

Information about class scheduling and regular test scheduling in the event of a weather warning alert and an evacuation advisory

So as to reduce the risk of accidents to students on occasions when an extreme weather event threatens to initiate a disaster, Kochi University will undertake classes and regular tests (referred to as “classes”) according to the following policies.

Students should firstly check for the announcement and cancellation of warning alerts from TV or radio news broadcasts, or via the Internet. **Before 8:30am** students can make a judgement regarding the cancellation of classes by themselves. **After 8:30am**, Kochi University will make an announcement via both 'KULAS' and the university website. The university may also provide notification on the preceding day if class cancellations are scheduled. Please make sure to confirm the situation via “KULAS” and Kochi University website.

1 Cancellation of classes due to STORM and EMERGENCY WARNING alerts, and an EVACUATION ADVISORY

If Kochi Local Meteorological Observatory announces a weather warning alerts, and each municipality announces an evacuation advisory, each campus shall be responsible for decisions regarding class cancellations.

The weather warning alert area and evacuation advisory area for each campus are as follows:

Asakura Campus: Kochi City

Oku Campus: Kochi City or Nankoku City

Monobe Campus: Nankoku City or Konan City

Classes in the event of a Category ※1 storm warning

- When an announcement is made **before 7am**, morning classes are cancelled.
- When an announcement is made **between 7am and 11am**, the morning classes scheduled for after the announcement are cancelled.
- When an announcement is made **after 11am**, afternoon classes are cancelled.
- If the cancellation of the storm warning is announced **before 11am**, students should attend afternoon

classes.

Classes in the event of a Category ※2 EMERGENCY WARNING or an evacuation advisory.

- When an announcement is made **before 7am**, all classes are cancelled - even if the warning is subsequently cancelled.
- When an announcement is made **after 8:50**, all classes (including classes that are already underway and those remaining are cancelled immediately - even if the warning is subsequently cancelled.

2 After a decision has been made to cancel classes, and it is considered dangerous to return home, Kochi University may ask students to remain on campus.

3 Note that when a weather warning alert is issued that is neither a Category 1 storm nor Category 2 emergency warning, **classes will normally be held**. However, in certain situations classes may be cancelled.

Even when classes are not cancelled, students should prioritise their safety by appraising the situation in their area of residence. When not able to attend college, students will need to consult with school affairs staff about the granting of an exceptional leave of absence or, where necessary, provision of an additional test. In addition, when classes are cancelled, supplementary lectures or implementation of regular exams will be arranged for students to catch up. More details will be provided in the documentation entitled “About the scheduling of classes and regular tests in the event of announcement of weather warning alerts and an evacuation advisory”.

※ 1 Evacuation advisories

Evacuation preparedness information, evacuation advisory, and evacuation instruction

In addition to any kind of warnings issued by the Meteorological Agency, the municipality will issue its own warnings based on data from Meteorological Agency and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, and appraisal of the damage when disaster has occurred or when there is a possibility of its occurrence.

Warnings of landslide disaster

In circumstances where a heavy rainfall warning is announced and the risk of landslides increases, the

prefectural authorities and Meteorological Agency will make a joint announcement.

Guidelines for making judgements on evacuation advisories and the preparation of evacuation communication manuals

(Cabinet Office Disaster Management Department).

- Municipal village mayors should issue an evacuation advisory to residents in the area where one is particularly necessary in the event of a disaster.
- A municipal mayor's responsibility is to provide knowledge and information so that residents can judge by themselves when and how to evacuate.

※2 Special Warnings

These are issued when there is possibility of flooding due to heavy rain, a tsunami, or an earthquake (seismic intensity 6 or more). When a special warning is issued, please take immediate action to protect yourself.