

University of the Ryukyus (Ryudai) Intensive Study Program GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FOR ISLAND SDGs in OKINAWA, JAPAN

PROGRAM PERIOD
March 15 (SUN) – 22 (SUN) in 2020

Program Description

This 8-day program is a series of lectures, seminars, field trips, and fieldwork in which participants learn about several dimensions of contemporary Okinawa and discuss SDGs (sustainable development goals) suitable for the Pacific Island Region. The main goal of this program is to foster global leadership skills, which enables participants to be resilient and self-reflective individuals, as well as to work collaboratively with others from different background to plan strategies for a sustainable society. The program will cover a broad range of topics: gender, culture, history, education, natural environment, tourism, migration, human security, and peace-making. University of the Ryukyus provides this special study opportunity in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Okinawa. You might also make life-long friendships with undergraduates. Come discover in the relaxed environment of Okinawa, the southernmost prefecture of Japan!





Why Participate in the Intensive Program at the University of the Ryukyus?

- An opportunity to visit and learn about Okinawa, Japan
- A short-term program with a certificate of 2 credits from the Global Education Institute (GEI) of the University of the Ryukyus
- Lecturers by university professors and special SDGs seminars by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)!
- Cultural enrichment seminars and fun fieldtrips!
- Pre-program online collaborative learning and buddy system with University of the Ryukyus undergraduate students!

Eligibility

University and college students who are currently enrolled in partnership schools (those who will graduate in May 2020 are ineligible.)

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Maui College, Kaua'i Community College, Hawai'i Community College, Honolulu Community College, Leeward Community College, Windward Community College, University of Guam, Palau Community College, College of Micronesia–FSM, College of Marshall Islands

Number of Participants

Up to five people from the schools listed above (funding available for up to 3 participants)

Application Conditions

Participants must fulfill all the conditions below.

- (1) Students will be enrolled in Spring semester of 2020 at partnership universities/colleges.
 - (2) Students can participate in all the program's components including pre-program, post-program, and Okinawa program.
 - (3) Students are interested in learning about Okinawa and the Pacific Island Region and can actively participate in international student exchanges. Japanese language skills are NOT required.
 - (4) Students must obtain a visa and passport to stay in Japan prior to the program.
- * Nationals of the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of the Marshall Islands must obtain a Temporary Visitor visa (to stay in Japan for up to 90 days). For the visa information, consult the Japan Consulate in your home country or visit this webpage: <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000121327.pdf>

- (5) After participation in the Intensive Program, students must continue their studies and graduate from their home institutions.
- Students who plan to dropout or take a leave-of-absence from the school or program are ineligible.
 - Students who plan to enter graduate schools in the Spring semester of 2020 are also ineligible.
- (6) Upon completion of the program, participants are requested to assist the University of the Ryukyus Intensive Student Exchange Program by promoting it at their home institutions, for example by advising and assisting future applicants.
- * Participants may be asked to allow the program to use their pictures in future promotional efforts.

Course Title and Credit

Those who successfully complete the whole program (including pre-program and post-program components) will receive credit for the University of the Ryukyus' "Special Lectures on Inter-Disciplinary Sciences I" course (2 credits). Program participants will be enrolled in the course as special auditors.

Language Used

English & Japanese

* Japanese language proficiency is not required. Japanese lectures will be translated into English

Curriculum Structure

*COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning)

**1.5 hours will be considered as "one unit" = 2 hours

| Sessions | Contact Hours | Course Credits 2 credits |
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| Pre-program COIL* (90 min** x 3) | 6 hours | 48 hours |
| Academic Lectures and reflections (90 min x 7) | 14 hours | incl. post-program |
| Seminar, Workshop, Final Presentation (90 min x 5) | 12 hours | exchange (2 hour) |
| Field trips and Cultural Enrichment (3 trips) | 16 hours | Total: 50 hours |

What is COIL-Style Learning?

COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) is an online collaborative learning style education via ICT applications (i.e., Skype, Google Hangouts, Zoom, etc.). We will offer COIL-style education before the on-campus Okinawa program so participants can communicate with undergraduate students from the University of the Ryukyus while they are still at their home campus. When they arrive in Okinawa, they will then participate in expert faculty-tailored lectures, enjoy fieldtrips, and more to learn about Okinawa and global leadership for SDGs.



Program Outline

The program includes the following components: pre-program (COIL), post-program, and Okinawa program. The Okinawa program will be entirely conducted on the main island of Okinawa.

<Pre-Program COIL>

Prior to the program in Okinawa, participants are **required** to participate in **all three**-COIL (collaborative online international learning) sessions via ZOOM (online conference tool) with their student buddies (students of the University of the Ryukyus who will support and collaborate with them in this program). Each group decides their own online meeting dates and times. They will exchange a short-video of self-introduction with their buddies and collaborate to make PowerPoint slides related to SDGs in their home islands. They will submit recorded videos and slides to a program coordinator and receive feedback prior to their departure for Okinawa. The pre-program COIL will prepare them for the Okinawa Program, allowing them to become well acquainted with their buddies and the program before arriving in Okinawa.

| Pre-program COIL Sessions | Timing |
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| Pre-program COIL #1: Self-introduction short video exchange before ZOOM meeting | Between 2/17 and 2/23 |
| Pre-program COIL #2: Exchanging ideas on common sustainable issues found in your societies. Brainstorming on the final presentation on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) | Between 2/24 and 3/1 |
| Pre-program COIL #3: PowerPoint Slides for SDGs final presentation (5-7 slides) | Between 3/2 and 3/9 |

* Details of the Pre-program COIL activities and student buddy information will be announced to participants by February 1st, 2020.

<Okinawa Program>

| PROGRAM IN OKINAWA—TENTATIVE(The schedule may be subject to change under circumstances) | | | | | | | |
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| DAY 1 | DAY 2 | DAY 3 | DAY 4 | DAY 5 | DAY 6 | DAY 7 | DAY 8 |
| March 15 | March 16 | March 17 | March 18 | March 19 | March 20 | March 21 | March 22 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday (Holiday) | Saturday | Sunday |
| Breakfast @ JICA | | | | | | | |
| Arrival at Naha Airport on March 14 or March 15 at 11:15 am, Welcomed by Ryudai buddy students | Introduction of SDGs and Japanese ODA/ JICA @JICA 9:45-12:15 | Lecture 1 Gender Issues in Okinawa (Kina) 9:00-10:30 | Lecture 4 Geology and Water Resources in Okinawa (Shinjo) 9:00-10:30 | Lecture 6 Migrations and World-wide <i>Uchinanchu</i> (Okinawan) Network (Machida) 9:00-10:30 | Field Trip 3 <Northern Okinawa> Churaumi Aquarium, Sea Culture Museum, Bise Fukugi Tree Road, Nakijin Castle 8:30-17:30 | SDGs Final Presentation Prep 9:00-11:50 | Reflections and Evaluations of the Program @ Ryudai 9:30-10:30 |
| | | Lecture 2 U.S. Military Bases and Human Security in Okinawa (Hoshino) 10:45-12:15 | Lecture 5 Okinawan History (Akamine) 10:45-12:15 | Lectures Reflection Time 10:45~12:15 | | | Closing Ceremony, Group Photo @ Ryudai 10:45-11:45 |
| Welcome Ceremony, Program Orientation, ID photo @ Ryudai 13:30-15:00 | Lunch@JICA 12:15~13:15 | Lunch@Ryudai 12:15-13:15 | Lunch TBA | Lunch@Ryudai 12:15-13:15 | SDGs Final Presentation & Round table session 13:00-15:30 | Lunch @ Ryudai 11:50-12:50 | Free Time |
| | Campus Tour (incl. <i>Fu-ju Kan</i> Ryudai Academic Museum visit) 14:30~15:30 | Lecture 3 Social Welfare and Education in Okinawa (Motomura) 13:30-15:00 | Field Trip 2 <Southern Okinawa> Komesu Underground dam, Cultural heritage: <i>Se-fa-utaki</i> , White Lily Museum, Peace Memorial Park, etc. (Akamine, Shinjo) 13:00-17:00 | SDGs Final Presentation Prep 13:30-15:00 | | BEVI Assessment #2 (Time: TBA) | |
| Field Trip 1 <Central Okinawa> Children's Cafeteria, Free Cram School (Motomura) 15:15-18:15 | | Departure from Naha Airport on March 23 (Mon) 17:30 to Kansai or on March 24 (Tue) 11:50 to Narita | | | | | |
| Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory (BEVI) Assessment #1 (Time: TBA) | | | | | | | |
| Dinner on your own / Lodging @ JICA Okinawa Center | | | | | | | |

<Post-Okinawa Program>

- (1) Within a month after the program, all participants should submit a reflection and a program evaluation report.
 - (2) Recipients of Inter-University Exchange Program and JASSO Awards must submit a questionnaire within one month to the University of the Ryukyus. The report formats can be found on the webpage of the University of the Ryukyus.
 - (3) All participants will take the third BEVI* assessment and report to the University of the Ryukyus program coordinator.
- * **The Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory (BEVI)** is an online survey tool widely used for assessment of educational program.

Grading

Participants will be assessed according to:

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| Pre-program COIL assignments | 10% |
| Briefing of lectures on Okinawa | 30% |
| Fieldwork report | 15% |
| JICA seminar workshop | 15% |
| Final presentation and discussion | 25% |
| Post-program feedback report | 5% |
| Total | 100% |

* Students who missed a class/ activity with a permission by the coordinator during the program should submit a supplementary report/assignment upon consultation with the responsible faculty member.

Program Cost: 200,000 JPY – 380,000 JPY (cost varies depending on airfare and visa)

<The following are INCLUDED in program cost>

- A round trip airfare
- Accommodations with breakfast @ JICA
- Ground transportation, admissions, and activity fees on field trips in Okinawa
- Meals (lunch and dinner)

<NOT INCLUDED in this budget>

- Passport and visa application fees
- Additional costs incurred from flight delays and excess luggage
- Personal purchases, activities and transportation in free time
- Travel insurance and medical costs incurred during the program
- Cancellation fees due to voluntary cancellation of participation after purchasing air tickets

Accommodation

Single Dormitory Room (JICA Okinawa Center) with breakfast

Check-in date: March 15, 2019

Check-out date: March 22, 2019



JICA Single Room



JICA OIC Restaurant

Application Process

Applicants must submit all the documents listed below through the international student office at a home institution by the deadline below (Submission by email attachment by applicant or mailed applications are not accepted).

- (1) Program application form (scholarship application is included in the same form)
- (2) A transcript (an unofficial transcript is accepted at the time of application, but an official application will be requested upon the acceptance to the program)
- (3) A certificate of enrollment from school

Application Form is downloadable from this URL: <http://www.ged.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/sekaten>

DEADLINE: Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11:59 pm (Japan Time)

Application Result Notification

Results of both the program and scholarship will be notified through email to applicants and international offices of home institutions around the end of December in 2019. Selection will be based on the contents of the application and GPA score. Individual reasons for the selection result will not be answered.

Financial Support

<Financial Support by Inter-University Exchange Program>

Limited funding is available for selected participants (**Up to 3 people**).

- Subsidy for international airfare (University of the Ryukyus will cover costs up to 160,000 JPY)
- Accommodation (University of the Ryukyus will cover costs up to 30,000 JPY)

Those who wish to be considered must check boxes of financial support on <2. About financial support> in the Application Form and must submit all the required application documents to the University of the Ryukyus through the international student offices at home institutions. Results of funding will be notified through email around the end of December 2019.

<JASSO Scholarship>

Limited scholarship (80,000 JPY) is available for selected participants (**Up to 3 people**).

The application process is the same as above <Inter-University Exchange Program Scholarship>. The GPA score will be adjusted to the JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Scholarship basis (recipients must keep their GPA score 2.30 point above in 3.00-point scale) by the University of the Ryukyus.

* University of the Ryukyus will recalculate the score. Applicants or the international student office do not need to adjust their GPA basis).

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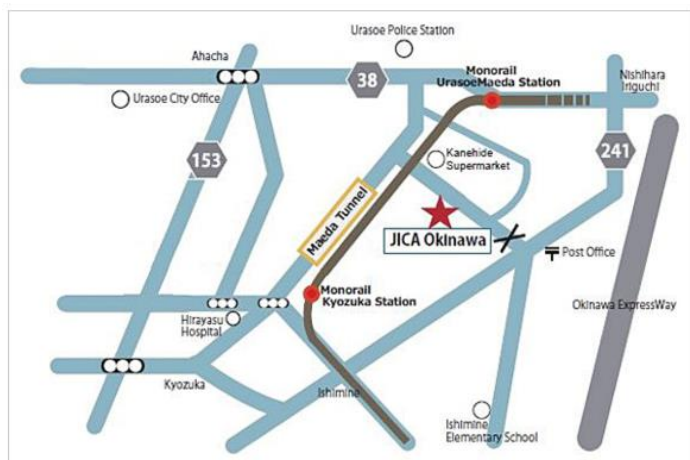
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