heavily subsidizes the cost, resulting in a monthly cost of about \$125, plus utilities charges of about \$60 per month. Students can also purchase meal plans on campus for about \$210 per month, or can cook their own meals in the dorms.

Global Support Office

The staff of the Global Support Office at the Center for International Relations on the Miyazaki campus will help guide you in all areas: applications, arrival, housing, orientation, insurance, academics, clubs and activities, and daily life. They are there to help you be successful and at ease in your new life in Japan.

Program Dates

Evergreen Application Deadline:	Feb 1
Decision Date:	Feb 10
Miyazaki Application Forms Sent:	Feb 20
U of Miyazaki Start Date:	Oct 1
U of Miyazaki End Date:	Sep 1

Estimated Costs for a One-year Exchange:

Tuition:	Home tuition at Evergreen
Housing:	\$2500
Meals:	\$2600
Books:	\$ 900
Airfare:	\$1500
Local Transportation	\$1500
Insurance:	\$ 400
Miscellaneous:	\$1000
Total:	\$10,400 plus home tuition

You will need to provide evidence to Miyazaki that you have this amount available through financial aid or other resources in order to receive a Certificate of Eligibility to apply for your Japanese student visa. Submit your FAFSA early.

Selection Criteria

Students interested in studying in the year-long exchange program at the University of Miyazaki should demonstrate the following:

1. Strong interest in studying Japanese language and culture;
2. High level of past academic performance and success in interdisciplinary coursework;
3. Ability to pursue intellectual curiosity in a setting that requires self-motivation and self-discipline.
4. Ability to act with maturity, responsibility, and sensitivity, even in stressful circumstances;
5. Ability to assume leadership roles within the overseas community and to understand your role as a representative of Evergreen and the US;
6. Selected students must have studied Japanese for at least two quarters before their departure.

Application Materials – Phase One

1. Complete Common Application for Exchanges.
2. Letter of interest (one page) that addresses:
 - a. your reasons for choosing this program
 - b. the benefits to your academic and career goals
 - c. how you are academically prepared thus far
 - d. maturity, responsibility, sensitivity, and leadership qualities as described above.
 - e. your proposal for a feasible project of inquiry
 - f. reasons for study at the selected university
3. Transcripts from Evergreen, unofficial version; Other colleges, must be official, unopened
4. Two Faculty Recommendation Forms/Letters, preferably from Evergreen faculty, but one may be from an outside source
5. One assessment by Japanese language faculty, if you've studied Japanese before.
6. One past academic writing sample, preferably on some aspect of Japanese culture, but other topics are acceptable. No creative writing samples!
7. Copy of valid passport, or copy of application for passport. Must be valid 6 months beyond your expected end date.
8. A personal interview may be requested.

Submit all materials to the Coordinator of International Programs, Academic Advising, Library 2153, by the listed deadline.

Phase II - Recommended Students

Please submit the following documents by **Feb 20** so we can meet the University of Miyazaki's deadlines:

1. Application Form for the Exchange Program: This is a one-page form in English, very simple.
2. Application for Special Student: This is a one-page form in Japanese, also simple. A sample is available.
3. Enrollment Verification Letter: Request an official, certified letter from *Registration & Records* that verifies your full-time enrolled status at Evergreen and past academic enrollment history.
4. Transcripts: A copy of the transcripts you have already provided will be sent to Miyazaki.
5. Birth Certificate: A normal photocopy of your birth certificate is fine.
6. Passport ID Pages: Be sure that you have submitted a copy of the ID pages of your passport.
7. Four Photos: Use own or get photos at *Photoland* in the Library. Cut to 4.5cm X 3.5 cm, upper body, full faced, no hats. Use the template provided. Write your name and nationality lightly on the back of each photo.
8. Application for Certificate of Eligibility: This is a four-page form in Japanese and English, needed to prepare the Certificate of Eligibility, a document needed to apply for a student visa at the consulate in Seattle. Print clearly.
9. Medical Form: Arrange a check-up with the Health Center or your doctor. Have the doctor complete the Medical Form. Some test results may take a week to get back. Schedule this in advance of submitting your overall application, due to the short turn-around time for submitting to Miyazaki.
10. Financial Statement Form: This is in English. You must provide evidence that you have adequate funds to support your living expenses in Japan. This may be a bank statement, a copy of your financial aid award, a letter from a parent's employer, etc.
11. Curriculum Vitae: Prepare a one or two-page CV, listing in narrative form a history of your educational experiences. Samples are available through Career Development.
12. Monbusho Scholarship Application Form: This is in Japanese and English. Sample available.
13. Letter of Recommendation: The Coordinator of International Programs will prepare this letter addressed to the president of Miyazaki, based on the academic and personal history of the student.