

THE UNIVERSITY OF KITAKYUSHU
Graduate School of Environmental Engineering

General Selection & Special Selection for People in
Employment (Winter Schedule)

Doctoral Program Admissions Guide

For Enrollment in April 2027



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◀Admission Policy▶

●Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems

Course	Expected student image	Expected Ability		
		①Knowledge and skills	②Abilities such as thinking, judgment and expression	③Independent attitude for learning in cooperation with a variety of people
Resources and Chemical Systems	·He/she has an interest in scientific fields including energy, the environment, and resources, and aims to be a world-leading chemical/environmental engineer or researcher. ·He/she aims to develop or construct innovational new technologies or theories.	·He/she has sufficient knowledge for researching advanced chemistry and environmental engineering. ·He/she has a clear vision about solving problems regarding energy, the environment, and resources. ·He/she has sufficient language abilities to be able to write advanced studies/reports and debate with experts.	·He/she has the ability to see the essence of the problem in various fields including energy, the environment, and resources, and to find solutions from an advanced perspective, prioritizing according to importance/emergency level. ·In various fields including energy, the environment, and resources, he/she has the ability to find solutions to problems from an advanced perspective while logically considering multiple alternatives, and then clearly explaining those solutions to other people.	·He/she has a deep interest in scientific fields including energy, the environment, and resources, and has the desire to research independently and the dynamism to lead others, with diverse and comprehensive viewpoints. ·He/she has the ability to lead problem solving through cooperation with others by finding multiple problem solving methods via consultation and debate, irrespective of his/her own expertise.
Life Science and Biotechnology *	·He/she aims to gain high-level, specialist knowledge in subjects such as the medicine, life and environment, which form the basis of chemistry and biology. ·He/she wants to contribute to society by gaining the ability to actively participate on the international stage in fields such as the medicine, life and environment.	·He/she has the specialist knowledge and skills to develop technologies while considering the health, environment, and ecological systems. He/she also has wide-ranging knowledge that is important for refining this information.	·He/she has the mind and judgment to see the essence of various problems in fields such as the medicine, life and environment, and has the ability to publish results gained through research in appropriate methods such as a paper or conference.	·He/she shows a good attitude for solving problems through positive debate with researchers, both domestic and worldwide, with regards to the various problems in fields such as the medicine, life and environment.
Environmental and Ecological Systems	·He/she aims to be a researcher or educator who can actively participate in building environmental social systems locally or in developing countries, especially in Asia. ·He/she aims to gain very highly specialized knowledge for building a sustainable society.	·He/she has specialist academic ability in the fields of natural science and mathematics that form the basis of environmental investigations, environmental planning and ecosystem management. He/she also has creative and practical knowledge to be able to lead in the development of societies that are environmentally friendly and symbiosis with nature. ·He/she has the ability to independently solve problems using specialist skills and methods related to social/environmental field surveys, environmental simulations and environmental management.	·He/she has the ideas and judgment to deal with actual environmental problems, with a wide view of international environmental society, based on a background of advanced academic research.	·He/she has an wide interest in fields such as resources, energy, natural ecosystems, economics and administration in relation to environmental problems, and has the knowledge to perform pioneering research from an advanced perspective. ·He/she has the knowledge to independently tackle advanced and international environmental problems in cooperation with relevant organizations such as academic societies, companies and governments.

*Biosystems Course will be renamed “Life Science and Biotechnology Course” in April 2027.

●Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering

Course	Expected student image	Expected Ability		
		①Knowledge and skills	②Abilities such as thinking, judgment and expression	③Independent attitude for learning in cooperation with a variety of people
Mechanical Systems Engineering	· He/she aims to be a researcher or educator who can actively participate internationally and interdisciplinary using advanced mechanical system technology, while pursuing the "sustainable development" of both environmental burden reduction and continued economic development. · He/she will not mind making efforts to utilize advanced expertise in mechanical engineering. · He/she has the desire to attempt advanced research, equipped with creativity and independence.	· He/she has specialist knowledge and skills in the field of mechanical engineering and has the academic ability and aptitude for gaining further specialization. · He/she has the basic cultural and ethical perspective needed to be a mechanical researcher or educator. · He/she has the necessary ability to communicate in Japanese and English.	· He/she has the ability to logically think about, assess and solve mechanical engineering problems from an advanced perspective, and can convey his/her own ideas and consideration results etc. clearly to others.	· He/she has the ability to assertively tackle mechanical engineering problems from an advanced perspective in cooperation with a variety of people.
Architecture	· He/she aims to gain a high ability to be able to actively participate on the international stage with highly specialized knowledge to be able to create futuristic constructions. · He/she aims to be a designer who understands technology or a highly specialized professional or, in particular, a researcher who understands design.	· He/she understands that architecture is the forming of space and an abundant human environment that links the past to the future, understands the essence of architecture from a general perspective, and has that high-level specialist knowledge. · He/she has a variety of abilities necessary for a high-level architect/engineer, such as the ability to make constructions safe, the ability to create a comfortable space, the ability to express artistry, and the ability to express ideas to clients.	· He/she has the ability to extract various problems from social phenomena in architecture with an international perspective, explain his/her own thinking/judgment processes to solve these problems, and publish research via meetings, international conferences and dissertations.	· He/she has the ability to plan projects with others in a community or organization, and finalize the projects in the form of a dissertation or construction, etc. He/she also has the desire and attitude to consider harmony with the environment, and solve problems from the ethical viewpoint of an engineer.

●Graduate Programs in Information Engineering

Course	Expected student image	Expected Ability		
		①Knowledge and skills	②Abilities such as thinking, judgment and expression	③Independent attitude for learning in cooperation with a variety of people
Computer Science	· He/she aims to utilize high-level, specialist knowledge and skills for computer science, in particular, artificial intelligence, image processing, control theory, networks, information security and data science. · He/she aims to be a leading researcher, engineer or educator with the ability to actively participate on the international stage.	· He/she has comprehensive specialist knowledge about information system engineering, and specialist knowledge about computer science, in particular, artificial intelligence, image processing, control theory, networks, information security and data science. · He/she has the skills to design and install a major network and image processing system as a practical discipline of computer science, to meet the needs of information-oriented society.	· He/she has the ability to plan/suggest problem solving methods in the field of computer science, evaluate the results and form conclusions, arrange these processes into a dissertation, and publish them.	· In the field of computer science, he/she can communicate effectively with other people in a community or organization, and has the dynamism to independently tackle problem solving with a sense of social and ethical responsibility.
Applied Information Systems	· He/she aims to utilize high-level, specialist knowledge and skills for artificial intelligence, electronic/integrated circuits, robotics, software, biomedical systems, natural language processing, data science, and systems that integrate these elements. · He/she aims to be a leading researcher, engineer or educator with the ability to actively participate on the international stage.	· He/she has comprehensive specialist knowledge about information system engineering, and specialist knowledge about artificial intelligence, electronic/integrated circuits, robotics, software, biomedical systems, natural language processing, data science, and systems that integrate these elements. · He/she has the skills to design and install a major robot and bio-information system as an integration of electronic/information/measurement and control, to meet the needs of information-oriented society.	· He/she has the ability to plan/suggest problem solving methods in the integrated field of applied information systems, evaluate the results and form conclusions, arrange these processes into a dissertation, and publish them.	· In the integrated field of applied information systems, he/she can communicate effectively with other people in a community or organization, and has the dynamism to independently tackle problem solving with a sense of social and ethical responsibility.

1. Schedule for Applying

Application Period	December 7, 2026 (Monday) - December 11, 2026 (Friday) *Screening of Qualifications for Applying: by October 22, 2026 (Thursday)
Examination Date	January 31, 2027 (Sunday) Time to Start: 10:00 AM (Meet at 9:40 AM) *This may change if the examination cannot take place according to schedule due to unforeseen circumstances such as a natural disaster. Notice of alterations to the examination schedule will be given out via the university's website. https://www.kitakyu-u.ac.jp/env/lang-en/admissions.html
Examination Site	The University of Kitakyushu, Hibikino Campus (1-1 Hibikino, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, JAPAN)
Announcement of Examination Results	February 5, 2027 (Friday)



【About Online Selection】

Applicants may take the online oral examinations instead of the regular examination subjects. Contact the professor you would like to have as their research supervisor for details. If you do not know how to contact the professor who you would like to have as your research supervisor, refer to 《Research Supervisors and Research Content of Courses in the Graduate Program》 on page 16.

2. Admissions Quota

Graduate School	Graduate Programs	General Selection	Special Selection for People in Employment
Graduate School of Environmental Engineering	Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems	a few	a few
	Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering	a few	a few
	Graduate Programs in Information Engineering	a few	a few

《Admission for People in Employment》

At the Graduate School of Environmental Engineering, we can provide classes and research guidance at night or at specific times and periods for people already in employment who wish to improve on the skills and knowledge they have already acquired through their work, or wish to acquire new skills and knowledge required by their profession.

3. Qualifications for Applying

Applicants must meet one of the requirements below. However, the Special Selection for People in Employment is limited to people who have, by March 31, 2027, at least 2 years' work experience related to their graduate program at either an educational or research organization, government/municipal body, or corporation (including their international cooperation activities in NGO or NPO etc.).

Applicants do not need to be currently working in such a position, so long as they have acquired 2 years' experience or more.

- (1) Has a master's degree or expects to obtain a master's degree by March 31, 2027.
- (2) Has been awarded, or expects to be awarded by March 31, 2027, a degree equivalent to a master's degree in a country other than Japan.
- (3) Has been awarded, or expects to be awarded by March 31, 2027, a degree equivalent to a master's degree by taking a correspondence course in Japan provided by a school outside Japan.
- (4) Has been awarded, or expects to be awarded by March 31, 2027, a master's degree or the equivalent of a professional degree from completion of a course at an educational facility in Japan that offers courses of overseas graduate schools considered a part of the school education system of the relevant foreign country, as designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (5) A person designated the following by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (under Notification No. 118 issued in 1989 by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) (Note):
A person who, after graduating university or completing 16 years of school education outside of Japan or completing 16 years of another country's school education by taking correspondence courses offered by an overseas school while in Japan, has been involved in research for at least 2 years at a university or research institute, and due to his/her research record has been recognized by the Management Committee as having ability equal or above to someone with a master's degree.
- (6) Has been recognized through an individual screening process performed by the Management Committee as having the academic ability equal or above someone with a master's degree, and who has or will have reached the age of 24 by March 31, 2027 (Note).

(Note) Applicants applying under requirements (5) or (6) will undergo a preliminary screening of their qualifications.

【Screening of Qualifications for applying】

*For applicants applying under requirement (5) or (6)

The Management Committee screens the qualifications for applying. Applicants must contact the professor you would like to have as their research supervisor before submitting the following documents.

If you do not know how to contact the professor who you would like to have as your research supervisor, refer to 《Research Supervisors and Research Content of Courses in the Graduate Program》 on page 16.

- (a) Documents to be submitted *Refer to “Documents for Submission” on page 7.

- Screening of Qualifications for Applying Application (Form 2)
- Research Plan Survey (Form 1)
- Statement of Reason for Application (Use A4-size, free form)
- Official transcripts issued by graduated or current university/school

*For transcripts written in neither Japanese nor English, a Japanese or English translation must be attached.

- Details of previous academic performances and research

- (b) Deadline for Screening Applications: October 22, 2026 (Thursday)

- (c) Submissions and Inquiries to:

The University of Kitakyushu, Administrative Office
Academic Affairs Department, Entrance Examinations Division
1-1 Hibikino, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka, JAPAN, 808-0135
TEL: +81-93-695-3340 E-mail: nyushi@kitakyu-u.ac.jp

【For Applicants residing in Japan】

Submit the documents listed above at the counter of Entrance Examinations Division or send them

via registered express mail, making sure that they arrive before the deadline for screening applications.

【For Applicants residing outside Japan】

Send the documents listed above via EMS or a similar mail service before the deadline for screening applications. **Before mailing the documents, applicants should also e-mail them as PDF file attachments to the Entrance Examinations Division before the deadline for screening applications.**

(d) Notification of the Results:

Results of the screening will be e-mailed directly to the applicant.

4. Application Procedures

Applicants residing in Japan should submit the documents listed below at the counter of Entrance Examinations Division, or send **via registered express mail**, making sure that they arrive before the deadline for applications.

Applicants residing outside Japan should send the documents listed below via EMS or a similar mail service, **making sure that they arrive before the deadline for applications. Before mailing the documents, applicants should also e-mail them as PDF file attachments to the Entrance Examinations Division before the deadline for applications shown below.**

Applicants must contact the professor you would like to have as their research supervisor before applying. If you do not know how to contact the professor who you would like to have as your research supervisor, refer to 《Research Supervisors and Research Content of Courses in the Graduate Program》 on page 16.

(1) Application Registration

Please complete the “Application Registration” online. For instructions on how to register your application, please visit the “Online Application Registration” website.

Please access the “Online Application Registration” website via the University of Kitakyushu website.

<https://www.kitakyu-u.ac.jp/>

*In case you have difficulty accessing the University's website, please go directly to the “Online Application” website (<https://www.guide.52school.com/guidance/net-kitakyu-u/>).

(2) Payment of the Examination Fee

Please pay the Examination fee of 30,000 yen (plus a service fee of 900 yen).

Please visit the “Online Application” website to see the payment instructions.

(3) Submit the Application Documents

Please submit your application documents after completing your application registration and paying the Examination fee.

(4) Application Period

Application Period	December 7, 2026 (Monday) - December 11, 2026 (Friday)
Application Registration Period / Examination Fee Payment Period	November 30, 2026 (Monday) – December 11, 2026 (Friday)

(5) Submission Desk Office Hours (excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays):

Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 16:00 (until 17:00 on the date of deadline)

*Mailed items that arrive on or after December 12, 2026 (Saturday) will only be accepted if they are postmarked in Japan no later than December 10, 2026 (Thursday).

(6) Mailing Address for Submissions

The University of Kitakyushu, Administrative Office,

Academic Affairs Department, Entrance Examinations Division

1-1 Hibikino, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka, JAPAN, 808-0135

TEL: +81-93-695-3340 E-mail: nyushi@kitakyu-u.ac.jp

(7) Documents for Submission

Print Application Registration Details	
Application Form	Print Application Form out after Completing Application Registration. Glue a 4cm×3cm color photograph in the designated space showing your upper body, without a hat, on a plain background and looking straight ahead. Write your name on back of the photograph.
Photograph Card	Print Photograph Card out after Completing Application Registration. Attach the photo in the same way described in the “Application Form” section above.
Address Label	*For mail-in applications only Print Address Label out after Completing Application Registration. Glue it to a A4-size envelope.
Other Required Documents	
Research Plan Survey (Form 1)	State the research plan on Form 1 clearly. <u>You must contact the professor you would like to have as your research supervisor before applying.</u>
Statement of Reason for Application	Write your reasons for applying on one sheet of A4 size paper, free form. You may choose whatever format you would like, but make sure to include your name, and the name of the graduate program and course you would like to take.
Official Transcript of Grades from Your Previous Graduate School	Applicants should submit an official transcript of their grades from the graduate school they have graduated from or are still enrolled at. *For transcripts written in neither Japanese nor English, a Japanese or English translation must be attached.
Documents showing proof of Qualifications for Applying	A Certificate of Graduation or Prospective Graduation or Certificate of Enrollment in a master's course issued by the applicant's graduate school. (Original or certified copy) *In case the applicant cannot submit the above certificate, submit a photocopy of the certificate which is duly certified by the graduate school, Embassy / Consulate, or notary public's office. *For certificates written in neither Japanese nor English, a Japanese or English translation must be attached.
Certificate of Residence (JUMINHYO) or Copy of Passport	【Applicants residing in Japan】 Submit a Certificate of Residence (JUMINHYO) with your residency status and period of stay that has been issued within one month of the application. 【Applicants residing outside Japan】 Submit a copy of the passport (the pages showing the applicant's face and the passport's date of expiration).

(Note) You do not have to pay Examination Fee if you will enroll Doctoral Program of the University of Kitakyushu **right after** obtaining a master's degree of the University of Kitakyushu.

*Applicants applying in the Special Selection for People in Employment must also submit the following document:

Certificate of Employment	This should be issued by the place of employment (there is no set format). *It should prove that the applicant has been working for at least 2 years of continuous employment. *For certificates written in neither Japanese nor English, a Japanese or English translation must be attached.
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【Notes about the Application】

- Applications will not be accepted if the documents are incomplete.
- After the application is submitted, the examination fees will not be returned, and no changes to documents will be accepted under any circumstances.
- If a false statement is found in the documents, admission to the university will be revoked even if the applicant passed the entrance examination.
- Once received by the university, the application documents will not be returned after submission.
- Applicants who have taken the examination under the condition that they meet the application qualifications by March 31, 2027 but do not then meet the qualifications for applying, will have their admission revoked even if they have passed the entrance examination.

【Test Admission Card】

- Test Admission Card Printable Period: January 13, 2027 (Wednesday) - March 15, 2027 (Monday)
- Print the Test Admission Card from the “Application Confirmation” page on the “Online Application Registration” website during the designated printing period.
Please print your Test Admission Card on A4-sized paper and fold it in half.
- Make sure to bring your Test Admission Card.
- The Test Admission Card is necessary for the admissions procedure. Please keep it safe.

【Special consideration for applicants with physical disabilities】

Applicants with physical disabilities who might require special consideration for the entrance examination and enrollment at the university are required to undergo a screening in order to receive such consideration. Please consult the university in advance and provide the necessary documents at least 2 weeks before applying. Based on the results of the screening, we will notify you of the details of any special measures that have been deemed necessary. Please include this notification with your application.

《Contact》

The University of Kitakyushu, Administrative Office,
Academic Affairs Department, Entrance Examinations Division
1-1 Hibikino, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka, JAPAN, 808-0135
TEL: +81-93-695-3340 E-mail: nyushi@kitakyu-u.ac.jp

【Exemption from the Entrance Examination Fee】

In order to reduce their economic burden and provide an opportunity for academic advancement, applicants who were adversely affected by the Kumamoto Earthquake in 2026 are exempted from the entrance examination fee for 2026.

《Contact》

The University of Kitakyushu, Administrative Office,
Academic Affairs Department, Entrance Examinations Division
TEL: +81-93-695-3340
URL: <https://www.kitakyu-u.ac.jp/entrance-exam/tuition/absolution.html>

【Managing Personal Information】

The University of Kitakyushu manages all personal information very carefully in accordance with related laws and provisions. The university will never share an applicant's personal information with a third party, and will only use it for the following purposes:

- Applicants' names, birthdays, contact information and so on are used for the selection process, contacting successful applicants, admission procedures, surveys and research, and other related work.
- The personal information of successful applicants is used for guidance before enrollment, matters relating to academic affairs after enrollment, student support, and collection of tuition fees.

5. Selection Process and Examination Subjects

【Selection Process】

Applicants are selected based on the results of the examination and the application documents.

For the Special Selection for People in Employment, the applicant's career and research are emphasized in the selection process.

【Examination Subjects】

◆Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems

○Resources and Chemical Systems

《General Selection》 《Special Selection for People in Employment》

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's previous research and research plan for Graduate School of Environmental Engineering) (Presentation on a projector) (Note)	10 : 00 –

(Note) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

○Life Science and Biotechnology

Biosystems Course will be renamed “Life Science and Biotechnology Course” in April 2027.

《General Selection》 《Special Selection for People in Employment》

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's previous research and research plan for Graduate School of Environmental Engineering) (Presentation on a projector) (Note)	10 : 00 –

(Note) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

○Environmental and Ecological Systems

《General Selection》 《Special Selection for People in Employment》 (Note 1) (Note 2)

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's previous research and research plan for Graduate School of Environmental Engineering) (Presentation on a projector) (Note 3)	10 : 00 –

(Note 1) If applicants have documentation showing their language skills in Japanese or English, please bring it to the examination day.

(Example: Your score in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, TOEIC (TOEIC L & R) Score, TOEFL Score, etc.) * This is not mandatory.

(Note 2) Interview time may change depending on the number of applicants.

(Note 3) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

◆Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering

○Mechanical Systems Engineering

《General Selection》

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's master's thesis) (Presentation on a projector) (Note)	10 : 00 –

(Note) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

《Special Selection for People in Employment》

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's master's thesis or previous research) (Presentation on a projector) (Note)	10 : 00 –

(Note) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

○Architecture

《General Selection》 《Special Selection for People in Employment》

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's previous research and research plan for Graduate School of Environmental Engineering) (Presentation on a projector) (Note)	10 : 00 –

(Note) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

◆Graduate Programs in Information Engineering

○Computer Science

○Applied Information Systems

《General Selection》 《Special Selection for People in Employment》

Examination Subjects	Examination Time (Japan Time)
Oral examinations & Interview (Including a presentation about the applicant's previous research and research plan for Graduate School of Environmental Engineering) (Presentation on a projector) (Note)	10 : 00 –

(Note) Please bring your presentation data, in both presentation format and PDF, saved on both your USB flash drive and your PC.

6. Examination Site

The University of Kitakyushu, Hibikino Campus

(1-1 Hibikino, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka, JAPAN)

*Means of transportation: Kitakyushu City Bus, Nishitetsu Bus

Take a bus from JR Orio Station bus stop and get off at Gakken-toshi-Hibikino.

It takes about 20 minutes.



«Online Selection»

For specific adjustments related to online interviews, the professors of each course will contact the applicants later.

7. Points to be Aware of Regarding the Examination

- (1) Make sure to bring your Test Admission Card. (The Test Admission Card will be available for printing starting January 13, 2027 (Wednesday).)
- (2) You will not be allowed to take the interview if you are late.
- (3) If you are late due to lengthy delays on the public transportation service, the prescribed examination time will be extended as necessary. To verify the delay, get a note of verification when you get on/off the train or bus.
- (4) Bring your pens and pencils, and a wristwatch (one without calculation, translation, and dictionary functions). We cannot provide any such test-taking necessities.
- (5) Do not come to the examination site by a private car.
- (6) Please come to the examination site by following the guidance signs in the university.

«Online Selection»

- (1) We require that you show us the Test Admission Card during the online examination. (The Test Admission Card will be available for printing starting January 13, 2027 (Wednesday).)
- (2) Please ensure you are ready to connect to the Internet 20 minutes before the examination starts.
- (3) Interview time may change depending on the number of applicants.

8. Announcement of Examination Results

The examinee numbers of successful examinees will be displayed on the university website. A Letter of Acceptance will also be sent to the successful applicants. We will not respond to telephone inquiries regarding the results.

Time of Announcement	Around 10 :00 am, February 5, 2027 (Friday)	
Location of Announcement	The website of the University of Kitakyushu https://www.kitakyu-u.ac.jp/env/lang-en/admissions.html	

9. Admission Procedures

Details of the procedure for admission will be sent with the Letter of Acceptance.

Period to complete the Admissions Procedure	March 9, 2027 (Tuesday) ~ March 15, 2027 (Monday)
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(Note 1) Once paid, the admission fee will not be returned under any circumstances.

(Note 2) Successful applicants who do not complete the admission procedure during this time will be deemed as having opted out of their place at the university. The period for carrying out the admissions procedure will not be extended under any circumstances.

(Note 3) Successful applicants who complete payment of the admission fees and submit the necessary documents during this period will be admitted to the university.

(Note 4) The Test Admission Card is necessary for the admissions procedure. Please keep it safe.

10. Admission and Other Fees

Fees	Amount (Note 1)	Note
Admission Fee	Residents of Kitakyushu City JPY 282,000	(Note 2)
	Non-residents of Kitakyushu City JPY 423,000	
Alumni Association fee	JPY 50,000	The University of Kitakyushu graduates who have already paid are exempt.
Support Association fee	JPY 30,000	(Note 3)
Personal accident insurance	3 years' coverage JPY 2,600	
Personal liability insurance	3 years' coverage JPY 1,020	

(Note 1) The amounts indicated above are for enrollment in 2026 and may change.

(Note 2) A resident of Kitakyushu City is defined as a person who qualifies as a Kitakyushu City taxpayer or exempted taxpayer (or whose spouse or other close relative [first degree relative] qualifies) during the year prior to enrollment, and who is also a resident of Kitakyushu City when the admission fees are paid. To be a taxpayer (or an exempted taxpayer) of Kitakyushu City in the previous year of the enrollment, a person must have been a resident of Kitakyushu City as of January 1, 2026.

*You can still enroll in the university even if you do not pay the alumni association fee, support association fee, or the insurance.

(Note 3) If you have already paid the Support Association fee and you satisfy the following requirements, the Support Association fee is as follows.

Those who will enroll Doctoral Program of the University of Kitakyushu **right after** obtaining a master's degree of the University of Kitakyushu. : JPY25,000

11. Tuition Fees

Annual tuition fee JPY 535,800

(1) This amount is the current fee. If the amount or the payment method is changed while you are enrolled at the university, the new fee and payment method shall be applied from the time of the amendment.

(2) The tuition must be paid in 2 installments by account transfer by the due date (or the next business day if the bank is closed on that date).

12. System for Extending Your Duration of Study

The Graduate School of Environmental Engineering offers extensions to the duration of study to support students who are in employment. If eligible, you will be able to complete the curriculum over a period of time that exceeds the standard period required for graduation. This must be done in accordance with a prearranged schedule that has been approved by the Graduate School Committee. If you are enrolled in a master's program, you can arrange to extend the period of study up to 2 years, and if you are enrolled in a doctoral program, you can extend the period of study up to 3 years, with each extension being granted in one-year blocks.

The total amount of tuition fees for students making use of this system is the same as that paid by students who graduate within the standard period required for graduation.

13. Security Export Control

Based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, the University of Kitakyushu has established the "Provisions for Security Export Control at the University of Kitakyushu" and implements a strict screening of the international students it accepts.

Please note that applicants might not be able to receive the education or conduct the research they desire to if their chosen field is subject to any of these provisions.

14. Other Information

«Important Notice Regarding Admission»

If the applicants in Japan whose residency status is not "Student" (Ryugaku) must obtain a Student Visa from the Immigration Bureau of the Ministry of Justice. Please note that a Student Visa is required for certain scholarship applications made after enrollment.

«Outline of Classes and Courses»

Doctoral Program 12 credits are required to complete the Doctoral Program.

«Details»

- 6 or more credits from Core Subjects. (Credits can be earned from other Graduate Programs and up to 4 credits from Common Subjects may be included.)
- 6 credits from Thesis Research.

【Common Subjects in Graduate Programs】

«Common Subjects» (2 credits each)
Advanced Environmental Principles
Advanced Entrepreneurship and Business Startup
Advanced Internship

【Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems】

«Core Subjects» (2 credits each)
Advanced Chemical Processes
Advanced Materials Design
Advanced Environmental Processes
Advanced Recycling Engineering
Special Lectures on Resources Chemical Systems
Advanced Ecological and Environmental Physiology
Advances in Applied Microbiology
Advanced Polymer Physics
Advanced Biosimulation
Advanced Biomaterials
Advanced Biosensor Engineering
Advanced Ecosystem Science
Advanced Environmental Microbiology
Advanced Molecular and Cellular Biosciences
Advanced Biomedical Engineering
Advanced Environmental Risk Science
Advanced Biological Inorganic Chemistry
Advanced Protistology
Advanced Bioinformatics
Advanced Urban Environmental Management
Advanced Energy and Environmental Engineering
Advanced Environmental Information Technology and Computer Simulation
Advanced Studies in Risk Management
«Thesis Research» (6 credits)
Thesis Research

【Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering】

《Core Subjects》 (2 credits each)
Special Lectures on Heat Power Systems
Special Lectures on Flow Control Systems
Special Lectures on Design Systems
Special Lectures on System Control Engineering
Special Lectures on Measuring Systems
Supervised Research on the Urban Environment and Ecological Design
Supervised Research on the Environmental Design of Living Spaces
Supervised Research on Environmentally Conscious Materials Engineering
Supervised Research on Trans-Generational Architectural Design
Supervised Research on Urban Environmental Engineering
Supervised Research on Environmental Engineering in Architecture
Supervised Research on Structural Analysis
Supervised Research on Building Systems and Construction Methods
Supervised Research on Building Facilities Systems
Supervised Research on Building Materials
Supervised Research on Low Carbon Architecture and Urban Design
《Thesis Research》 (6 credits)
Thesis Research

【Graduate Programs in Information Engineering】

《Core Subjects》 (2 credits each)
Advanced Adaptive Signal Processing
Advanced Visual Information Processing
Advanced Applied Pattern Recognition
Advanced Image Processing
Advanced Information and Communication Theory
Advanced Combinatorial Optimization
Advanced VLSI Physical Design
Advanced System Control Theory
Advanced Network Architecture
Advanced Medical Engineering
Advanced Embedded Hardware Systems
Advanced Machine Learning
Advanced Behavior Analysis
Advanced Natural Language Processing
Advanced Perspectives on Software
Advanced Sensory Measurement
Advanced Information Network Theory
《Thesis Research》 (6 credits)
Thesis Research

《Research Supervisors and Research Content of Courses in Graduate Program》

Please consult with the course director if you have any questions concerning the faculty member you would like to have as your research supervisor.

The e-mail addresses of the course directors are as follows:

《Contact》

○Graduate Programs in Environmental Systems

Resources and Chemical Systems	shigen@kitakyu-u.ac.jp
Life Science and Biotechnology *	biosys@kitakyu-u.ac.jp
Environmental and Ecological Systems	envsys@kitakyu-u.ac.jp

*Biosystems Course will be renamed “Life Science and Biotechnology Course” in April 2027.

○Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering

Mechanical Systems Engineering	kikai@kitakyu-u.ac.jp
Architecture	kenchiku@kitakyu-u.ac.jp

○Graduate Programs in Information Engineering

Computer Science	jyohou@kitakyu-u.ac.jp
Applied Information Systems	

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【Resources and Chemical Systems】

Name	Main Themes of Research
AKIBA Isamu	Study on synthesis of polymer materials Research on structure and physicality of synthetic polymers
IMAI Hiroyuki	Development of functionalized materials with nano-sized spaces Development of chemical processes for utilizing various carbon resources
TERASHIMA Mitsuharu	Development of water treatment process Modeling and simulation for water treatment system
NISHIHAMA Syouhei	Separation and recovery process of rare metals from waste materials Removal process of toxic compounds in water environment
MIYAWAKI Takashi	Development of comprehensive analysis method for chemicals. Study on environmental fate and risk evaluation of chemicals.
YAMAMOTO Katsutoshi	Synthesis and catalytic application of novel porous materials Development of organic-inorganic hybrid nanoporous materials
LEE Seung-Woo	Development of functional nanomaterials and advanced sensing devices Nanomedical engineering based on small biomolecules and volatile metabolites

【Life Science and Biotechnology】

Biosystems Course will be renamed “Life Science and Biotechnology Course” in April 2027.

Name	Main Themes of Research
ISODA Takaaki	Development of a new bio sensor and the application: 1. Bacteria sensors for food sanitation, 2. fast testing for virus and infection
KAWANO Tomonori	Engaged in international research collaboration and industry-academia collaboration focusing on (1) the interaction between the environment and living organisms (chiefly plants) and (2) natural and artificial photosynthesis.
KIHARA Takanori	Mechanism of bone mineralization Phenotype transformation mechanism of smooth muscle cells Biophysical analysis and simulation of animal cells
NAKAZAWA Kohji	Development of cell patterning technology and cell microchips, Analysis of culture-minimal environments and cell differentiation characteristics
MOCHIZUKI Shinichi	Development of drug carriers Development of novel cancer vaccine Development of adjuvants
MORITA Hiroshi	Physiology of local agricultural products and development of new applications; Bio-control science of mold spores and mites; Study on novel co-culture Koji for Sake brewing; Development of submerged culture system for brewing

【Environmental and Ecological Systems】

Name	Main Themes of Research
KATO Takaaki	Economic evaluation of environmental policies, Development of education/exercise methods for social risk management
FUJIYAMA Atsushi	Study on consumer behavior and SDGs evaluation Study on energy management systems Study on using information technology in the environmental field
MATSUMOTO Toru	Study on design/assessment of urban/social systems for recyclable society, Study on urban environment management in Asia

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【Mechanical Systems Engineering】

Name	Main Themes of Research
IKEDA Takuya	Optimization theory for networked control systems and data-driven control systems
INOUE Koichi	Research on thermal control systems for future space missions Research on heat exchangers for nuclear power and thermal power generation systems Research on cooling technology for power electronic devices
SASAKI Takumi	Study on vibration isolation using structural and material nonlinearity Study of a vibration control system for mechanical systems and structures
CHO Changhee	Study on biomechanical engineering and biotribology, Study on improvement of clinical longevity and performance of artificial joints
CHO Hiroki	Research on material properties of shape memory alloys Research and development of actuators and medical and welfare equipment using shape memory alloys
NAKAO Shinichiro	Research on numerical analysis of interference between shockwave and boundary layer. Research on application of laser interferometry to flow field accompanied by shockwaves.
MIYAZATO Yoshiaki	Research on application for supersonic flows of rainbow schlieren tomography and laser interferometry
MURAKAMI Hiroshi	Research on the advancement of precision machining and measurement technology through the integration of AX and other information technologies with advanced machining and measurement technologies

【Architecture】

Name	Main Themes of Research
ANDO Shintaro	Economic evaluation of the disease prevention benefits of the residential environment Improving knowledge worker productivity through office design and operational optimization
KIDO Masae	Seismic design of steel/concrete-filled steel tube structure, Stability design method of steel/concrete-filled steel tube structure
SHIRAISHI Yasuyuki	Control of thermal and air environment in urban and architectural spaces Optimal control of technologies integrated architecture and equipment Optimal design of building equipment using multiple physics modeling
SUYAMA Hiroki	Construction materials from industrial wastes Factors in powder admixtures that affect the physical properties of cement concrete How to quantify the appearance of cement concrete
TAKASU Koji	Study on carbon negative clinker-free concrete Study on the harmless treatment of municipal solid waste incineration ash and its utilisation as a geopolymer active filler Study on self-healing type ultra low carbon concrete with bacteria Development of high performance concrete with recycled materials Modification of by-products particles for building materials
TERANISHI Masaki	Structural analysis of wooden and steel structure Application of machine learning to structural engineering problems Evaluation of mechanical properties using optical techniques
DEWANCKER Bart	Study on urban planning, Study on architectural design of cities and building, Study on landscape/greening of cities and building
FUKUDA Hiroatsu	Study on architectural design, historical architecture Study on architectural planning, urban planning Study on zero carbon architecture, zero carbon city
HOKI Kazuaki	Earthquake Resistant Engineering

Graduate Programs in Information Engineering

【Computer Science】

Name	Main Themes of Research
UEHARA Satoshi	Information theory, coding theory, information security: Study on configuration method and performance assessment of signals based on mathematical background
KOGA Hiroyuki	Research on architecture, establishment and operating technology for computer network systems and traffic engineering technology
SUN Lianming	Research on system identification methodology to build mathematical models in the fields of control and signal processing Applications to analysis and design of control systems, adaptive signal processing
MATSUOKA Ryo	Research in remote sensing, image processing, medical image analysis, computer vision, signal processing, data analysis, and anomaly detection, based on mathematical modeling, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and mathematical optimization.
YAMAZAKI Yasushi	Research and development of information security and pattern recognition with a main focus on biometrics

【Applied Information Systems】

Name	Main Themes of Research
SATO Masayuki	Psychophysics on human visual perception, especially on depth perception from binocular stereopsis.
SUGIHARA Makoto	Design methodology for VLSI, embedded systems and automotive IT systems
TAKASHIMA Yasuhiro	Optimization algorithm, VLSI design automation methodology, High-performance computing including Quantum algorithm
NAKATAKE Shigetoshi	Study on VLSI design technologies and low power technologies of analog and digital mixed signal integrated circuits, and integration technologies of sensor systems in medical / disaster prevention fields.
NISHIDA Takeshi	Research on intelligent robotics, accelerating AI through the integration of virtual and real spaces, and robot control technology using machine learning.
HAYAMI Takehito	Medical test, surgery assist and treatment technique about neurological function using electric and optic devices. Equipment for behavior science.
FUJISAWA Ryusuke	Study on swarm intelligence / swarm robotics Study on the function of recognition of the external world in living organisms Study on identification using machine learning

Form 1

2027年度 4月入学
北九州市立大学大学院 国際環境工学研究科(博士後期課程)

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April, 2027 Enrollment

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研究領域等希望調査書 / Research Plan Survey

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氏名 Name	
志望専攻 / Program	
志望コース / Course	

「本大学院で研究しようとする分野」および「希望する研究指導教員」を記入してください。
(必ず事前に、各コースのメールアドレスに問い合わせてください。)

State the "Research area you would like to study" and "Name of the research and education supervisor" in the faculty by whom you would like to be instructed after enrollment".

You must contact the faculty member you would like to have as your research supervisor before applying.

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State your current research field at university or graduate school.

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《注意 / Notice》

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Write your reasons for applying on one sheet of A4 size paper, free form.

Make sure to fill out your name, and the name of the graduate program and course you would like to take.

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Screening of Qualifications for Applying Application

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志望する専攻・コースを選択してください。 Select a Program and a Course you want to enroll in.

☐ 環境システム専攻 / Graduate Program in Environmental Systems
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☐ 融合システムコース / Applied Information Systems

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