

School of Political Science and Economics, Meiji University

Prospectus for Undergraduate Studies



Message from the Dean



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Profile
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Prefecture, Dean Kosaku Dairokuno is
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University and Northeastern University
in 1991 and 1992. He was also a
visiting professor at the National
University of Laos in 2000 and 2001.

The School of Political Science and Economics was founded in 1904, at a time when Japan was first attempting to participate in what was then called “international society,” but was actually represented mainly by European countries. Our School of Political Science and Economics was, in other words, born in an earlier era of “globalization,” albeit one in which the expansion of the domains of politics and economics was dominated largely by Western Europe. The founding principles of our School, dating from this time when the dynamics of globalization needed to be clarified and understood, are that economics and politics cannot be studied in isolation from each other: to understand one you have to understand the other.

These principles are, I believe, one of the great strengths of our School as we face the problems of our present age of globalization: extremely rapid changes in the world financial system, the widening gap between rich and poor, dwindling energy supplies and global warming, to name but a few. Our mission is to face these issues squarely and to articulate ways in which human society can reorganize its social, political and economic institutions to support a world in which human beings can live together happily and in security.

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Politics and Economics Are Part of Your Life

Politics and economics are inseparable

The School of Political Science and Economics was called, when it opened in 1904, the School of Politics. Later it became the Department of Political Science and Economics, and then in 1925 the School of Political Science and Economics. The ideal of its first Dean, Ushisaburo Kobayashi, was to “investigate the principles of politics, study the foundations of economics and, through their coupling, contribute to rebuilding politics and innovation in economics ... by drawing on the realities of society to explicate scientific principles.” This ideal continues to underpin the education we offer to students today.

Almost a university within a university

The School of Political Science and Economics focuses on the forms that a civil society can take, and aims to give students an understanding of the fundamental elements of the issues that are creating massive upheavals in modern society. There are three departments: Political Science, Economics as well as the Department of Local Governance, which look at political, economic, and social problems in the context of local communities.

We have over 100 full-time and around 140 part-time professors and lecturers giving 1,500 classes a year to some 5,000 students. Our large size, and the surprising variety of subjects that we are able to offer to students, make us quite an unusual university department. No other department in Japan can boast such a diverse lineup of courses, and this is a major distinguishing feature of our School. It means that students can study their major subjects from multiple perspectives, enriched by courses in history, theory and computer analysis, by social science subjects such as folklore, social psychology and mass media theory, as well as by humanities subjects ranging from foreign literatures to Japanese syntax.

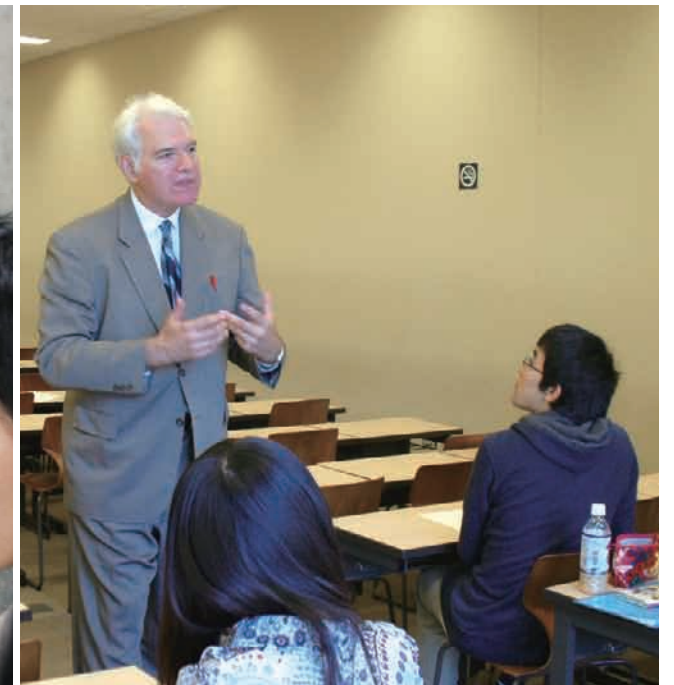
Education that is both integrative and practical

The School thus has an exceptionally wide range of courses for developing individuals with a strong sense of the relationship between politics, economics and culture. At the same time, we give students knowledge and practical experiences that are useful in the areas of administration, economics and politics. There are opportunities for practical work at companies under our unique internship program.



We also offer a special course of professional preparation for becoming a journalist.

The ultimate goal of our curriculum is to produce students who have both a broad cultural knowledge and the ability to approach problems with independent minds and “think out of the box.” In other words, we want to provide students with practical tools that will help them to meet the challenges of the real world.



Rising to the challenges of globalization

Since our curriculum aims to produce internationally-minded people, we are proud to be able to say that many of our graduates have achieved their dream of working on the international stage.

Our Advanced Communicative English (ACE) Program, which offers challenging, effective and excitingly innovative English language courses, is one means by which students can build the foundations for an international career. Another program that is unique to the School of Political Science and Economics is our short-term study abroad program.

Meiji University also has a foreign language program for students from all Schools during the summer vacation, and exchange programs with partner universities in 34 countries.

Data on the School of Political Science and Economics

Departments	Degrees	Numbers to be admitted per academic year
Department of Political Science	Bachelor of Political Science	260
Department of Economics	Bachelor of Economics	620
Department of Local Governance	Bachelor of Local Governance	150

• Campus: Freshmen and Sophomores/Izumi, Juniors and Seniors/Surugadai

A Prestigious University Celebrating its 130th Anniversary in 2011

Extending a long and proud tradition into the future

Meiji University was founded in January 1881 as the Meiji Law School by a group of young lawyers barely in their 30's: Tatsuo Kishimoto, Kozo Miyagi, and Misao Yashiro. It was an era characterized by Japan's urgent need to develop as a modern independent nation. The three founded the Meiji Law School in their fervent hope of being able to "foster bright capable youths able to lead a modern civil society in Japan."

Although confronted with countless obstacles and hardships along the way, Meiji University was born as a place for scholarship and education. Having continued its growth without ever ceasing to ring the chimes of liberty, Meiji University has expanded to become one of the leading private universities of Japan, celebrating its 130th anniversary in 2011.

With Human Rights, Liberty, Independence and Self-Government as its guiding principles, Meiji University is committed to fostering students who reflect the values of its founders: individuals who are strong and determined, who are able to think in new ways and who are prepared to meet the needs of the times. Having sent out into the world, to date, more than 470,000 graduates, our university has contributed a great deal to the progress of our nation: Meiji graduates occupy key positions in a range of industries. Ranked solidly among the best universities in Japan, Meiji University currently consists of 9 undergraduate schools and 9 graduate schools, including the Law School, the Graduate School of Global Business, the Graduate School of Professional Accountancy, and the Graduate School of Governance Studies. There is also the Meiji University Junior High School and Meiji University High School.

With the latest IT infrastructure and Liberty Tower, with its 23 stories above ground and 3 below, Surugadai Campus is well-equipped for education and research. In April 2004, construction of Academy Common was completed at this campus, and now serves as a place for high quality professional training, with a wide range of courses in lifelong and postgraduate education.

There are two other campuses at Izumi and Ikuta. All 3 campuses have excellent teaching staff, and feature state-of-the-art facilities for education, research, extracurricular activities and links with other institutions. A fourth campus, currently under construction in the Nakano area, will further enhance Meiji's ability to support innovative education and research as the university continues to make dramatic advances into the world as a top-class urban university for the 21st century.

Important dates & numbers

1. Academic calendar in general
(subject to change)
First Semester: April 1 to September 19
Starting of First Semester: April 10
Mid-year Exam: late July
Summer Vacation: August 1 to September 19

Second Semester: September 20 to March 31
Starting of Second Semester: September 21
Anniversary Day: November 1
Winter Break: December 25 to January 7
Final Exam: late January to the beginning of February
Graduation Ceremony: March 26

2. List of undergraduate schools

Name of schools
School of Law
School of Commerce
School of Political Science and Economics
School of Arts and Letters
School of Science and Technology
School of Agriculture
School of Business Administration
School of Information and Communication
School of Global Japanese Studies *1

*1 Established in 2008.

3. School hours

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
9:00 – 10:30	10:40 – 12:10	13:00 – 14:30	14:40 – 16:10
Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	
16:20 – 17:50	18:00 – 19:30	19:40 – 21:10	



Meiji University at a Glance

Meiji University ranks first in the University Applicant Rankings, a poll of high school students conducted by major research companies. In recent years, Meiji University has been receiving over 100,000 applications each year for entrance examinations, placing it consistently at the top or in second place among the most popular universities with Japanese university applicants.

Urban Campuses

Surugadai and Izumi Campuses are in the heart of Tokyo, within a 10-minute train ride of Shinjuku Station, and Surugadai Campus is also only 10 minutes away from Tokyo Station. Students find campuses not only convenient for their studies, but also for enjoying the attractions of Tokyo.

Alumni Network

As one of Japan's leading universities, with a long tradition, we have sent more than 470,000 graduates into the world. Meiji alumni are to be found in the fields of politics (including two prime ministers of Japan), business and finance, higher education, journalism, literature, art and sports.

Wide-Ranging Education

The University consists of 9 undergraduate schools and 9 graduate schools. There are also independent schools in various disciplines, a junior high school and a senior high school. All in all, Meiji has over 30,000 students.

A Global 30 University

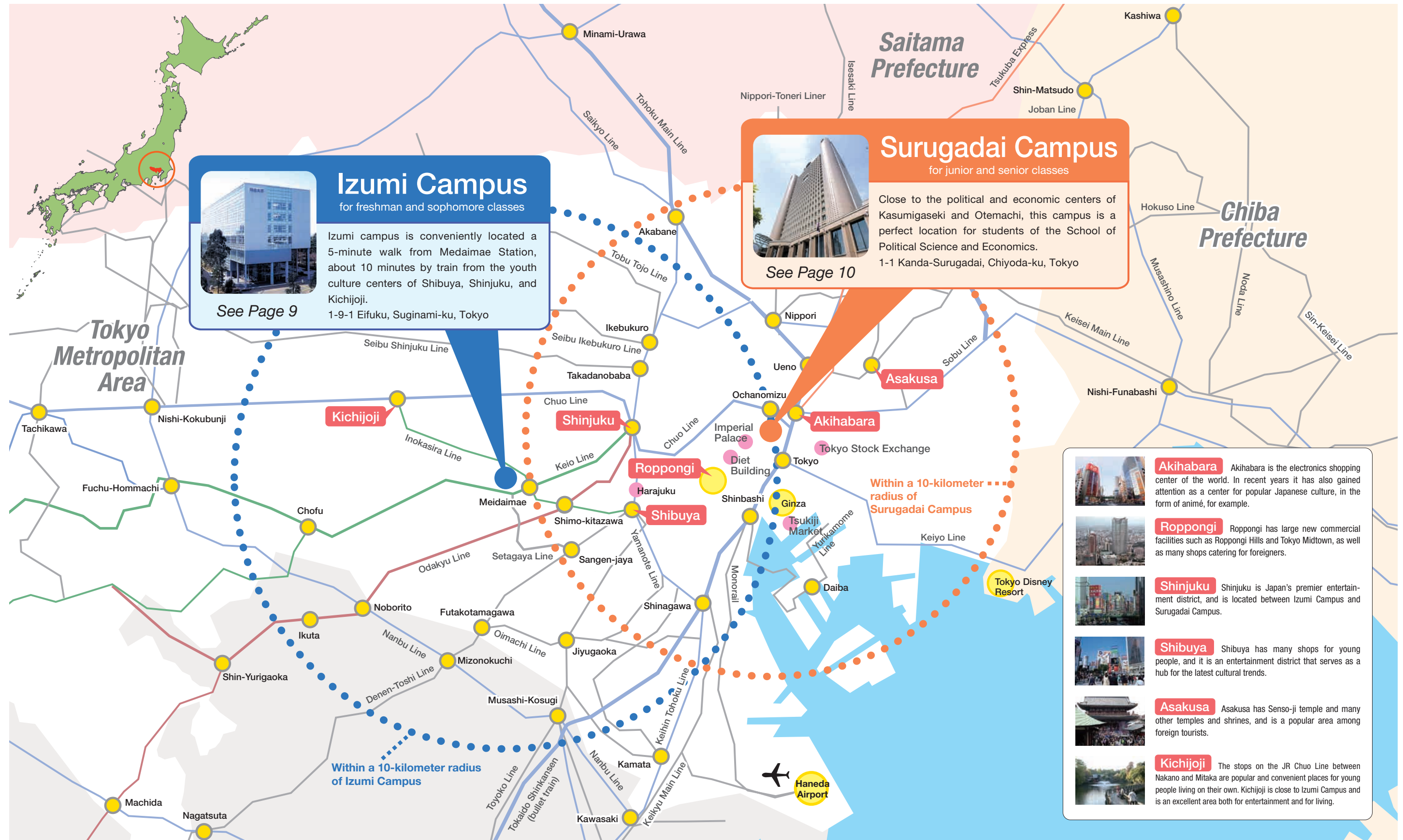
Around 900 international students enjoy their studies at Meiji University. We have been selected as one of Japan's "core" universities within the Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization (Global 30) by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.



Campuses Located in Central Tokyo

Tokyo's learning and leisure resources make it a great city in which to be a student. Both Izumi and Surugadai are urban campuses that bustle with excitement and have a lively student culture.

Campus Guide Access to two campuses



A Tokyo Campus that Is Both Urban and Green

Very close to Shinjuku and Shibuya, Izumi offers both convenient access and natural surroundings



Student cafeteria featuring an open-air terrace

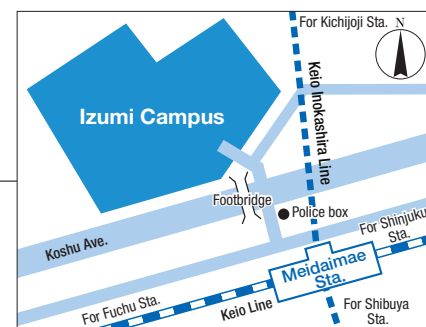


← The Media Building has several facilities: a "CALL Lab" where students can study various languages at their own pace, audio-visual booths where students can watch movies and documentaries, personal computer rooms that are always popular places for many students, and lounges where students can relax. The many windows offer views of the campus that make it possible to enjoy Izumi's greenery all four seasons of the year.

Advanced IT facilities and abundant greenery

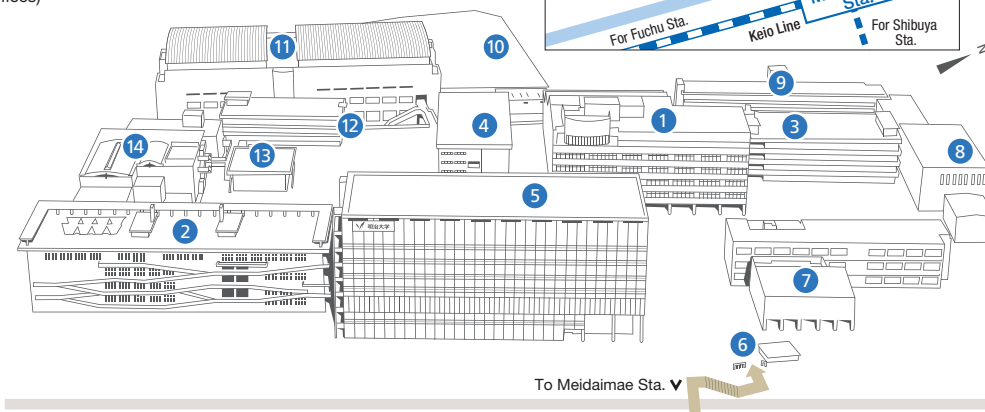
Izumi Campus at Meidaimae Station is where first- and second-year students go to study. It is conveniently located within 10 minutes of Shinjuku and Shibuya by train, and is filled with greenery. The campus is particularly lively in April during the events for welcoming new students, and in November during the Meiji University Festival. The campus has a Media Building with state-of-the-art IT equipment, and a very modern gymnasium where students can exercise at any time. The Izumi International House, a dormitory for foreign exchange students, is very close to the campus.

Izumi



● Izumi Campus

- ① Building No.1 (Administration Offices)
- ② Building No.2
- ③ Building No.3
- ④ Building No.4
- ⑤ Izumi Media Building
- ⑥ Front Gate
- ⑦ Library
- ⑧ Liaison Building
- ⑨ Faculty Office Building, Izumi Campus
- ⑩ Ground
- ⑪ Gymnasium
- ⑫ Student Center No.2
- ⑬ Meidai Mart
- ⑭ Izumi Cafeteria



Meiji University's Main Campus, Rich in History and Surging with Innovation

An urban campus that blends in seamlessly with the student-oriented district in which it is set



Surugadai



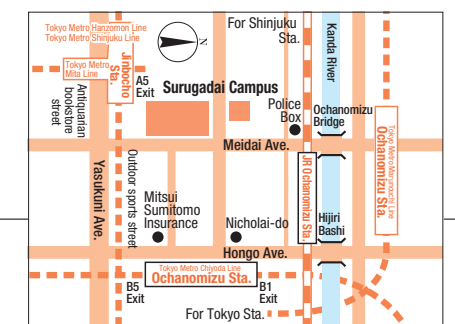
↑ Central Library having four floors (1F-B3F), to the left of Liberty Tower

Sky Lounge "Akatsuki," a 365-seat cafeteria for students and teachers on the 17th Floor of Liberty Tower, that offers a great view as you enjoy your meal or dessert. The cafeteria is moderately priced and takes pride in the tasty dishes and generous portions it serves. Calories and other nutritional information are displayed, making this a great place to eat if you are health-conscious.



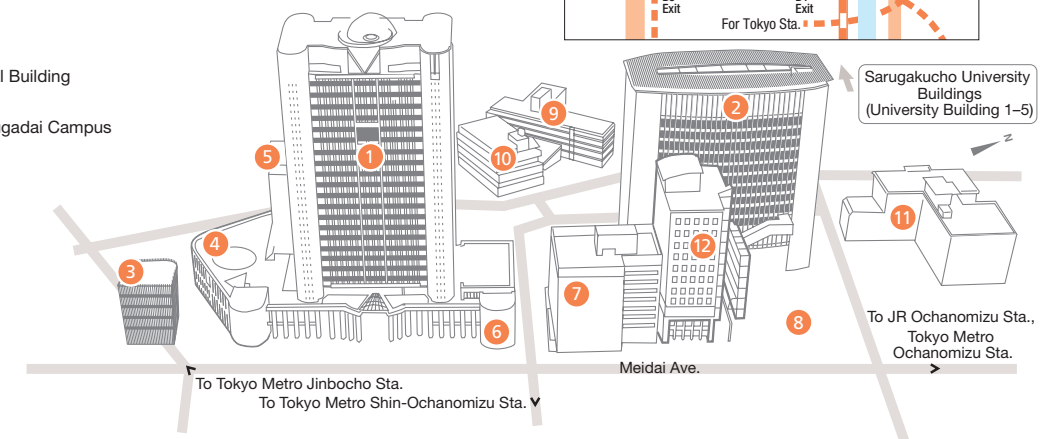
Liberty Tower: a landmark in the student-oriented Surugadai district

Surugadai Campus is the traditional home to Meiji University. The newly-completed Liberty Tower and Academy Common have become landmarks in the Kanda-Surugadai area. The campus is surrounded by some of Japan's best shopping areas for old books, musical instruments, and sporting goods. The area remains strongly student-oriented, and there are also many low-priced and delicious eating and drinking establishments in the area.



● Surugadai Campus

- ① Liberty Tower
- ② Academy Common
- ③ Shikon Kan Alumni Memorial Building
- ④ Central Library
- ⑤ Faculty Office Building, Surugadai Campus
- ⑥ Lounge Maronie
- ⑦ University Hall
- ⑧ Meiji University Square
- ⑨ Building No.14
- ⑩ Building No.10
- ⑪ Building No.11
- ⑫ Building No.12



Some of the Ways in which We Support Your Studies

An integrated approach to politics, economics and the fundamentals of our modern society

Politics and economics are inseparable if one wishes to understand today's complex global society. Nevertheless, few Japanese universities offer students courses where they can study both of these in depth. Our School provides students with opportunities to learn politics and economics from various perspectives, and to address the underlying societal issues.

Unique international collaboration programs

Meiji University has been named by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as one of the country's "Global 30" universities, as part of the Ministry's Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization. The School of Political Science and Economics is very active in promoting a range of international collaboration programs. These include short-term student exchanges with overseas universities and academic exchanges by inviting scholars from overseas who give their lectures in English. We also provide support for students who wish to study abroad, through preparation programs to enhance academic and English skills.

Strong support for small seminar classes

The School strongly supports seminar-type teaching in all years. Seminars are small classes that emphasize discussion, involve much more interaction between students and teacher than traditional lectures, and help students to understand how to communicate their ideas effectively and how to conduct research.

Training future journalists

To be a journalist requires highly specialized knowledge and training. The School offers would-be journalists an ideal curriculum that goes beyond the boundaries of the three majors, Politics, Economics, and Local Governance. The career support center associated with this program provides guidance on employment in the mass media industry, and many of its graduates have made successful careers as journalists.



Department of Political Science

Why study politics?

Politics is not a subject with an obvious career path in the way that studying law can lead to your becoming a lawyer, or taking a degree in commerce or business administration can lead to a career in accountancy.

The study of politics will nevertheless give you something of great significance: a deep insight into the mechanisms of our modern society and its trends. A society consists of a number of groups of people. Specific structures and orders are formed through confrontations among such groups, which constantly change according to the conditions of the surrounding environment. In the current globalized and competitive world, to have the ability to look into the meaning of these mechanisms and changes is not only necessary for the realization of your personal dreams and ambitions: it is essential for our very survival.

The same can be said for sociology, economics and other social science subjects. The School has many scholars

in a range of disciplines, and this breadth helps students to obtain an integrated and comprehensive knowledge of social science. We believe that if we strive to foster in students a broad and well-balanced view of the world this will be a powerful tool in helping them to make important contributions to the betterment of society in the future.



Professor
KONISHI, Tokuou
Department Chair of Political Science

Specialty Japanese political history, political ethics, etc



Interview with an international student

Mr. Sean-Paul Robinson, an exchange student in the Department of Politics
A student of the University of Manchester, Sean-Paul came to Japan through his university's exchange program with Meiji University. He is living in Izumi International House.

Q1. Why did you decide to come to Japan?

A1. I wanted to come to Japan because of a long-held fascination with Japan and Japanese culture. I wanted to make Japanese friends and improve my Japanese language ability. There is only so much you can learn in a classroom in Manchester!

Q2. Why did you choose Meiji University?

A2. I really wanted to study in Tokyo, and Meiji University has a very good reputation. Despite its stature it seemed more inclusive and less elitist than other Tokyo universities. Although Izumi International House is some distance away from Ochanomizu, where I knew I would have all of my lessons, the proximity of the residence to Shinjuku and other really good areas was attractive to me.

Q3. How do you find studying at Meiji University? And how do you find life in Tokyo?

A3. I am really enjoying studying at Meiji. The quality of the facilities and the tuition is excellent. The campus is easy to navigate and all the students I meet are very friendly. Life in Tokyo is great; it's an amazing city, unlike any I've ever seen before. There is so much to see and do. There were things that took a little getting used to (the rush hour trains for instance!) but on the whole I was surprised at how quickly I became acclimatised to living here.

Q4. Was Meiji University helpful to you when you were getting started here?

A4. Very much so. The university provided a lot of information on just about everything concerning life at Meiji and in Tokyo in general. The staff at the International Centre were very kind, courteous, and forthcoming with help and advice. The student advisors were also very welcoming and helpful, making it very easy to get used to living here.

Q5. What are your plans for the future?

A5. I'm not entirely sure which field I would like to go into right now, but I definitely want to work in a capacity that allows me to utilise my Japanese language ability. Ideally a multinational corporation of some kind or even something like diplomacy. I would love to work in Japan.



Department of Economics

Social scientists are “doctors” who try to cure the illnesses of society. In the past, the most serious ailments afflicting humanity have been tragic famines, epidemics, and wars. Famine is becoming a less constant and direct threat to humanity than it used to be, due to factors such as the agricultural revolution, the industrial revolution, and the development of means of transportation. Although new epidemics have appeared, such as SARS, and there have been infectious diseases that cannot be eradicated, such as influenza, progress in medicine and public health sanitation has enabled humanity to conquer many diseases. War is one affliction that remains to be eradicated. Wars are sometimes apparently caused by religion or conflicting ideologies, but there are almost always underlying economic problems.

The declining birthrate and “aging society” which Japan is now starkly facing will bring about major economic problems in the future. Until now, society has always had few elderly people and many children; the younger generation has had the economic power and been able to take care of the older generation. But this foundation is now crumbling with declining birthrates and increasingly aged

societies in the world. We can expect that wealth will not be well distributed between the generations. There will be struggles in places where there are economic problems, and this will lead to wars between nations. Many of the illnesses of society occur when there are inequalities in the distribution of wealth and welfare.

In order to solve these problems, it is very important to look into the mechanisms of the economy. Economics is undoubtedly a difficult and complicated subject, but I earnestly invite you to join us in the search for solutions to the world's problems. We expect you to become outstanding young “doctors” who will be able to tackle the social ills that plague world society.



Professor
MORISHITA, Tadashi
Department Chair of Economics

Specialty—
Experimental study on small and medium-sized enterprise and entrepreneur's behavior pattern

Department of Local Governance

The “local” that we use in the name of this department does not mean “outlying” or “rural,” as opposed to “centrally-located” or “urban.” From the viewpoint of the entire world, Asia is one local region, and Japan is one local region within Asia. Tokyo and Osaka are local areas within Japan. Thus “local” here should be taken as a relative term, depending on the perspective that one chooses to adopt.

With increasing political and economic globalization today, “local areas” are becoming increasingly important. If we take the environmental issues of global warming and the ozone hole as an example, these are issues that demand concerted efforts by the world as a whole, and at the same time they are related to the ways in which local areas collect and incinerate garbage and process chlorofluorocarbons. Each “local area,” at different levels—local community, municipality, prefecture, Japan, Asia—has challenges that it must address.

There are currently many problems in local areas. In this department we research and analyze these problems from both theoretical points of view and in terms of actual situations. The department aims to cultivate professionals who will be able to put into practice sound management of

local areas. Study of local areas is approached from three points of view: administration, community and industry. Students study each of these while keeping in mind how they are related to one another.

This department also features classes in which students are able to hear directly from top officials of local governments, from National Diet members, bureaucrats and administrators of various public organizations.

Our approach enables students to gain a sound understanding of both theory and actual situations, seeing each as being like “two wheels of one cart.”



Professor
KATO, Hisakazu
Department Chair of Local Governance

Specialty—
Empirical analyses of social security, financial system and macro economy



Interview with an international student

Mr. Yongbeom Song, an undergraduate student in the Department of Economics

Mr. Song is a student from Korea who entered the School of Political Science and Economics through the entrance examination for international students. After graduating from a high school in South Korea, he began life in Japan as a first-year undergraduate student in our department.

Q1. Why did you decide to come to Japan?

A1. Japan is a neighbor to Korea. We are in the same East Asian cultural sphere. But even when I was in Korea, I had already started to become aware of many differences between the two countries. It was the realization that we are close and at the same time quite different that stimulated my curiosity and led to my decision to study in Japan.

Q2. Why did you choose Meiji University in particular?

A2. I couldn't help taking into account the fact that Meiji University is famous as one of the Tokyo “Big 6” universities. We live in an extremely competitive world, so I couldn't see the point of going to a university that would not help me to be competitive myself when it eventually comes to job hunting. There is something friendly and lively about the way that Meiji presents itself, and this gave me the feeling that I want to study and develop myself here.

Q3. How do you find studying at Meiji University? And how do you find life in Tokyo?

A3. I've been able to do a lot of studying in small seminar-type classes in the School of Political Science and Economics. The opportunities that I have had in these classes to work on presentations have been particularly helpful to me. The friends I have made in the classes have been an incredibly important part of my experience. I have some really close friends now. I love them!
Tokyo is overflowing with people and goods, so I have always found it hard to make the right choices. I was

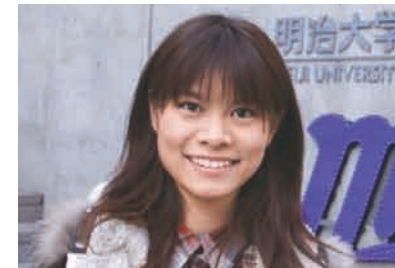
overwhelmed at first. However, I have been learning to find my own way of looking at things, and have become much better at making the right choices for me. When you learn to make the right choices for you, that's when things start to work out well for you.

Q4. Was Meiji University helpful when you were getting started here?

A4. Yes. I will be graduating and going back to Korea with a lot of love and loyalty for Meiji University. I wouldn't say that if I hadn't got as much as I have from this university.

Q5. What are your plans for the future?

A5. I will be doing my mandatory military service after graduation. I have not decided yet what I will do once I get out of the military: I have many options for the future. I want to do something that will prove worthwhile in the long run. In other words, I want to do something that will be good for my family, something that I will always enjoy doing, and something that allows me to help others. If I can do something which meets all these criteria, then I think I will be able to lead a wonderful life. Also, I want to be a person who can share happiness with others rather than someone who just thinks about my own happiness.



Interview with an international student

Interview with Ms. Noriko Kosugi, an undergraduate student in the Department of Local Governance

Ms. Kosugi is a Japanese student who has been active in the School's international activities. As a “student supporter” she attended two weekend seminars with short-stay exchange students from Northeastern University and the University of Southern California at Lake Yamanaka, near Mount Fuji. She likes traveling abroad and has made several home-stay visits in the UK and the US.

Q1. What made you decide to become a “student supporter?”

A1. I wanted to have the chance to talk with and spend time with international students. I got interested in getting to know people from other countries through my home-stay experiences in the UK and the US when I was in high school. I wanted to talk and share ideas with exchange program students, just as a student. I know that I will have opportunities to talk foreigners after I graduate from Meiji, but I wanted a chance to just hang out with people my own age without having to think about business. I wanted to know what life is really like for them.

Q2. What were the Yamanaka workshops with the exchange students like for you?

A2. I found out about the workshops and the other activities from friends of mine in ACE who are very interested in international friendships, and who are always eager to take part in international programs organized by the university. There is also information about this kind of thing on Meiji's website. Meiji has a lot of programs in which there are opportunities to communicate with international students, and this has been really good for me.

Q3. What other international activities did you join in while you were an undergraduate?

A3. I'm in ACE (the Advanced Communicative English program). These classes were held only in English. Since I had these classes twice a week when I was a freshman, and four times a week when I was a sophomore, I had many chances to speak English in my daily school life. The ACE classes were really hard. I did presentations, debates, musical performances, as well as a lot of reading and writing assignments. Sometimes I would be at school before 9 in the morning, and stay until 9 at night with my debate teammates. The students I was with all had strong personalities, and the fact that we were all so different from each other was very stimulating and motivating.
I took part in an English study camp at Kiyosato seminar house

in the spring of 2008. This camp was about 2 weeks, and most of the teachers were native English speakers. I studied English from morning till night there, and made many friends who are interested in international relations and international events. It was really good for me.

Q4. Could you share with international students what it means to be studying in the Department of Local Governance?

A4. We learn about administration in the Department of Local Governance. “Local” Governance doesn't mean that you just study about small towns or about cities. We learn more about Asia and look at Asia in comparison with other areas in the world, like Europe. There are a lot of problems related to the so-called “aging society,” with the low birthrate that we have in Japan, and these problems are also being seen in other developed countries in the world. The problems may be the same, but the ways out of the present situation are really different for each country. Studying in the Department of Local Governance gives international students the chance to study Japanese perspectives on global problems.

Q5. What are your plans for the future?

A5. I'm planning to make use of my international experiences in my work. I'm going to be working for a clothing company in Japan. The clothing industry in Japan is in a difficult situation now. Most of the clothes are made in China or other Asian countries, and there are so many imported brands, so we need to be able to work well with these countries. Globalization is making the skills and understanding we gain from international experience and relationships with overseas people an indispensable aspect of our life.



Curriculum Chart

Basic Subjects / Foreign Language Subjects / Health and Sports Science Subjects

Basic Subjects	Humanities	Introduction to Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Fundamental Logic, Overview of Logic, History, Expression in the Japanese Language, Japanese Literature, Foreign Literature, Languages and Cultures, Introduction to Liberal Arts
	Social Sciences	Law, Geography, Cultural Anthropology, Contemporary Psychology, Survey of Psychology, Cultural Theories, Intercultural Understanding and Communication, Intercultural Conflict and Communication, Introduction to International Area Studies
	Natural Sciences	Fundamental Mathematics, Survey of Mathematics, Linear Algebra I-IV, Analysis I-II, Science in Society, Science in History, History of Ancient to Modern Technology, History of Modern to Contemporary Technology, Structure of Matter, Matter and the Universe, Energy and the Environment, The Global Environment and Society, Structure of Organisms and Life Science, Biotechnology and Human Life
	Comprehensive Subject Group	Seminar in Liberal Arts I-II, Japanese Culture & Society IA-B, Japanese Culture & Society IIA-B, Fundamentals of Information Science I-II, Inter faculty Interdisciplinary Colloquium I-II, Special Studies in International Cultures I-II
Foreign Language Subjects	English I-IV, German I-IV, French I-IV, Chinese I-IV, Spanish I-IV, Japanese I-IV, ACEI-ACEIV, Advanced Communicative English Presentation Skills	
Health and Sports Science Subjects	Exercise Science in Practice I-1, Exercise Science in Practice I-2, Exercise Science in Practice II-1, Exercise Science in Practice II-2, Theory of Health and Exercise Science I, Lifelong-Sports Camp, Exercise Science in Practice III-1, Exercise Science in Practice III-2, Exercise Science in Practice IV-1, Exercise Science in Practice IV-2, Exercise Science in Practice II	

Basic Subjects (1st Year / 2nd Year)	
Constitutional Law, Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to Political Theory, Principles of Political Science, Sociology, Analysis of Journalism, Theories of Media and Communication, Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Political Science and Sociology, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Economic History, Political Economy, Statistics, Quantitative Economic Analysis, Japanese Economic History, History of Economic Thought, History of Social Thought, Social Science Methodologies, Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Economic Studies, Introduction to Public Administration, Introduction to Public Administration Theory, Civil Code (General), Civil Code (Property), Local Self-Government Law, Regional Studies, Regional Analysis, Accounting, Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Regional Studies, Career Design Colloquium, Introductory Seminar in Major Subject I-III, Special Studies in Political Science I-II, Special Studies in Sociology I-II, Special Studies in Mass Communication I-II, Special Studies in Economics I-II, Special Studies in Economic Policy I-II, Special Studies in Local Government I-II, Survival Skills for Studying Abroad (1st-4th Year), Introduction to Studying Abroad (1st-4th Year), Study Abroad -Practicum I-IV (1st-4th Year), Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Career Development I-V	

Basic Subjects (3rd Year / 4th Year)	
History / History of Thought	History of Political Theory, Analysis of Political Theory, Japanese Political History, European Political History, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Theory, History of Japanese Political Thought, Japanese Political Culture, History of Economics, History of Modern Economics, International Economic History, Contemporary Economic History, History of Japanese Economic Thought
Mass Communication	Theories of Media Literacy, Analysis of International Communication, Analysis of Mass Media, Analysis of Media and Public Opinion
Theory / Statistics / Policy	History of Modern Economics, Economic Statistics, Economic Growth and Fluctuations, Econometrics, Linear Economics, Principles of Economic Policy

Applied Subjects by Courses			
A. Political Science and Sociology Course	B. Economics and Economic Policy Course	C. Local Governance and Development Course	D. International Culture Course
(a) Political Theory	(d) International Economics	(g) Public Administration	(j) Japanese / Asian Culture
Local Government Management, Theories of States, Analysis of Contemporary States, Urban Space Policy, Urban Administrative Policy, Theories of Political Process, Theories of Political Structures, Theories of Fluctuations in Political Structures, Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics (East Asia), Quantitative Political Science, Analysis of Political Behavior, Public Policy	International Economics, Economic Geography, Economic Development, International Economic Policy, International Finance, Japanese and Asian Cultures I-IV, Japanese and Asian Area Studies I-IV, European Cultures I-V, European Area Studies I-V, American Cultures I-IV, American Area Studies I-IV, Associated Area Studies I-IV	Local Government Management, Administrative Law, Local Government Administration, Administrative Informatics, Public Policy, Public Accounting, Urban Space Policy, Urban Administrative Policy, Local Government Finance, Social Security, Regional Development, Environmental Economics, Regional Policy and Program I-X, Studies in Physical Culture, Studies in Sports Culture	Japanese and Asian Cultures I-IV, Japanese and Asian Area Studies I-V, Associated Area Studies I-IV, Studies in Physical Culture, Studies in Sports Culture, Studies in Representational Culture, Comparative Politics (East Asia), Asian Politics, Folklore, Japanese Folk Society, Ethnology, Social Anthropology, Introduction to Intercultural Management, Applied Intercultural Management
(b) International Politics	(e) Finance	(h) Communities	(k) European culture
International Politics, History of International Relations, Asian Politics, United States Politics, Latin American Politics, African Politics, Russian Politics, Eastern European Politics, International Law, Comparative Government, Comparative Politics (East Asia), Japanese and Asian Cultures I-IV, Japanese and Asian Area Studies I-IV, European Cultures I-V, European Area Studies I-IV, American Cultures I-IV, American Area Studies I-IV, Associated Area Studies I-IV	Modern Japanese Economics, Finance, Monetary Policy, Local Government Finance, Taxation and Government Spending Policy, Public Finance, International Finance	Community Welfare Policy and Programs, Community Welfare, Regional Development, Regional Informatics, Environmental Economy, Regional Policy and Programs I-X, Studies in Physical Culture, Studies in Sports Culture	European Cultures I-V, European Area Studies I-V, Associated Area Studies I-IV, Studies in Physical Culture, Studies in Sports Culture, Studies in Representational Culture, International Politics, History of International Relations, African Politics, Russian Politics, Eastern European Politics, Comparative Government, International Economics, Introduction to Intercultural Management, Applied Intercultural Management
(c) Sociology	(f) General Economic Policy	(c) Sociology	(l) American Culture
Contemporary Sociology, Contemporary Social Psychology, Industrial Psychology, Consumer Psychology, Social Research, Field Work Studies, Comparative Sociology, Folklore, Japanese Folk Society, Ethnology, Social Anthropology, Regional Informatics	Modern Economic Policy, Food Economics, Environmental Economics, Industrial Organization, Theory of Small & Medium-Sized Industries, Regional Industries, Population Studies, Labor Economics, Social Security, Cooperatives, Regional Development, Regional Promotion	Contemporary Sociology, Contemporary Social Psychology, Industrial Psychology, Consumer Psychology, Social Research, Field Work Studies, Comparative Sociology, Folklore, Japanese Folk Society, Ethnology, Social Anthropology, Regional Informatics	American Cultures I-IV, American Area Studies I-IV, Associated Area Studies I-IV, Studies in Physical Culture, Studies in Sports Culture, Studies in Representational Culture, International Politics, United States Politics, Latin American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Economics, Introduction to Intercultural Management, Applied Intercultural Management

Applied Subjects	
Subjects not included in Course Subjects	Applied Quantitative Analysis, Civil Code (Contract), Civil Code (Family), Economic Law, Regional Policy Making, Regional Studies Job Internship
Special Seminar Subjects	Advanced Seminar in Major Subject (Graduation Thesis)
Research of Original Texts Subjects	Readings in Professional Literature in Original Texts I-IV, Advanced Seminar in Major Subject (Readings in Professional Literature in Foreign Languages), Advanced Seminar in Major Subject (Readings in Professional Literature in Original Texts)
Comprehensive Lecture Subjects	Applied Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium I-X
Special Lecture Subjects	Special Studies in Political Science III-VI, Special Studies in Sociology III-VI, Special Studies in Mass Communication III-VI, Special Studies in Economics III-VI, Special Studies in Economic Policy III-VI, Special Studies in Local Government III-VI, Special Studies in International Cultures III-VI
Practica	Business Internship, Volunteer Activity
Graduate School Core Subjects	School of Political Science and Economics Graduate School Core Subjects
Information Subjects	Information Science and Numeric Processing I-II, Information Science and Text Processing I-II, Image Processing I-II

International Exchange Programs

As the world becomes increasingly globalized, the School of Political Science and Economics has been particularly proactive in the promotion of overseas education for students, the strengthening of foreign language abilities and in facilitating student exchanges with overseas universities.

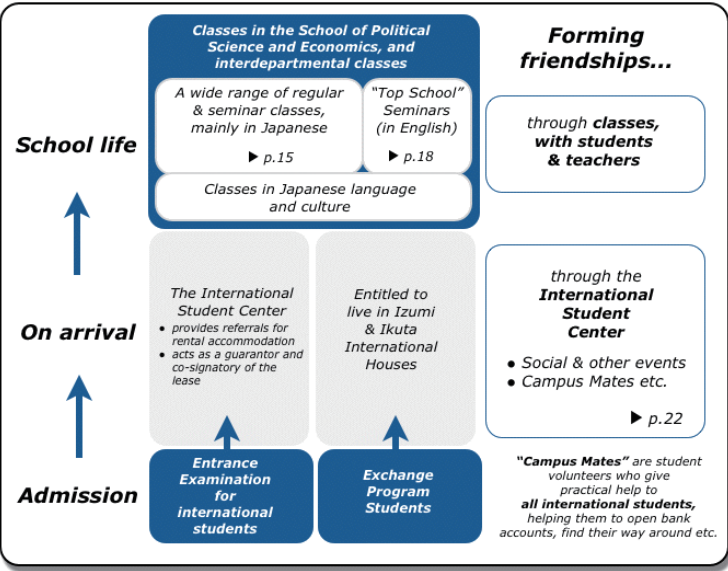


1. A warm welcome and stimulating classes await international students

Whether international students gain admission through our international students' examination or through one of our exchange programs with overseas universities, they can be sure of warm personal support and a variety of stimulating classes.

The university's International Student Center takes care of students' needs from the moment they are admitted; and once they have arrived at the university, our "Campus Mates" system makes sure that each international student receives personal support in getting settled from a pool of Meiji students who are happy to be of help in this way.

International students can attend a wide range of classes taught in Japanese and English. These range in size from large lecture-style classes to intimate seminars. Friendly and approachable faculty members and students are more than willing to help you to make the most of your classes.

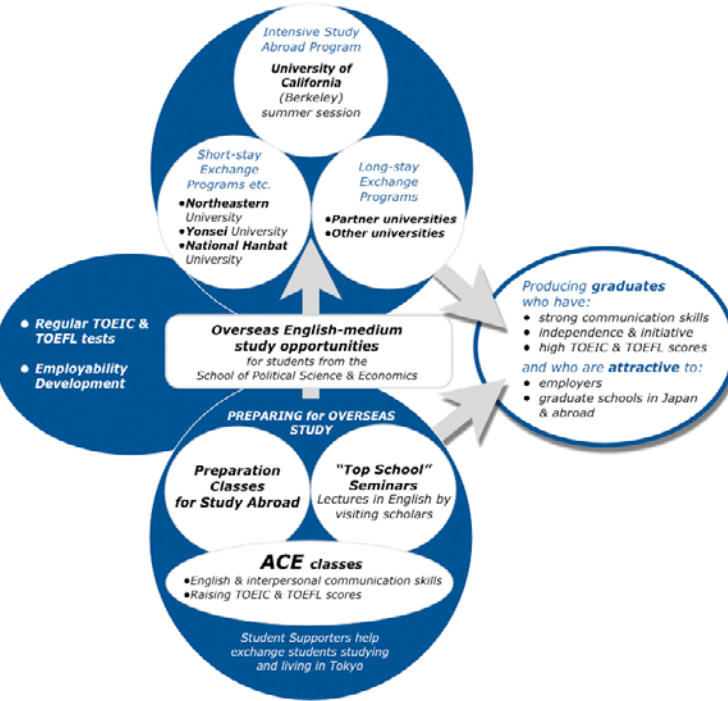


2. International opportunities for undergraduate students

The development of internationally-minded students is a cornerstone of the School's approach to education, and we offer strong support for the development of English skills and many opportunities for overseas study.

Our ACE Program is a popular and innovative English language program that has been growing and strengthening over two decades. Many ACE students also take part in our "Top School Seminars" and "Preparation Classes for Study Abroad" are English-medium classes focusing specifically on academic study in fields related to politics and economics.

There are opportunities for students of the School to join in short-stay, intensive and long-stay exchange programs. The knowledge and skills students acquire in taking part in these programs are a gateway that can lead to graduate study (overseas or in Japan) or to a career in an international environment.



We Welcome International Students All Over the World

A flexible and individualized curriculum

With its new curriculum that took effect in 2008 the School has begun to place greater importance on seminar-type classes that emphasize small-group discussions. Another feature of this new curriculum is that it allows students a great deal of choice in putting together combinations of courses that reflect their interests.

Broadly, the curriculum consists of the following:

- A variety of liberal arts subjects that set the current issues of world society in a broad context and foster independent thinking.
- Basic subjects that introduce the fundamentals for each of the majors.
- Four courses related to each of our four majors: Political Science and Sociology; Economics and Economic Policy; Local Program and Development; International Culture. Each of these four courses consists of a package of three subjects.

Lectures on Japan

We offer two series of lectures on “Cultural Studies of Japan and Asia” and “Regional Studies of Japan and Asia,” which discuss the cultures and histories of Japan and other Asian countries. “Japanese Culture & Society” is particularly recommended for international students as a means to deepen their knowledge of Japan.



Foreign language studies

Students are required to take courses in two foreign languages. The graduation requirement for international students is Japanese and one language from English, German, Chinese, and Spanish. Courses in Russian, Korean, Greece, Italian and Arabic are also available.

Japanese language studies

The school offers Japanese language courses for all international students. These classes aim not only to help students to improve their Japanese, but also to help them to adapt well to life and study in Japan.

Lectures taught in English

We offer a number of lectures given in English by lecturers from several countries. These are important opportunities for students who intend to study abroad.



“Top School” seminars

Each year we have visiting professors from internationally-renowned universities. In 2010 we hosted scholars from the University of Sheffield (UK), Duke University (USA) and the University of Utah (USA). While there are plans for these

scholars to visit us again, in 2011 we will also be welcoming scholars from universities including the University of California at Berkeley (USA) and Mälardalens University (SWE). All students in the School, including exchange students, are entitled to take advantage of English-medium classes with our visiting scholars.

Classes scheduled to be taught in 2011

1. University and Position 2. Research Theme
3. Class Title in Meiji Univ.



HOOK, Glenn D.

1. Chair of Japanese Studies, the University of Sheffield (UK)
2. International Relations of Modern Japan
3. Special Studies in Political Science



SÖDERBAUM, Peter O.V.

1. Professor Emeritus, School of Sustainable Development, Mälardalen University (SWE)
2. Environmental Economics, Institutional Economics
3. Special Studies in Economics



PARTNER, Simon C.

1. Professor, Duke University (US)
2. Japanese Society in the Beginning of the 20th Century
3. Special Studies in Sociology



FINNEY, Carolyn M.

1. Assistant Professor, The University of California, Berkeley (US)
2. Afro-American, Feminism, Environmental and Policy
3. Special Studies in Local Government



TALLBEAR, Kimberly M.

1. Assistant Professor, The University of California, Berkeley (US)
2. Indigenous Peoples, Science, Technology and Policy
3. Special Studies in Local Government



TOPALOFF, Liubomir K.

1. Adjunct Assistant Professor, Meiji University
2. Terrorism, EU Politics, etc.
3. Special Studies in Politics, Comparative Politics and The History of International Relations



HREBENAR, Ronald J.

1. Professor, the University of Utah (US)
2. United States Government and Politics
3. United States Politics

* More scholars are planned to be invited in 2011.



Study Programs for International Collaboration

By strengthening and deepening collaboration with partner universities, the School of Political Science and Economics is expecting to expand student exchange programs. We hope to produce more and more internationally-minded graduates.

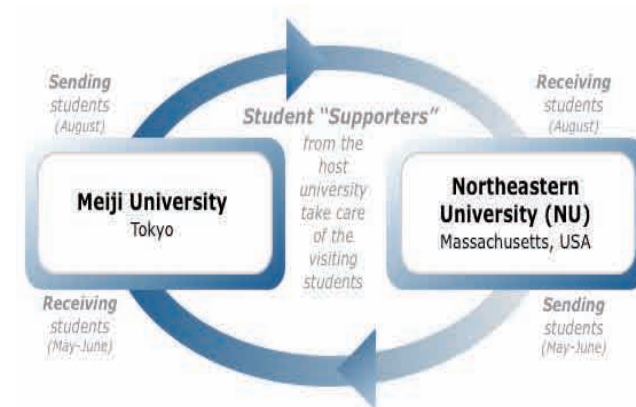
Preparation program to study abroad – ACE

Our Advanced Communicative English Program (ACE) helps students to develop the practical English abilities and independent study skills that they will need when studying abroad or working in an international environment. ACE classes are taught in a variety of styles and with a variety of emphases: class approaches and content include artistic

performances, professional-style presentations, independent study skills, academic reading, discussion, debate and preparation for the TOEIC and TOEFL examinations. Many students from the School who studied in the ACE Program have gone on to study overseas.

Short-term student exchange programs with universities abroad

Northeastern University



We have a short-term foreign exchange program in collaboration with Northeastern University in the United States. Approximately 20 students from Northeastern University visit for one month from May to June, and the School of Political Science and Economics provides special lectures for them in English. A group of “supporter students” from the School participates in a wide range of social and academic activities with the students from Northeastern University. These include showing them around Tokyo, carefully prepared discussions of cultural and social issues during weekend workshop sessions at a Meiji University seminar house in the country.

In August, the School sends a number of students to Northeastern University, in Boston, for about one month. Students from the School receive special lectures from NU

professors, and a group of NU “supporter students” participates in a variety of activities with the Meiji students. Most of the NU “supporter students” in 2010 were students who had visited Meiji University earlier in the year, through the exchange program. Many strong friendships developed.

Yonsei University and short-term study program in Korea

Our exchanges with Yonsei University in Korea started in 2007, with the participation of Professor Konishi’s Seminar on Japanese political history. Approximately 15 professors from Yonsei University have brought their students to Japan in order to participate in the seminar, in which they discuss topics related to East Asia; likewise, professors and students of Professor Konishi’s Seminar have also visited Yonsei University.

The School is now starting to send students to Yonsei University, as well as to Hanbat National University for short-stay academic visits. In September 2011, approximately 20 Meiji University students will be visiting these universities. During their 2-week visit they will also be able to visit a number of places of political interest and significance.

University of Southern California

Exchanges began in 2010 to take place between the School and the University of Southern California (USC) in the US. About 20 USC students visited the School for a 3-week period in July, taking part in special lectures. There were also joint activities between the USC students and Meiji “supporter students”, including workshop sessions at a Meiji University seminar house near Mount Fuji.

Srinakharinwirot University (2011 onward)

The School has agreed to start exchanges with Srinakharinwirot University in Thailand. Approximately 30 students from this university will visit Tokyo for a month, starting in mid-April. Special lectures will be provided by the School in English, and a number of Meiji “student supporters” will take part in a variety of academic, social and sightseeing activities with the Thai students.

Intensive study abroad program Institutional partnership with UC Berkeley Summer Sessions

The School of Political Science and Economics has recently become an official partner of the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) Summer Sessions.

One aspect of this partnership is that students of the School of Political Science and Economics are entitled to priority enrollment in UCB’s summer program, which offers more than 600 courses in 80 academic disciplines. This is an opportunity for our students to study at one of the top schools in the US, and to spend a summer in an area renowned for its beautiful scenery and rich cultural life.



Promoting International Collaboration: the International Student Center

Meiji University is renowned for the first-class educational services it offers to international students. Our international collaboration, in terms of the exchange of academic information, international programs for faculty members, and student exchange programs with our partner universities, is expanding greatly. The International Student Center has been established to manage the rapidly increasing number of programs of this kind.

- The main responsibilities of the International Student Center relating to international students are as follows:
- Acceptance of international students (privately and government funded);
 - Sending and receiving of exchange students;
 - Visa renewals and applications to engage in extra-status activity;
 - Disbursement of scholarships for international students;
 - Housing referral (Tokyo International Exchange Center, company dormitories, etc.);
 - International exchange events;
 - Distribution of international-student entrance examination guides and acceptance of application forms;
 - International educational collaboration with partner universities overseas.



Activities and events

The Center provides various events to encourage interaction between international and Japanese students. Information regarding these can be found on the bulletin board near the International Office on each campus. All students are welcome to participate in these activities and events.

Activities/events recently held were as follows:

May	Bus trip
June	Traditional Japanese activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watching a kabuki play• Tea ceremony• Zen meditation
November	Japanese Speech Contest
December	Year-end Party

International Lounges

The International Lounge is open to international students, exchange students and also students wishing to study abroad or make friends from other countries. Materials such as multilingual newspapers, magazines, books about study abroad and various pamphlets can be found here. It is also a place to relax and get to know other students. Teaching assistants at the international lounges provide assistance on Japanese-language studies for international students. The days and times when the teaching assistants are available are posted on bulletin boards of the International Student Exchange Offices and website.

“Campus Mates”

“Campus Mates” is an international exchange group supported by the International Student Center. Members are Japanese students who have an interest in making friends with international students. They are able to enjoy a variety of events together, and the Japanese students are able to give advice and practical help to international students as they start their campus life in Japan. Campus Mates provides a great opportunity for cross-cultural experiences, promotes mutual understanding, and serves as a springboard for lifelong friendships.

To contact the International Student Center with your inquiries, please send an e-mail to: cip@mics.meiji.ac.jp

Postgraduate Study

The Graduate School of Political Science and Economics

The Graduate School of Political Science and Economics has developed an integrated and interdisciplinary system of education and research for individuals who have graduated from university and wish to study politics and economics at postgraduate level. The School offers majors in Politics and Economics, embracing a number of specialized subjects related to theory, history, policy, and sociology.

Master’s and Doctoral degree programs

Postgraduate study at Meiji University is divided into Master’s and Doctoral degree programs. Award of a Master’s degree requires successful completion of courses over two years of study. Master’s students may choose either the Academic Course or the Professional Course. The aim of the former is to foster students’ research and practical abilities in their field of expertise, while the latter seeks to develop the knowledge and skills needed for students to realize their potential as skilled experts in their field. It is possible for students to change courses after studies have commenced, providing they sit and successfully pass an examination.

Starting in 2010, we are offering a third annual admission examination for the Master’s Degree Program. The new examination, which is held in February for a second-semester start, is an addition to the existing examinations, which are held in July (“internal selection” exams for current undergraduate students looking to advance to post-graduate studies) and October (first-semester admissions). We look forward to welcoming a diverse array of people to our graduate program: Meiji University’s own graduates, of course, but also graduates of other colleges in Japan, overseas students and adult students with the will and drive to broaden their horizons by furthering their studies in the fascinating fields of politics and economics.

Doctoral degree courses, which generally require three years to complete, are an option for holders of a Master’s degree. A Doctor of Political Science or Doctor of Economics degree will be granted once a candidate’s doctoral thesis has been accepted by the department.

Flexible course structure

Renowned both overseas and in Japan for the quality of its research, the department attracts many international students. Students can take various subjects besides their majors. In addition, we have adopted a credit transfer system with other universities. Each year, we see some of our students take courses at other universities, and also receive students from other universities. In response to requests from students, we have enhanced our research guidance system, with more than 60 full-time staff members covering a wide range of fields of specialization.

Structure of the department

Department	Majors	Programs	Minimum years to complete	Numbers to be admitted	Degree to be granted
The Department of Political Science and Economics	Political Science	Masters	2 years	15	Master of Political Science
		Doctorate	3 years	3	Doctor of Political Science
	Economics	Masters	2 years	35	Master of Economics
		Doctorate	3 years	5	Doctor of Economics



Career Development

In recent years there have been an increasing number of foreign students at Meiji University who wish to put to use the knowledge and skills they have acquired here and stay in Japan, working in Japanese corporations after graduation. With increasing globalization and companies expanding their operations overseas, more and more businesses are also wanting to hire foreigners who have graduated in Japan as international students. Despite the current harsh economic climate, the high regard in which Meiji graduates are held by their employers and our strong alumni network are such that graduates of Meiji University find the doors of employment open to them in many industries.

How foreign students go about finding employment is basically the same as for Japanese students. First, it is important to gather information. It is possible to do this using many websites and services. It is best to be well-versed in Japanese etiquette when it comes to telephone calls and visits to companies. The Employment/Career Support Office, with offices at Surugadai and Izumi campuses, will provide you with information on job-openings for foreign students, information files on companies and magazines with job-hunting information.



Admission Information

There are two ways for international students to gain admission to the School of Political Science and Economics:

- 1) by passing the entrance examination for international students, thereby starting as a first-year undergraduate, or,
- 2) by applying for the international exchange program through one of our partner universities and studying for a period of six months up to one year.

Entrance examination for international students

International students who are not exchange program students and wish to enter as first-year students must pass our special entrance examination for international undergraduate admissions. The curriculum for these students is virtually identical to that of the students who pass the domestic entrance examination. Students who have earned enough credits to graduate will be awarded a bachelor's degree by the respective department.

Entrance examination schedule

Exam date: Beginning of December
 Admission requirements: All students must have non-Japanese nationality and have completed 12 years of study outside Japan
 Enrollment date: Beginning of April
 Examination method: 1) Essay 2) Interview
 Location: Surugadai Campus, Meiji University

Materials to submit:

- Result of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). This will be taken into consideration along with the result of our entrance examination.
- Official certificates showing either your TOEFL or TOEIC test score. A minimum score of 41 is required for TOEFL iBT, 437 for TOEFL PBT and 405 for the TOEIC

Tuition Fees

International students who have entered the School of Political Science and Economics through our entrance examination pay the same fees as regular students in each of their four years of study. Tuition should be paid in two installments a year. For more information, please refer to the document *Tuition and Fees*.

<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/tuition.html>

Annual Tuition fees for 2011 (for reference)

Year 1	¥ 1,238,500
Years 2-4	¥ 968,500



For further information, please refer to the *Guide for Undergraduate Admission of International Students* (Japanese version only).

<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/undergraduate.html>

For postgraduate admissions, please refer to the *Guide for Postgraduate Admission of International Students* (Japanese version only).

<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/graduate.html>

Student exchange program

Students from our partner universities are eligible to study at Meiji University as exchange students for a period of six months to one year. Please refer to the list of our partner universities on page 19 of this prospectus. Exchange students are exempt from tuition fees, and can stay in Izumi International House during their period of study. The School of Political Science and Economics has begun to accept exchange students who do not hold a 3rd grade certificate for the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), as long as they have sufficient English proficiency (TOEFL iBT61 or higher). For further information on the application procedure or other queries, please contact the relevant office at your own university.

Financial Aid

Tuition fees exemption scheme

Our tuition fees exemption scheme provides partial fees exemption to international students who come at their own personal expense. The exemption rate is subject to change every year. For your reference, a 30% fee exemption was granted in academic year 2010. The application period for this scheme is usually by the end of May.

Scholarships

Various public and private organizations offer financial aid to students. Application for scholarships should be made by students themselves, or via Meiji University. All scholarships for international students are handled by the International Student Center. For more information about financial aid, please refer to the document *Scholarships and Aid* (Japanese only).

<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/support/scholarship.html>

Student Life

Part-time jobs

Recognizing that students often need extra income and work experience, we provide online assistance for students who wish to find a part-time job^{*1}. This service is not available to new students during April, the busiest time of the year.

^{*1} Meiji University prohibits exchange students from engaging in part-time jobs, so that they will be able to maintain concentration on their studies during their limited stay in Japan.

Housing

Meiji University outsources housing assistance to Meidai Support Co., Ltd. This company provides students with information of relatively inexpensive housing throughout the year.

Izumi International House

Izumi International House, a dormitory just opened in 2009, is available for exchange students and scholars^{*1}. Exchange students can apply for the dormitory along with the application for exchange program.

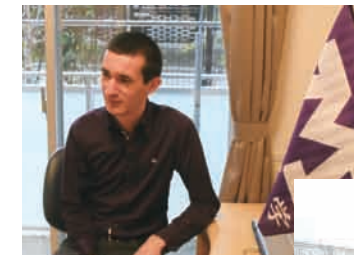
^{*1} Only international exchange students and invited scholars are eligible.

Student counseling service

We provide counseling services for students on each campus. The professional staff includes psychiatrists, lawyers and clinical psychologists, as well as teaching faculty consultants nominated by each School. All consultations are kept confidential.

Student activities

A variety of student activities and clubs are available to all international students, including exchange students at Meiji University.



Medical checkups and care

Under the School Health Act, we conduct a health check-up for all students every April, for the purpose of early discovery, treatment, and prevention of illnesses and to ensure that they lead healthy lives as students. We also provide daily healthcare guidance for students, discussing matters such as communicable diseases and health issues in general.

Medical clinic

As part of the health care program for students and staff members, a health clinic operates at each of the three campuses, providing the following services:

1. General medical care, medication and tests.
2. Periodic health checks, follow-up examinations and issuance of reference letters to a specialist when necessary
3. Issuance of health examination certificates based on the results of the periodic health check
4. First aid
5. Health consultation and advice
6. Health examinations and issuance of medical certificates for various purposes

Health insurance

All students are required upon enrolment to purchase the Meiji University Health Insurance Plan. This plan aims to maintain and promote the good health of students, and is also designed to reduce financial burden incurred by sickness or accident. The annual premium is ¥2,500 covers fees at the health clinic of each campus and medical institutions in major cities under the medical contract, including expenses incurred by outpatient care. In addition, its Special Benefit System covers expenses during hospitalization.

In addition, all students can, on presentation of their student ID card, receive a medical check-up free of charge at the health clinic of each campus.

Frequently Asked Questions



Syllabi

Our syllabi provide details about class schedules, the required number of credits for graduation and other information pertaining to each of the departments of the school. We distribute the syllabi (which are mostly in Japanese only) at an orientation session before classes start at the beginning of the school year.

Student visa

International students who do not have a valid visa for their stay in Japan must apply for a student visa at Japanese consulates and embassies. Students with a visa other than that of a student will need to change their visa status.

Cost of living

It is said that the cost of living in the Tokyo Metropolitan area is one of the highest in the world. The following table is a rough breakdown of the monthly costs for students living in Tokyo. The average monthly cost of living in Tokyo in general is approximately ¥100,000 or more:

Accommodation (Izumi International House)	¥ 48,000 – ¥ 68,000
Transportation	¥ 10,000 – ¥ 20,000
Food	¥ 30,000 – ¥ 50,000
Utilities (electricity, gas and water supply)	¥ 10,000 – ¥ 15,000
Telephone	¥ 6,000 – ¥ 10,000
Total	¥ 115,000 – ¥ 163,000

Actual costs, depending on the lifestyle choice made by students, can be much greater. For example, large and well-located apartments can be very expensive. When you rent private accommodation, the costs for the rental, deposit, key money and rental agent's commission are generally added to the cost of furniture and electrical, rent equipment. You may have to pay the equivalent of four or five months' rent when you first sign a lease for an apartment.

On your arrival, the students need to pay approximately:

A one-time students' medical insurance fee	¥ 2,500
National insurance	approximately ¥ 12,000 per year
Living expenses and miscellaneous goods	¥ 20,000 or more
Textbooks and supplies	¥ 10,000 – ¥ 20,000



Q1. How can I get information about the entrance examination for international students?

A1. Detailed information can be found on our website at:

Undergraduate studies (Japanese only)
<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/undergraduate.html>

Graduate studies (Japanese only)
<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/prospective/graduate.html>

Q2. I am interested in Japan and Asian studies. What subjects do you offer that are related to this?

A2. Our School provides "Cultural Studies of Japan and Asia" and "Regional Studies of Japan and Asia" as lecture courses that will foster your knowledge of the cultures and histories of Japan and Asian countries. All international students, including students of our School, are also able to attend the lecture course, "Japanese Culture & Society."

Q3. I want to improve my Japanese. Is there any course for studying Japanese language?

A3. Yes, we have Japanese language courses for all international students including the students of our School.

Q4. Do you have any lectures in English?

A4. Yes, our School has a series of special lectures held in English by invited researchers from several countries. We offer the Advanced Communicative English program (ACE) for students who are interested in developing their practical communication skills in English. ACE classes are taught in a variety of styles ranging from the study of English through theatrical performances to TOEFL and TOEIC preparation classes.

Q5. How long does it take from the dormitory of Meiji University, Izumi International House, to Surugadai and Izumi campuses and to the center of Tokyo?

A5. Izumi International House is just a 7- or 8-minute walk from Izumi Campus. Surugadai Campus is approximately 40 minutes away, and requires a train ride. Shinjuku and Shibuya are about 10 minutes away by train.

Q6. I am considering taking the entrance exam for international students. Do you help students to find housing?

A6. The Meidai Support Co., Ltd, an outsourcing company belonging to Meiji University, provides information on relatively inexpensive housing throughout the year.

Q7. Are international students admitted through the entrance exam eligible to apply for study abroad programs, short-term study programs and international student exchange programs?

A7. Yes, all international students who enrolled through the entrance examination are eligible for all study abroad programs of our School.

Q8. What internship opportunities are available to students in the School of Politics and Economics? Can I get credits from taking part in an internship program?

A8. The School of Political Science and Economics has an internship program for which you can receive credits.

Q9. How much do the meals in your canteens cost?

A9. A variety of meals are offered at both canteens in Surugadai and Izumi. The prices vary, but the average is around ¥400 to ¥500 for a meal.

Q10. What have former international students been doing after graduation from the School?

A10. Many former students have chosen to remain in Japan for graduate studies or to work in companies in various fields.

Q11. How much does it cost to rent an apartment for a single person in the Tokyo area?





































A11. It depends on what kind of facilities you want and on the location. Renting a one-room apartment with a kitchen and a modular bath around Izumi Campus generally costs ¥60,000 to ¥80,000 per month.

Q12. How can I get information about your international exchange program?

A12. The list of our partner universities can be found on page 19 of this prospectus. For further information, please contact the relevant office at your own university.

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 Professor YOSHINO, Hidetoshi German, European Cultures	 Professor ZITOWITZ, Phillip D. ACE, English, American Cultures	 Associate Professor ISHIYAMA, Noriko English, American Cultures	 Associate Professor KARIYA, Hiroko Spanish, European Cultures, Studies in Representational Culture
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 Assistant Professor MAEDA, Nobuko French, European Area Studies, Introduction to International Area Studies, Seminar in Liberal Arts	 Assistant Professor MORIMOTO, Yoko English, ACE	 Assistant Professor NAGAE, Atsushi English, ACE	 Assistant Professor NAGAKAWA, Satoshi German, Seminar in Liberal Arts
 Assistant Professor UCHIDA, Akifumi Spanish, Associated Area Studies	 Adjunct Associate Professor MATSUZAKI, Takeshi Study Abroad-Practicum, Introduction to Studying Abroad, Survival skills for studying abroad, ACE	 Adjunct Associate Professor POWER, Thomas G. ACE	

Faculty in politics

 Professor ANADA, Yoshiyuki Survey of Psychology, Contemporary Social Psychology	 Professor DAIROKUNO, Kosaku Comparative Politics	 Professor HORIKANE, Yumi Comparative Politics (East Asia)	 Professor ICHIKAWA, Hiroo Urban Administrative Policy, Urban Space Policy
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 Professor KOIKE, Yasuo Analysis of Journalism	 Professor KONISHI, Tokuou Japanese Political History	 Professor NAKAMURA, Akira Introduction to Public Administration, Introduction to Public Administration Theory	 Professor NISHIKAWA, Shinichi Theories of States, Analysis of Contemporary States
 Professor OGO, Osamu Social Research, Field Work Studies	 Professor SAKURAI, Yoji Principles of Political Science	 Professor TAKAHASHI, Kazuyuki History of Political Theory, Analysis of Political Theory	 Professor TAKESHITA, Toshio Analysis of Mass Media, Analysis of Media and Public Opinion

 Professor TOIKE, Tsutomu Theories of Political Structures	 Professor TSUCHIYA, Mitsuyoshi Theories of Political Process	 Professor USHIYAMA, Kunihiko Local Government Management	 Professor YAMAUCHI, Kenji Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology
 Professor ZHONG, Jia-Xin Sociology	 Associate Professor KATO, Akihiko Comparative Sociology	 Associate Professor KAWASHIMA, Syuichi History of International Relations	 Associate Professor OKUBO, Takeharu History of Japanese Political Thought, Japanese Political Culture
 Associate Professor OMODA, Sonoe Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Theory	 Assistant Professor MITOBE, Yoshie European Political History	 Assistant Professor OYAMADA, Tomoko Constitutional Law	 Adjunct Professor YAMADA, shinji Analysis of Journalism
 Adjunct Assistant Professor TOPALOFF, Liubomir K. Comparative Politics	 Visiting Professor HOOK, Glenn D. Special Studies in Political Science	 Visiting Professor HREBENAR, Ronald J. United States Politics	 Visiting Professor PARTNER, Simon C. Special Studies in Sociology
 Visiting Associate Professor FINNEY, Carolyn M. Special Studies in Local Government	 Visiting Associate Professor TALLBEAR, Kimberly M. Special Studies in Local Government		

Faculty in economics

 Professor AKIMOTO, Akira Microeconomics	 Professor AKIYA, Norio Japanese Economic History, History of Japanese Economic Thought	 Professor ANZO, Shinji Demography, Social Science Methodologies	 Professor HIROMATSU, Satoru Regional Analysis, Economic Geography
 Professor HOSHINO, Izumi Local Government Finance	 Professor IIDA, Kazuto Political Economy	 Professor IKEMIYAGI, Hidemasa Public Finance	 Professor INOUE, Hiroo Linear Economics
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 Professor KEMANAI, Yuji Modern Economic Policy	 Professor KIKUCHI, Ryoichi Food Economics	 Professor KOBAYASHI, Kazushi Econometrics	 Professor KURODA, Akio Finance, Monetary Policy
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 Professor NAKAGAWA, Yuichiro Cooperative Associations	 Professor NAKAMURA, Fumitaka Economic Development	 Professor NITTA, Isao Statistics	 Professor OMORI, Masayuki Environmental Economy
 Professor ONOJIMA, Makoto Taxation and Government Spending Policy	 Professor SATOMI, Jyokichi Industrial Organization	 Professor SUTO, Isao Economic History	 Professor SUZUKI, Toshio International Economics
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 Associate Professor TAKAHASHI, Nobukatsu History of Economics	 Associate Professor TAKAHASHI, Teruyoshi Economic Growth and Fluctuations	 Associate Professor TAKEDA, Takumi Macroeconomics, Microeconomics	 Associate Professor UBUKATA, Suguru History of Social Thought
 Assistant Professor AKATSU, Masahiko Economic History, International Economic History, Contemporary Economic History	 Assistant Professor SAITO, Masami Principles of Economic Policy	 Visiting Professor SÖDERBAUM, Peter O.V. Special Studies in Economics	

Faculty in local governance

* Faculty will have an asterisk by their names.



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