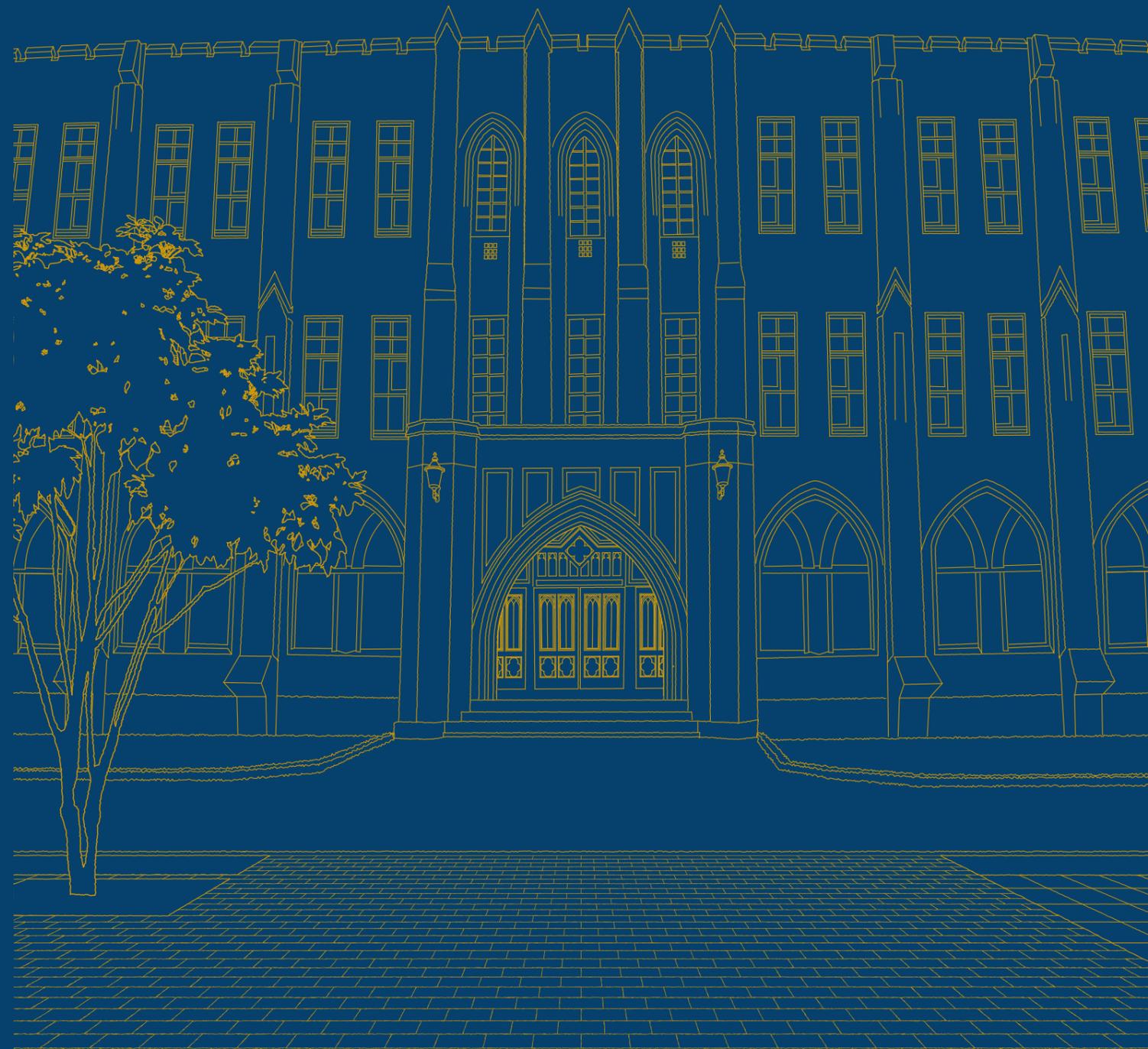
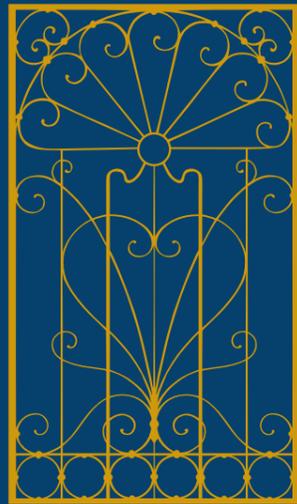


Introduction to
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Introduction

Gakushuin's origins lie in the "Old Gakushuin," the educational institution from the Meiji Period operated under the jurisdiction of the Imperial Household Department to educate those who would serve as the leaders of modern Japan, particularly children of the nobility. After the Asia-Pacific War, it became a purely private school and in 1949, Gakushuin was re-established within the new Japanese university system. Since then, it has educated many of the men and women who have gone on to play key roles in the post-war reconstruction and development of Japan.

Our educational objective is to encourage the following qualities in our students: to have an open worldview and be able to deal proactively with a range of issues, to have strong creativity, to be an accurate judge of situations, to have an abundance of sensitivity and excellent character, and to be able to contribute to both humanity and society.

Our campus is situated in the heart of Tokyo but is surrounded by nature, and features both older buildings with a rich history that are designated as Japanese cultural assets and new buildings outfitted with up-to-date equipment. The campus consists of 16 departments within 4 faculties: namely, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Economics, the Faculty of Letters, and the Faculty of Science. It also includes the Graduate School, which is organized into 6 separate schools and 19 specialist courses alongside of the Professional School of Law located on the same campus. At these faculties and departments, research is carried out by approximately 8,500 undergraduates and postgraduates who are enthusiastic about University study. All students are taught with an eye toward developing a balanced combination of three key qualities —specialism, refinement, and practical skills— and today, the University's graduates are active in a wide range of fields within Japan and overseas.

We provide courses in 4 faculties and 16 departments.

In the Faculty of Law, students will consider a broad array of issues in contemporary society and develop high-level capabilities in uncovering problems as well as analytical skills.

In the Faculty of Economics, students will develop a flexible and independent way of thinking to solve a diverse range of economic and management-related problems.

In the Faculty of Letters, students will develop an extensive knowledge of culture and a refined intellect through their studies of language, literature, history, culture, and mankind.

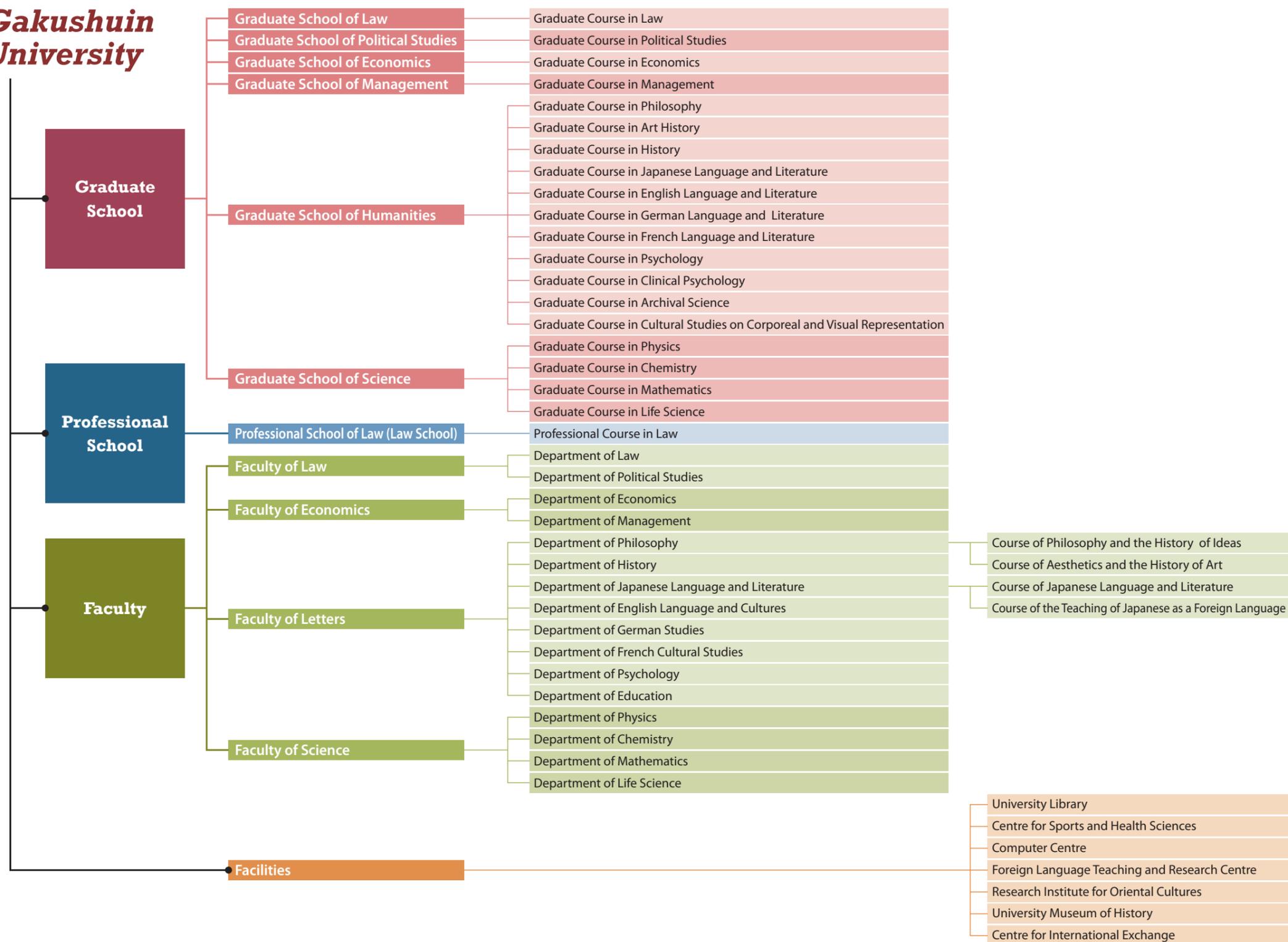
In the Faculty of Science, students will gain tangible skills that allow them to appropriately handle every aspect of science under the instruction of first-class researchers in an advantaged educational environment.

Moreover those students who wish to deepen their knowledge in their chosen field can continue their studies at the Graduate School.

We have created the best possible learning environment for new students. Members of the teaching staff are involved in cutting-edge research and have acquired the highest reputation from society at large for being "the first in their field."

Moreover, our insistence on small classes means that teachers can give close attention to individual students, and this, combined with our top-class facilities, equipment, and teaching staff, provides the best possible support for students.

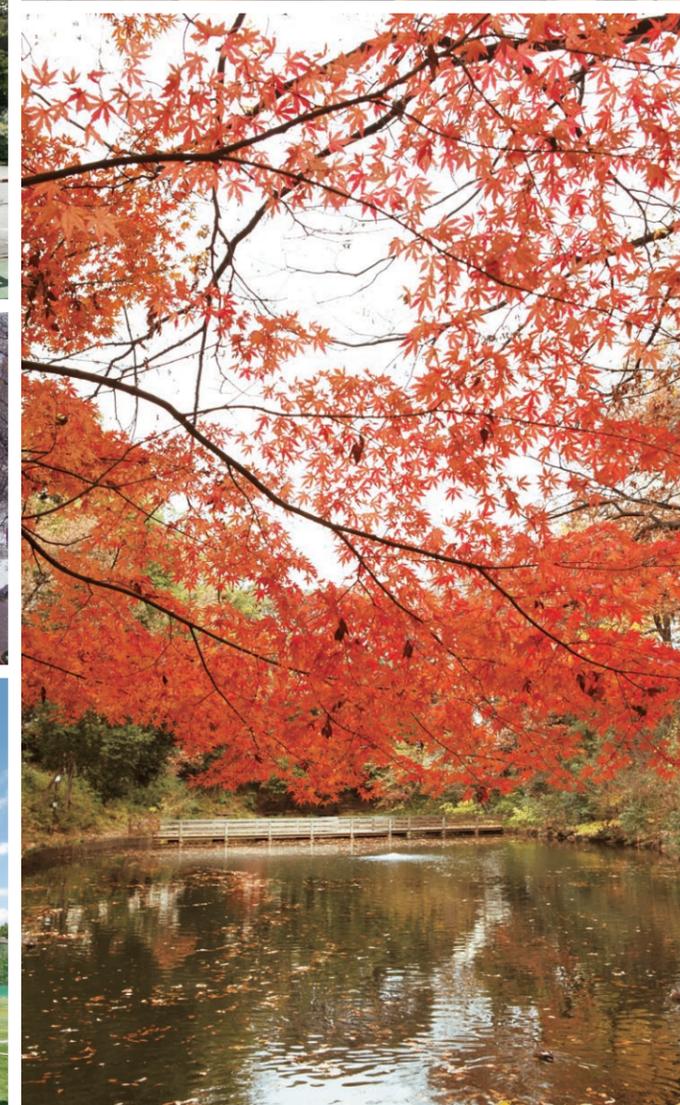
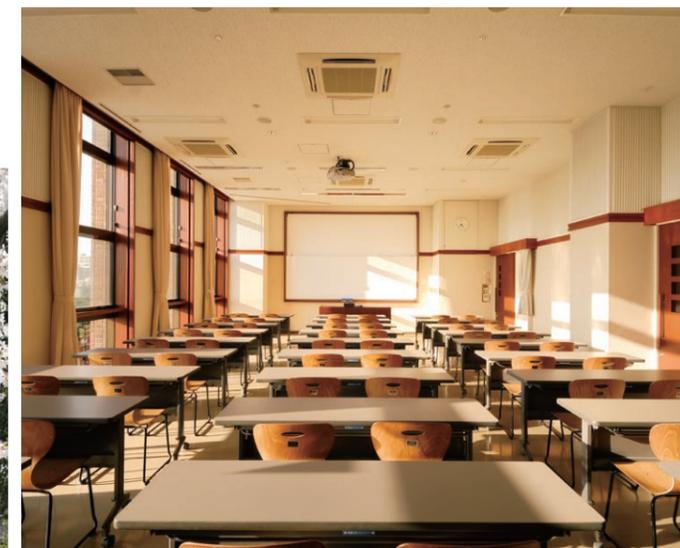
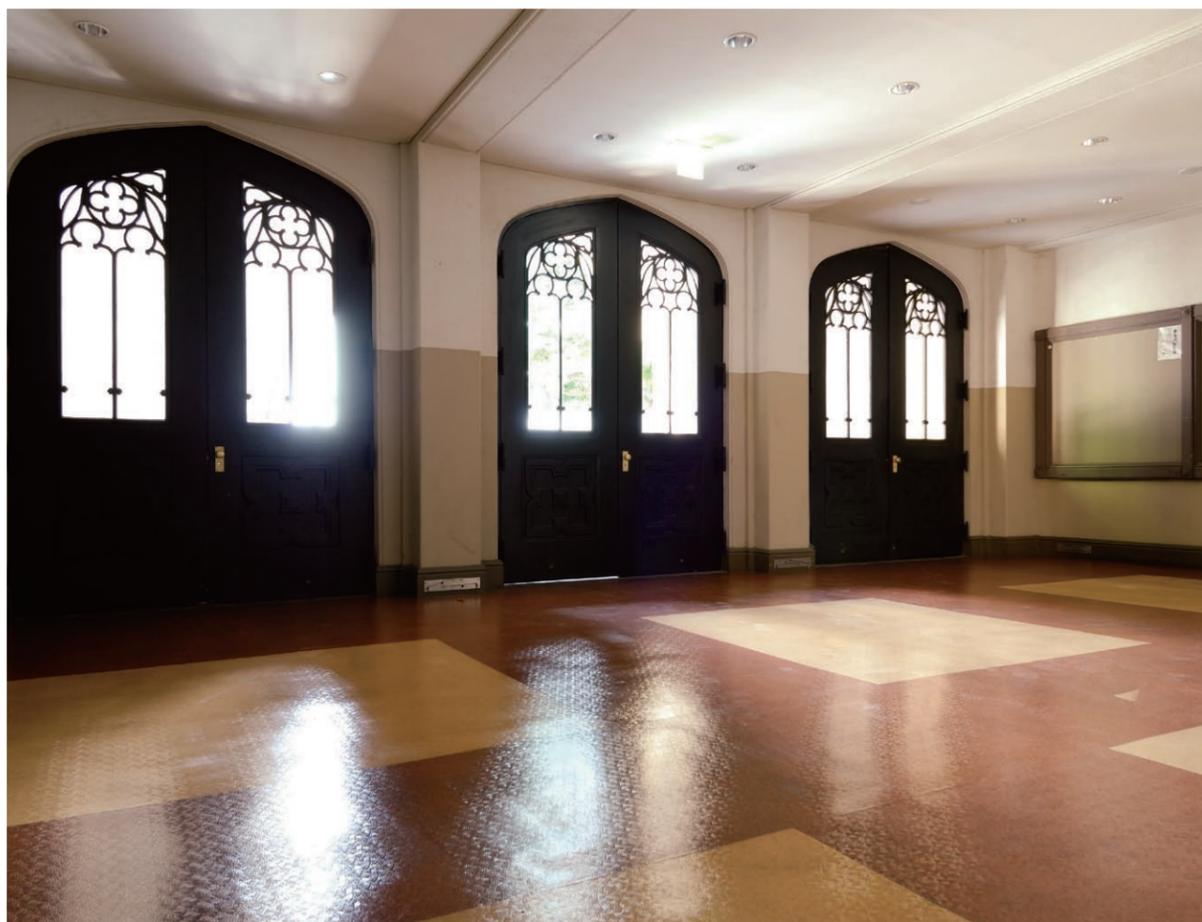
Gakushuin University



Introducing the Campus

Despite being located in the heart of Tokyo, a major global city, Gakushuin University is surrounded by trees that are home to many birds and animals. The equestrian club has riding grounds and stables within the campus, and a number of the University's historic buildings are designated as Japanese cultural assets. All of this means that students can study in a calm environment, surrounded by culture and nature.

Students can also enjoy the changing of the four seasons on the campus, with the cherry blossoms of spring turning to the greenery of early summer, followed by the changing colours of the autumn foliage, and finally the landscapes of winter.



We provide our students with a complete selection of facilities and equipment to support their learning.

In this section, we will introduce some of these facilities.

➤ University Library

We have a collection of about 1.7 million books with about 455,000 of these being stored in the University Library, including some very old Japanese, Chinese, and foreign books. Our collection also includes some rare and valuable books.



➤ Foreign Language Teaching and Research Centre

The Centre organizes and carries out foreign language classes. The staff conducts surveys and research in the field of languages. In addition to English, German, French, and Chinese, it offers classes in Russian, Spanish, Italian, Korean, and Arabic, and also Japanese classes for international students studying at Gakushuin University. (Please refer to p.14, "Campus Life").



➤ Research Institute for Oriental Cultures

This is a joint-research facility that primarily investigates oriental cultures, particularly those of China and the Korean Peninsula. It frequently offers lectures and has a library of more than 30,000 books.



➤ Centre for Sports and Health Sciences

In addition to holding classes, the Centre cooperates in providing extracurricular activities and sports and health-related services for students and university staff. There is a sports training room on the 2nd floor basement of West Building No.2 which can be used by anyone taking classes at the University.



➤ Computer Centre

The Computer Centre can simultaneously provide services to more than 800 people and is currently used by more than 10,000 students and staff. Almost all students acquire the fundamental knowledge in computing that they will need to function in society from the information-processing courses provided by the Computer Centre.



➤ University Museum of History

The University Museum of History was established utilizing a building that was originally constructed as a library during the Meiji Period. It stores and displays a diverse range of historical materials, including from the Muromachi and Edo Periods. There are also modern historical materials from people with a connection to Gakushuin University. It also frequently holds exhibitions and lectures.



Entrance Exam

Admission

Below, the entrance examinations conducted for regular courses of Gakushuin University are briefly explained.

Types of Entrance Examinations to the University

Entrance examination offered exclusively to international students

- **Special entrance examination for international students**

The examination is conducted exclusively for international students by the Department of Philosophy, the Department of History, and the Department of Japanese Language and Literature in the Faculty of Letters, and by the Department of Economics and the Department of Management in the Faculty of Economics.

If you are applying to enter the Department of Economics or the Department of Management in the Faculty of Economics, or the Department of Japanese Language and Literature in the Faculty of Letters, you will need to take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students in advance. You do not need to take the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test.

For enrollment at the University, we can provide support to those living outside of Japan who are having trouble acquiring a residency qualification for Japan.

Entrance examinations that are offered mainly for Japanese students but are also open to international students meeting the candidacy requirements

- General entrance examination
- Entrance examination for mature students
- Entrance examination for students graduating from overseas high schools
- Public invitation to take a thesis-and interview-based examination
- Examination for transfer students

Types of Entrance Examinations to the Graduate Schools

For Graduate Schools, there are no special entrance examinations designed for international students.

International students have to sit the same examinations as the Japanese students.

Some of the university's graduate schools offer entrance examinations for those with work experience who wish to resume their study, and others are based on meritocracy. There are also some that conduct entrance examinations twice a year.

Inquiries

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<http://www.gakushuin.ac.jp/univ/adm/adm/main.html> (in Japanese)

Scholarship

1. Gakushuin University scholarship for international students

Amount: up to 300,000 yen per year

Eligible students: those who have difficulties in paying tuition fees for economic reasons

2. Gakushuin University grants-in-aid for international students

Amount: up to 300,000 yen per year

Eligible students: among the international students that receive a "Gakushuin University scholarship for international students," those students with particularly excellent academic records or other achievements (provided in conjunction with "1. Gakushuin University scholarship for international students")

3. Reduction of tuition fees for international students

Amount: 30% of annual fees

Eligible students: Those who have difficulties in paying tuition fees for economic reasons

4. Reduction of tuition fees and grants for students on the Student Exchange Programme

Please refer to p.12, "Student Exchange Programme."



Student Exchange Programme

We accept around 15 to 20 students a year from our overseas partner universities for our Student Exchange Programme. In principle, students on the Student Exchange Programme will study at Gakushuin University for one year, taking classes in Japanese and also relating to their study major. During their stay at Gakushuin University, they will have the same status as any other full-time student and will be able to use all the facilities within the campus, including the computers, the library, and the sports training room.

1. Application Procedures

The recruitment of students and receipt of applications for the Student Exchange Programme are undertaken by the international offices at each of our partner universities. Please note that we cannot accept applications submitted directly by students. If you are a student at one of our partner universities and wish to take part in our Student Exchange Programme, please request an application pack from your university's international office. The deadline for applications is the end of October if you wish to enter the University the following April, or the end of March if entering the following September.

2. Accommodation

In principle, we will provide accommodation for international students on the Programme at a reasonable cost at our International Student Dormitory.

3. Exemption from tuition fees

Based on the agreement between Gakushuin University and our partner universities, in principle students on the Student Exchange Programme may apply to be exempted from tuition fees.

4. Grants for students on the Gakushuin University Student Exchange Programme

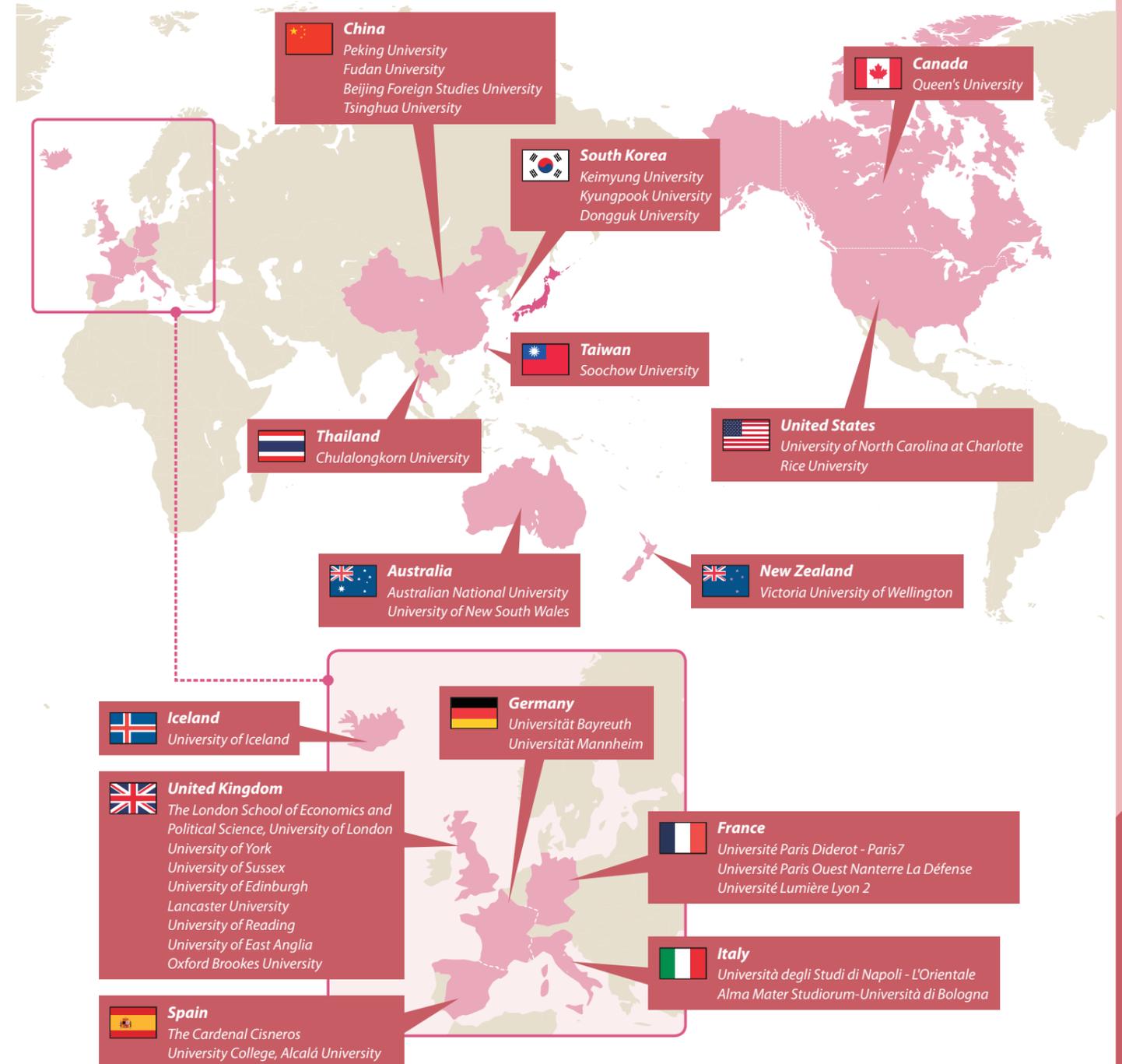
We provide grants of up to 250,000 yen per year for a small number of particularly excellent students on the Student Exchange Programme in order to encourage their studies and research activities.

Inquiries about the Student Exchange Programme

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Overseas Partner Universities

We have concluded student-exchange agreements with 32 universities in 14 countries and are participating in a variety of schemes in this area. In addition to our Student Exchange Programme, we provide short-term training courses during the summer and also invite teaching staff from our partner universities to visit and conduct research at Gakushuin University.



Classes



The majority of classes at Gakushuin University are conducted in Japanese and international students must therefore have a sufficient level of Japanese language ability to enable them to take these classes.

Japanese classes

Japanese language classes are provided for international students at the introductory, intermediate, and advanced levels.

Introductory classes

As a general guideline, students enrolling in this class should already be able to read and write hiragana, katakana and around 50 kanji. Concentrating on basic vocabulary, grammar and kanji, this class will equip beginner students with the minimum language skills needed for their daily life in Japan.

TARGET 1500 items of vocabulary; 300 kanji; elementary grammar

Intermediate classes

This class will aim for students to acquire and develop the appropriate language skills for daily life in Japan and will equip them with the ability to conduct ordinary conversations and to read simple texts.

TARGET 6000 items of vocabulary; 1000 kanji; fairly advanced grammar

Advanced classes

In this class, students will learn how to use Japanese in a variety of complex situations. They will also learn how to use Japanese in academic contexts, such as seminar presentations and report writing.

TARGET 10,000 items of vocabulary; more than 2000 kanji; advanced grammar

International students are provided with additional help to enable them to take these Japanese classes with confidence. Guided by the teaching staff in charge of the Japanese language classes, students from our Graduate School work as TAs (teaching assistants). In addition, through our SA (student assistant) system, our students can provide educational support for international students during Japanese language classes and other times.



Extracurricular Activities and Events

Students at Gakushuin University participate in a diverse range of extracurricular activities. In terms of officially recognized groups, there are more than 120 sports and culture clubs. International students are encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities, as they provide important opportunities for cultural exchange and experiences.

In addition to clubs that practice sports or cultural pursuits associated with Japan, such as judo, aikido, and Japanese calligraphy, there are also many other groups which practice popular sports, like soccer and basketball, or different types of music. One example of the diversity of these groups is the Anime Club, which studies and creates its own anime. In recent years, Japanese anime has become popular throughout the world and interest in this art form has risen among students.



We hold a number of different events during the course of the year, and one of the most important is the University Festival held each fall. Extracurricular-activities groups and seminar groups are the organizers of the events for this festival. They open shops and plan and hold exhibitions and live music performances. As many events are held during this time, a celebratory mood fills the entire University campus.



Centre for International Exchange

The Centre for International Exchange is the first point of contact for international students wishing to get advice about their day-to-day lives in Japan or on specific topics, such as applying for grants or taking part in events. International students and Japanese students can freely come and go at the Centre's lounge and it has become an important venue for daily cultural exchanges.

The Centre also hosts orientations and parties. It plans trips to see traditional Japanese theater productions (such as *Kabuki*) and coach trips to interesting locations outside of the city. International students will find that they have a wealth of opportunities to socialize and take part in events throughout the year.

We have introduced a buddy system, in which international students are partnered with Japanese students to help them get used to university life and to feel comfortable living in a new country. Each international student is assigned one or two Japanese student buddies who will give them a tour of the campus, assist them in registering for courses, and provide them with any other type of support that they might need during their daily lives, both inside and outside of the University.



All kinds of intriguing research are taking place at Gakushuin University. Here, we will introduce the research activities of the Philosophy Department of the Faculty of Letters and the Faculty of Science.

The Research Activities of the Department of Philosophy

Students in the Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Letters can study the broad variety of the thought and art of Japan and other Asian cultures.

The Department provides courses related to East Asian philosophy and thought such as the History of Buddhist thought in the Sui and Tang Dynasties, the History of Indian thought, Buddhist thought in the Kamakura Period, Research on Shintō thought, Discourses on Bushido (the Way of the Samurai), and Research on Zen, as well as Modern Japanese History of thought. Students in the Course of Aesthetics and History of Art, may study Indian art, Japanese Buddhist art, Japanese medieval ink paintings or Japanese medieval and early modern narrative paintings, in addition to ukiyo-e, traditional lacquer decor, and East Asian ceramics.

We have hosted international students from many different countries, including China, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, South Korea, Poland, Romania, Spain, and the United States. Upon completing their studies at Gakushuin, many have obtained doctoral degrees and have assumed positions at art galleries, museums, or as university faculty.



Research Activities

One feature of the research activities conducted by faculty members is that in addition to the individual research projects they are each engaged in, they often participate in joint research projects conducted in collaboration with Japanese and overseas research facilities or other research projects funded by special research grants, as either our representative members or leading members of the project.

Faculty members specializing in Japanese or East Asian art, are actively conducting special viewings of artworks both in Japan and abroad. Gakushuin faculty also frequently take a leading role in discovering and re-evaluating works of art, as well as in implementing reinvestigations of trends in art production. Our academic staff have also spearheaded debates on subjects such as the interaction of religion and art, or the impact of art on society and politics. We are proud that many of our faculty members are active in committees that designate national treasures, oversee the preservation of ruins, and evaluate museums. They also continue to remain a vital presence at symposia both in Japan and overseas.



Examples of research projects

- Research study of an overseas collection of ukiyo-e pictures
 - Preparatory research to introduce aspects of "Cool Japan pop culture" (Manga, Anime, 'Kawaii' culture, etc.) overseas
 - The art of Zen
 - Cross-influences between East Asia and Japan
 - Research into export ceramics
 - Research into the history of modern Japanese ceramics
 - Japan's medieval image of the world and knowledge of the classics
 - Tale of Genji paintings
 - Comprehensive research on illustrated hand-scrolls of temples and shrines (shaji engi)
 - Comprehensive research on large-scale narrative paintings
 - Studies of Japanese art collections abroad
- etc.

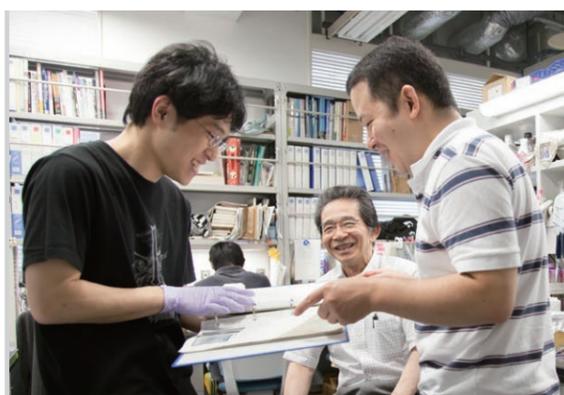
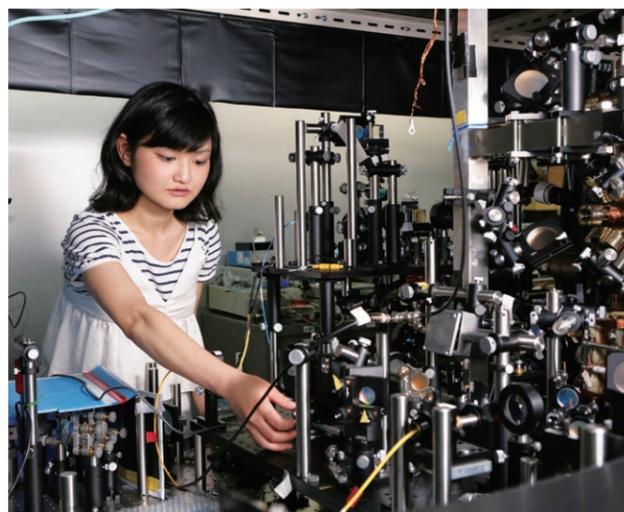
Examples of international symposia and workshops held in recent years

- *Les croyances et les arts dans le Japon médiéval*, 2008, Université Paris Diderot, Paris (France)
- *Workshop in Religion and Culture in Medieval Japan*, 2009, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (US)
- *Narratives in Visual Culture: Beliefs, Rituals, Stories, and Art I*, 2010, the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich (UK)
- *Narratives in Visual Culture: Beliefs, Rituals, Stories, and Art II*, 2011, Harvard University, Cambridge (US) etc.

(as of December 1, 2012)

Overview of the Faculty of Science

Our Faculty of Science is made of 4 departments— physics, chemistry, mathematics, and life science—and they correspond to the four pillars of natural science. One of the features of our Faculty of Science is that our curriculums ensure that from their first year to their third year, all students will take part in a large number of experiments and practical-learning sessions. In addition, we aim to enhance our research structure by inviting researchers from a variety of different countries, such as China, South Korea, India, the United States, Germany, Poland, and Finland, to visit the University and carry out joint research and research exchanges.



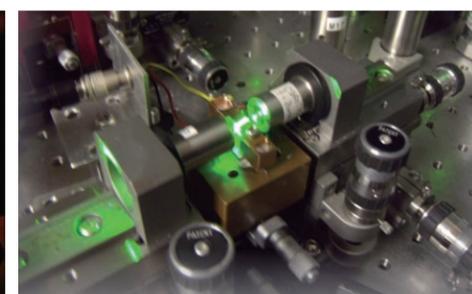
Research Activities

While the Faculty of Science is not particularly large in size, it is known for conducting research at an extremely high level and many of its staff members are considered to be global leaders in their fields, holding important positions in academic societies related to their area of expertise and receiving prestigious academic awards. Based on the Faculty's educational policy of "teaching students to think for themselves after looking with their own eyes and doing with their own hands, and developing their creative abilities to fill in the gap between science and engineering," the teaching staff is passionate about providing students with the best possible education and conducting research of the highest possible quality. Moreover, the Faculty has a strong track record in obtaining funds from external bodies and in reports published each year. It ranks one of the highest in terms of the adoption rate of its scientific research projects proposed for Grants-in-Aid for scientific research from MEXT.

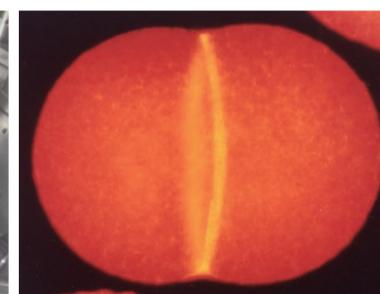
Members of the Graduate School often give presentations at academic conferences within Japan and overseas and moreover, the research results that they achieve have frequently been recognized and many of the Graduate School's postgraduates have been the recipient of awards. One of the features of Gakushuin University is the strong support it provides to its research staff to enable them to take part in academic conferences both domestically and internationally.



Electromagnetic levitation



Squeezed-light generation



Contractile ring actin filaments(yellow) in the dividing sea urchin egg

Examples of research projects

- Strategic Research Foundation Grant-aided Project for Private Universities from Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology, Japan(MEXT)

"Developments of basic technology and new substances that aim to realize harmony with the environment"

Representative researcher: Prof. Toshihiro Takahashi, Department of Physics

"Molecular and cell-related biological research into the environmental responses of biological systems –toward controlling aging and canceration" Representative researcher: Prof. Fumio Hanaoka, Department of Life Science

Examples of recently held academic conferences

- Gakushuin University Department of Life Science's Symposium

"Searching for the key to unlock the secrets of life " twice a year since 2007

Examples of teaching staff who are leaders in their academic field and who have been the recipient of awards

- Department of Physics:

Prof. Haruaki Tasaki Ryogo Kubo Memorial Prize

Prof. Ichiro Arakawa Vacuum Technical Award from the Vacuum Society of Japan

- Department of Chemistry:

Prof. Yasuyuki Muramatsu The Geochemical Society of Japan Miyake Award, the Society of Iodine Science Award

Takahiko Akiyama The Chemical Society of Japan (CSJ) Award, the Nagoya Silver Medal

- Department of Mathematics:

Prof. Yukio Matsumoto The Mathematical Society of Japan Iyanaga Prize

Prof. Kenji Yajima The Mathematical Society of Japan Shuki Prize

- Department of Life Science:

Prof. Fumio Hanaoka

The Naito Foundation Merit Award for Advancement of Science, The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan Award, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports,

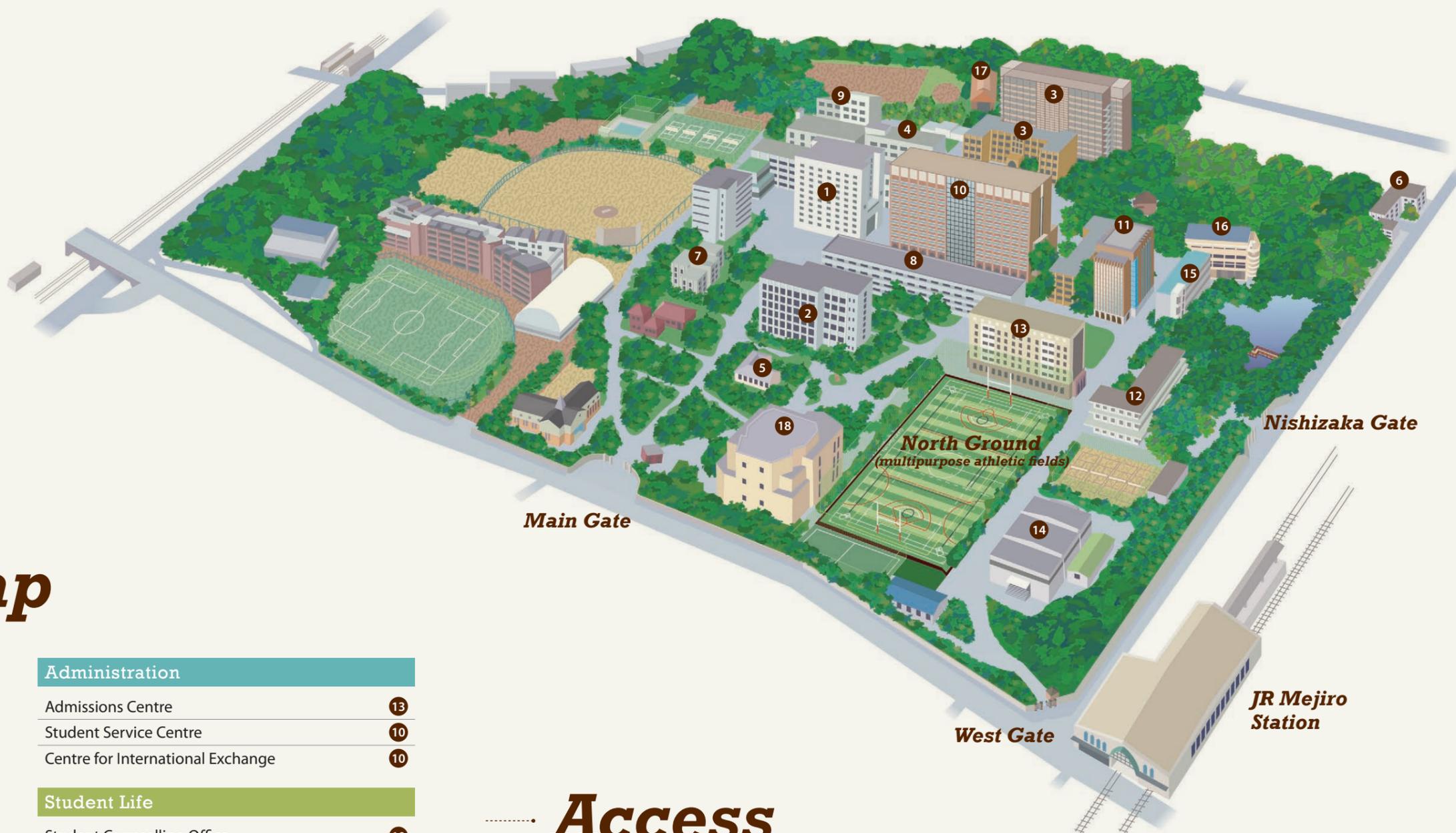
Science and Technology's Award for Science and Technology (research category)

Prof. Issei Mabuchi The Zoological Society of Japan Award, the Inoue Prize for Science

Campus Location

Gakushuin University's Mejiro Campus is situated in Toshima Ward, in the centre of Tokyo. It extends over an area of 200,000 square meters and is ranked as one of the largest university campuses located in the Tokyo metropolitan area. The campus is only 30 seconds away from Mejiro station on the JR Yamanote line and therefore, students have easy access to Ikebukuro, Shinjuku or Shibuya, which are popular among young people as shopping areas and amusement spots.

Despite its location, the campus is like a tiny forest, with varieties of trees and colourful flowers from season to season. Visitors can forget that they are in the very heart of Tokyo when once they enter the campus.



Campus Map

Faculties

Law	1
Economics	1
Research Institute for Economics and Management	1
Letters	2
Research Institute for Humanities	2
Science	3
Institute for Biomolecular Science	4

Careers Courses

Teacher - Training Course	10
Curators' Course	5
Lifelong Learning Centre	6

Centres and Institutes

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Students' Club House	15 16
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Access

